







# Clark Middle School March 2025

Dive into Learning









Happy March! Wow, it is hard to believe that spring is just around the corner. As we enter the spring months, so many things happen at CMS. Please make sure to check the announcements on the CMS webpage for daily updates. Naturally, if you have any questions pertaining to the events, please reach out to the coaches or sponsors.

Thank you for your support during Penny Wars. Even though we were not the top middle school, we came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with an amount of \$1,939.82 for Dollars for Scholars. I am sure that the Lake Central High School Seniors will appreciate the scholarships.

On February 25, students from Mrs. Guzman's advanced science classes attended the Lake County Youth Healthcare Career Expo in Merrillville. The students had a great time learning about healthcare careers through interactive workshops. This event was open to grades 3-12.

Congratulations to our CMS dance team under the direction of Coach Nadia Giedeman. On March 2, they competed at the state finals. I am very proud of the team and their accomplishments this school year. GREAT JOB!

We Love Our Schools Week is our time to celebrate the Lake Central School Corporation and the administrators, teachers, specialists, staff, parents, and school board members who work diligently for our students. This week also brings us together to show the strength—and potential—of our state and nation's public schools and our students' futures by reaching out to lawmakers, businesses, and other community members to discuss the importance of public education. We Love Our School week is March 3-7 at CMS and then the following week (March 10-14 for the entire LC Corporation). Thank you for supporting all of the Lake Central Schools. We appreciate you. CMS students received candy and ice cream during the week.

As we head into April, the state mandated ILEARN tests will take place during the window of April 14-May 9. Our schedule will be posted on the school website so you can plan. If your child is absent, make up testing must take place prior to the end of the assessment window. Naturally, with any assessment, I encourage the students to eat breakfast, get plenty of sleep and do their best on the tests.

Until next month, stay safe. Do not forget that spring break is Mach 24-28.

#### Mr. Graber







# A message from Mr. Stablein

We are excited to announce that we have launched an official Facebook page for Lake Central School Corporation. We look forward to sharing all of the wonderful things happening across our school district, along with important information about events and activities. If you have not already followed our page, please click here:

https://www.facebook.com/people/Lake-Central-School-Corporation/615731524 77482/

We are excited to invite 6th graders to try-out out for our cheer and dance teams for the 2025-26 school year. This is the first year 6th graders will be allowed to try out. Tryouts are held in May, please listen to announcements for a call out meeting and tryout dates. All students trying out for Dance and Cheer must have an IHSAA physical completed (after April 1, 2025 for the 2025-26 school year) and Final Forms Completed online. Information for both can be found on our Clark Athletic Website.

Congratulations and great job to the following students who participated in the Math Counts meet at the end of February. These students headed over to Valparaiso University to show off some of their skills against other Northwest Indiana schools. We thank Mrs. Young and the team for representing Clark!

6th Grade Scarlett Myers Joshua Failor Claire Vinson Emily Solorio Hieu Nguyen 7th Grade Josie Pietrzak

8th Grade Samantha Bandyk Sophia Truong



# SAVE THE DATE: AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION- 3RD ANNUAL CHEESEBALL CHALLENGE

We will be having our Annual American Heart Association Fundraiser Thursday, May 8th (during the school day). Please listen to announcements regarding raising money for your favorite Team Captain or even joining a team. Clark Middle School has been the top fundraising middle school in Indiana for the last 2 years! Let's keep it going Coyotes!



2024 Cheeseball Champion Mr. Schaffenberger







**Counselor's** 



Ms. Vail



Mr. Biscan

#### High School Scheduling

The counselors have been working with all of the 8th graders the past few weeks getting their schedules ready for their Freshman year at Lake Central High School. A presentation about high school diplomas, graduation requirements, scheduling, and so on, was given to 8th grade students on February 7th. All students were given paperwork to complete for Freshman year schedules and were also given some informational papers about high school. Both middle school and high school counselors went into 8th grade classrooms on February 18th to help input their elective class choices into Skyward. The middle school counselors are able to make changes to these Freshman year elective choices on Skyward until mid-March. If any changes need to be made, please have your 8th grade child contact their counselor.

#### Big Thank You!

The counselors would like to give a big thank you to all of the 8th grade parents for their assistance in helping their child choose classes for Freshman year! This is the start of a big transition for these kids and having the help of their parents in this process is invaluable.

