



July, 2019— SUMMER

Clark Middle School

# COYOTE HOWLING

## From the Desk of: Scott Graber, Principal

Welcome to Clark Middle School---Home of the Coyotes! As we begin the 2019-2020 school year, I extend a special welcome to our incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, as well as any new student that is coming to CMS. WELCOME! The CMS staff anticipates a great year and looks forward to several years of outstanding instruction by our teachers.

Communication continues to be a vital part of the success at CMS. I encourage you, as parents, to stay engaged with your child. Please ask questions if you are not sure about our policies or procedures. In regard to the educational process, if you have a question about what is taking place in the classroom or a grade issue; please contact the teacher first before contacting guidance or administration. It is my expectation that a response to your email or voice mail occurs within 24 hours. If this does not happen, please contact me.

One aspect of communication that I use is the Alert Now message system. While some administrators might opt to send a Friday message, I tend to ONLY send out messages when I feel it is warranted. Our announcements are posted daily on the website; therefore, I want the Alert Now Message to be of importance when you hear the broadcast.

As soon as you register your child (July 25-August 2) , all students will be provided a schedule online which will outline their teachers and locations for classes. I encourage ALL students and parents to come to CMS on **August 8th (10:00-6:00)** and walk the building, find your child's classes, and ask questions. If your child wants to hang anything in the locker area---please use magnets and not tape. Spirit wear and physical education uniforms will be available for purchase as well. Please do not try and come to school prior to the August 8<sup>th</sup> date to put things in lockers, etc., as there are staff meetings and other things taking place in the building, PLUS, the custodial staff will be doing their final push to have everything cleaned and ready for the start of school. I appreciate your help in this matter. If you are on vacation and cannot make the August 8th date, your child will be able to go to their locker on August 9th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Thanks for your help.

As the year begins, I ask that you assist us with the items listed below. It is critical that we work together for the benefit of the students and staff daily. Please follow the established guidelines regarding drop off and pick-up procedures, volunteering, assisting in a classroom, medications, homework, and dress code issues. Clark is a very busy place. With this in mind, please help your child by doing the following items regularly:

- Check the CMS website frequently as updates, changes, and announcements are listed daily
- Breakfast is served in the cafeteria beginning at 8:15—bus riders' need to tell the bus drivers that they need to be released so that they can get breakfast if they choose. A bus pass will be given to the students by the administration if an early release is requested.
- If you are planning on picking your child up early, please send a note to the main office indicating the time that you need to pick up your child and they will be waiting on you in the main office area. You must come in and sign your child out of school.
- Please DO NOT park in the handicapped parking spaces unless you are handicapped or have permission to park in the reserved spots—we have several parents that need these reserved spots to assist getting their child into school.
- Check the corporation calendar regularly. Please note that the calendar is online. We do not have calendars available for you in the main office. Please note days that we are not in session to assist with vacation planning.
- Monitor what your child is wearing to school—dress code rules apply.
- If you are volunteering at school, please make sure that you have completed a limited criminal history check form—the forms is valid for 1 year and is available in the main office area. A copy of your driver's license is required.
- Please support the school fundraisers. Many of our programs, assemblies, and positive reinforcement programs take place because of your effort and support. I appreciate and THANK YOU in advance.

Clark has many activities and programs for the students to take part in from academic clubs and competitions to athletics and drama. Please encourage your child to get involved and continue those activities throughout the middle school years.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Stay safe and enjoy the remaining days of summer.

**Notes from Mr. Stanisz, Assistant Principal:**

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer vacation! I want to take this time to welcome all the incoming fifth grade students and their parents to Clark. I look forward to meeting all of you throughout the school year.

Have you signed up for Twitter? Twitter is gathering support from parents and students around CMS. To sign up, go to [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) or download the app to your Smartphone and create a username. You can follow us at @Clark\_coyotes for news and information regarding CMS.

Thanks for your help when dropping your children off by door J on the south side; however, please be mindful of the following issues: (1) please make sure that you remain in the car line and do not allow your child to exit the vehicle until they are directed by a staff member. (2) If you are parking your car, please use a proper parking spot. (3) The handicapped parking spots are needed for our students with disabilities and we appreciate your help in keeping those spots available. (4) When escorting your child to door J, please use the cross-walk located by the three orange cones. Thanks for your help in this matter!

School pictures will take place on Thursday, August 29th . Forms will be given out prior to picture day.

ENJOY THE SUMMER!!!

***WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS***

*Mrs. Kim Beach, Assistant Principal*

*Mrs. Sharon Vail, Guidance Counselor*

*Mr. Andrew Lane, Math Teacher*

*Mr. Michael Brandner, Social Studies Teacher*

***Glad to have you with us!***

**Lake Central School Corporation Mission Statement**

The mission of the Lake Central School Corporation, as a family, community, and school partnership is to ensure that each student becomes a self-directed learner and a contributing responsible citizen through an instructional delivery system that engages students in achieving their personal best.

## 2019-20 ONLINE REGISTRATION



In preparation for online registration, we want to ensure you have a working Skyward Parent Access account. Once you create an account, you will use the same account every year until your child graduates from high school. Once online registration begins on July 25th, a box will appear on the LCSC website asking you to begin the registration process.

**Week of July 9th:** Login and passwords are sent via U.S. mail to all parents in preparation for online registration. IF you do not receive your login information for Skyward Family Access by July 17, please email [skywardaccess@lcscmail.com](mailto:skywardaccess@lcscmail.com) with your student's name, school(s) attending and grade level, along with the name of parent requesting access.

**July 25th-August 2nd:** Online registration begins.

**August 2nd:** Registration help in LCSC Tech Center Training Lab (9 am-5 pm).

**August 8th:** Registration help in LCSC Tech Center Training Lab (10 am-6 pm).

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR CODE/PASSWORD IN A SAFE PLACE FOR  
HANDY REFERENCE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR.  
SCHEDULES ARE VIEWABLE WHEN YOU REGISTER.**

FIRST DAY OF  
SCHOOL



Tuesday, August  
13th

**OPEN BUILDING DAY: COME VISIT  
August 8th: 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.**

**You can try your lockers and go through your daily schedule.**

**Gym uniforms & spirit wear will be sold from 10:30 - 5:30.**

**When decorating lockers, DO NOT use stickers or adhesive of any kind. It is extremely difficult and time consuming for the custodial staff to scrape and clean lockers over the summer.**

**Thank you!!!**

# OPEN HOUSE

**PARENTS:** Bring your child's schedule, walk through their school day, and meet the teachers!

**August 22nd for all grades**

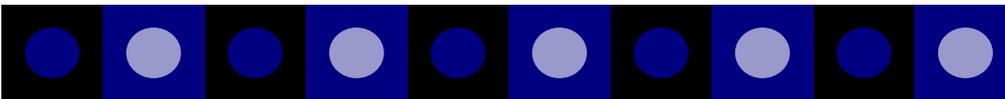
**Starting promptly at 6:00—8:00 p.m.**

**Report to first period. Each class period visit will last 10-15 minutes.**



## Student Picture Day—August 29th

**School ID and yearbook pictures will be taken on Thursday, August 29th. Please make sure you dress appropriately.**



## Parent Volunteers

**Anytime you volunteer, you MUST have a current Limited Criminal History check on file and a copy of your drivers license. There is NO cost. Fill out a form as soon as school starts and you will be covered for the entire year. The new form now requires your social security number and place of birth. This new process may take up to three weeks, so please plan accordingly.**



## FROM THE NURSE:

**The nurse will be in the office on Monday, August 12th from 12:00—2:30 p.m. for those parents who need to bring in medication, diabetic supplies, or to discuss any health issues.**

All medications administered at school must have a signed “Medication Form” on file in the nurse’s office. Prescription medicine by physician and/or over-the-counter medicine by a parent must be in the original container with the child’s name on the bottle or package. In addition to the required form, herbal supplements are considered medications and need written instructions signed by a physician prior to administration. The medication form can be picked up in the main office or you can go to the Clark website and print it online. The medication can be brought as early as August.



**All 6th graders need a second varicella (chicken pox), meningitis, and Tdap vaccine before they start the 2019-2020 school year. The immunizations can be turned into the nurse’s office as early as August 12th or on the first student day.**

**For information on immunizations and medical forms, please check Health Services listed under the “About LCSC” drop-down menu.**

**PHYSICALS must be completed after April 1, 2019, in order to be valid for the 2019-2020 sports season, which includes try-outs. Physical forms are available in the school office or on the website. You must also register for FamilyID online in order for a “white card” to be generated for your child. The white card is necessary for any and all participation.**