#### 5th Graders to Choose Specials for Next School Year

Counselors will be going into Advisory classes for 5th grade very soon to provide these students information about specials classes for next school year. Nearly all students will have a semester of Digital Citizenship and a semester of Physical Education. Students will be asked to make a decision between Band, Choir, and Project Lead the Way/Art rotation. The forms to select specials classes will be sent home to be filled out and for parents to sign and return to school before April 7. If any questions arise pertaining to this, please contact your child's counselor.

# Clark Theatre Presents...

It's almost time for the release of Clark's spring musical, Annie Jr.

Performances will be on April 3, 4, and 5 at 6:00 pm in the Clark LGI.



#### CLARK GIRLS AND BOYS TRACK 2025

Congratulations! You have taken the first step in becoming part of the Clark track program by coming to the call-out meeting. The Girls and Boys Track practice schedule for the week before spring break is listed below. We are doing 2 days for each BOYS and GIRLS before spring break for conditioning, timing, and ordering. NOTE THE DIFFERENCE IN SCHEDULE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS BELOW!!!

We will then continue after the break. We are hoping to test various events. What we do in practice will be determined by the weather and if we can go outside or not. Bring clothes for both inside and outside to be safe.

BOYS AND GIRLS SCHEDULE (WEEK BEFORE SPRING BREAK)

March 17th 4:00-5:30 pm (GIRLS ONLY)

March 18th 4:00-5:30 pm (BOYS AND GIRLS)

March 19th 4:00-5:30 pm (BOYS ONLY)

PLEASE HAVE RIDES PROMPTLY AT 5:30pm!

\*\*\*\*\*You must have the following in order to participate. If you do not have these you will be sent home!

- You must have a physical on file with the Athletic Director that is dated after APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.
- 2. You MUST have completed the online FINAL FORMS registration process.

http://clark.lcsc.us/athletics/

On the right side of the page, there is a link to create a FINAL FORMS account.

\*\*\*\*CALENDARS AND UNIFORM ORDER FORMS WILL BE HANDED OUT ON TUES. MARCH 18th. WE MUST HAVE ORDERS IN BY MARCH 21th SO IT IS IMPORTANT YOU ARE PRESENT THE FIRST WEEK!!

Thanks,

Coach Gurnak

Coach Simmons

# From the classroom!

Students in Mrs.Kozy's science class learned about the BP oil spill of 2010 and the environmental impacts it had on the surrounding areas, in addition to marine life, plants, and animals.

She created mini oil spills for each group and placed feathers in the buckets of "oily" water. Their goal was to figure out how to clean all of the "oil" out of the water, along with cleaning the feathers with the supplies they were given, which was dawn dish soap, cotton balls, clean water, spoons, and sponges. They did a fantastic job working together to solve the challenge they were given!









Thank you to all the parents who donated Oreos for 6th grade math! The students had a BLAST making the towers and then enjoying the Oreos! Afterwards; we did math finding the mean, median, mode and making a dot plot!

Fun was had by all and we greatly appreciate the support! - Ms. Harstad













# **RESOURCE FAIR 2025**



### Hosted by: Lake Central School Corporation



## Empowering Families - Connecting Communities

Valuable information, resources, and support for individuals with disabilities, exceptional needs, and their families.

APRIL 1, 2025 | 5:30-8:00 PM

Lake Central High School 8400 Wicker Ave, St John, Indiana (Enter Door G)



# MORE THAN 60 BOOTHS 👯



- Early childhood services
   Vocational programs
- · Therapy clinics
- Healthcare
- Community groups
- Waiver service providers
   Adaptive recreational activities and camps
  - Transition to adulthood programs
  - Legal, financial & long term planning resources
  - · Lake Central TAP Program, and more!





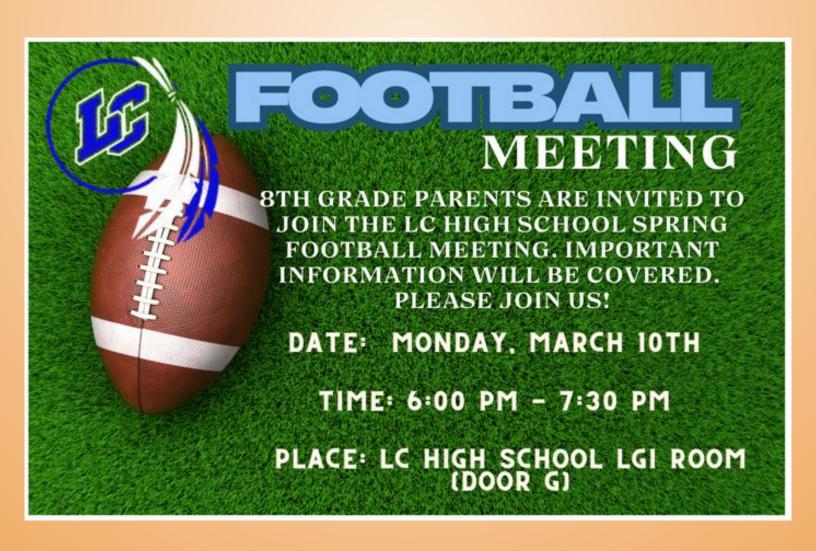
High School Football Meeting \*Attention Current 8th Graders\*

Parents,

We will be having our spring football meeting on Monday March 10th from 6-7:30. The meeting will be held in the LGI and we will be covering a lot of topics for the upcoming season. Please park in the silver lot (around the back of the school) and enter through door G. This meeting is for grades 9-11. Topics that will be covered: summer schedule, spring schedule, Trine team camp, and various other things. Our booster club will also be there so we can talk about our upcoming fundraising activities. Please make sure that you are in attendance, so that we can get you all of this important information. There will be changes to our schedule this year, along with some other changes.

Thank you,

Coach Koulianos



# VicTory4Kids Advanced Science Field Trip!

On Tuesday, February 24, the 8th grade Advanced Science classes at Clark took a field trip to the VicTory 4 Kids Youth Healthcare Expo, where the students practiced their networking skills, explored the many types of healthcare careers, and engaged in hands-on activities and technology used in various aspects of healthcare. The students had opportunities to speak with people in our community who are currently working as laboratory scientists, fire investigators/inspectors, phlebotomists, public health administrators, forensic nurses, pharmacists, pediatric nursing educators, mental health professionals, and so many others. Students were able to take biopsies of oranges and practice suturing a banana (the fruit had a rough day). They prepared their own prescriptions of M&Ms and raced to see who could diaper a newborn the quickest. They kicked a soccer ball wearing goggles that simulated having a concussion or being under the influence; not many goals were made. Finally, they participated in contests that won them gift cards and the praise of those who organized the exposition. The students represented Clark in the best way possible and impressed the healthcare workers who exhibited and those in charge at VicTory4 Kids. They impressed their science teacher as well–Mrs. Guzman is very proud of her students!



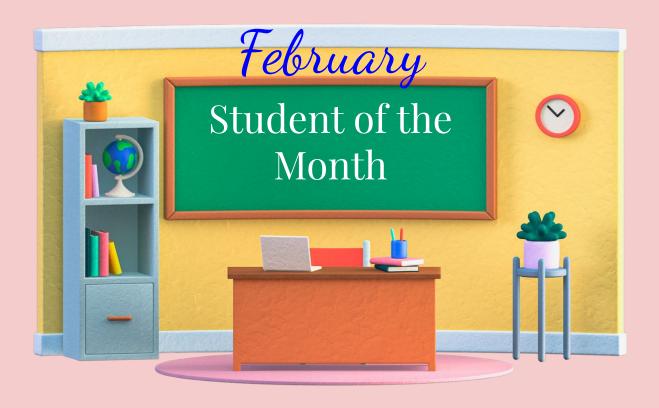












# 5TH GRADE 6TH GRADE 7TH GRADE 8TH GRADE

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Cold and flu season are still in full swing. Please remember students need to be be fever and vomit free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Regular hand washing and keeping safe distances can help reduce the spread. Let's work together to keep everyone healthy!

# SAFETY FIRST

# Parents/Guardians

When picking up your child early from school, they <u>must</u> have a note in the morning notifying the office of what time and who will be picking them up. Your child's safety is very important to us. Have your child bring the note to the office before going to class in the morning.