**<https://www.familyid.com/organizations/hal-e-clark-middle-school>**

# Clark Middle School – St. John, IN

## School Year 2019-2020

**Note:** Some teachers may send out an additional list of items specific to their classes.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List

ruler (centimeters and inches)  
1 art supply pouch  
(**NO** hard boxes)  
pens- black and blue  
red or green pens  
wide-ruled, loose-leaf paper  
(2 packs)  
2 glue sticks

Student scissors-Fiskar pt.  
#2 pencils  
12 pack colored pencils  
Highlighters-1 orange,  
1 yellow, 1 pink, 1 blue  
Post-It notes-square &  
tab size  
1 eraser

**ear buds/headphones for Chromebooks**  
plastic sheet protectors  
index cards  
2-inch binder with clear view cover/pocket folders for each subject (with 3 holes)

#### The following will be collected by homeroom teachers:

1 large tissue box  
1 pkg. large Expo brand markers

**Girls:** canister of disinfecting wipes

**Boys:** medium to large size pump hand sanitizer

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### 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List

2 three-ring binders (1 inch)  
1 pkg sheet protectors  
2 college-ruled composition notebooks  
4 highlighters (assorted colors)  
3 single-subject spiral notebooks  
4 two-pocket folders  
1 pkg loose leaf paper  
1 box of 12 colored pencils  
Pkg of black or blue pens  
Pkg of red pens  
1 eraser  
scissors

Pkg of 3 x 5 ruled index cards  
#2 pencils (mechanical are acceptable)

**ear buds for Chromebooks**

1 glue stick

#### The following will be collected by homeroom teachers:

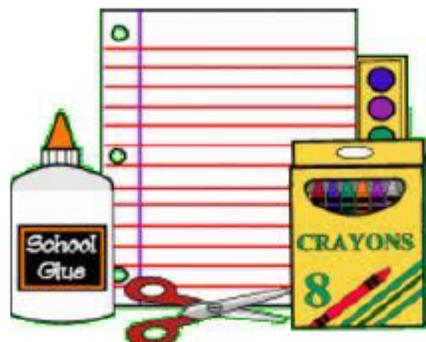
1 large tissue box

Pkg. of 4 Expo markers – chisel tip

Girls: canister of disinfecting wipes

Boys: medium to large size pump hand sanitizer

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Supply List  
for  
Life Skills Classes  
(Hempenius or St. Amour)

- 1 inch Avery clear-view binder
- 4 folders that are **three-hole punched**  
(**Must go in the binder. The plastic ones work best and last much longer!**)
- 1 package pencils
- 1 spiral notebooks (large-ruled)
- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 box of markers
- 1 box crayons (**24-count**)
- 3 large boxes of Kleenex
- 8 Expo dry erase markers (**chisel, not fine**)
- 1 glue stick
- 1 bottle of Elmer's glue
- 3 large containers of disinfecting wipes
- 1 YELLOW highlighter
- 1 pair ear buds

Some of these supplies may need to be replenished after winter break.



Any parent of next year's 7th or 8th graders, please be mindful of the following. Applications for potential new members will be given to students who have qualified to be a part of the National Junior Honor Society early second semester. While that is a long way off, there are a few items to keep in mind to ensure your student meets the requirements for membership. Students in the 7th and 8th grade must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.33 to receive an application. In order to become a member of the Clark Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, members must complete the application and be selected by a faculty committee. Just getting and/or completing the application does not guarantee membership. **Students must have at least two in-school and two out-of-school activities** (these must be from 6th, 7th, or 8th grade) and write a one-page essay. **For out-of-school activities, students need to have some sort of documentation to prove they were members.** If signatures/proof of membership is not provided, it will **NOT** count as an activity. So for any summer programs, sports, activities, etc., please keep receipts, rosters, a letter from the sponsor/coach, etc. These might be hard to track down next spring if they happened in the summer, so keep it in mind now! In the fall, when call-out meetings are going on, please encourage your student to get involved! Membership cannot happen at the time of application and count towards their activities. Students must be in an activity for **at least** one semester or a full athletic season for the activity to count. Also, if a student plans to participate in track or other spring activity, they cannot count that as one of their activities since the season has not happened at the time of application.

In-school activities are those sponsored by Clark Middle School and/or Lake Central School Corporation. The following are examples of activities that count for membership in-school: Jazz Band, Swing Choir, **SOLO** ISSMA (not the group required for class), Chess Club, Friendship Club, Science Olympiad, Academic Superbowl, dance, cheer, sport teams, etc. The following activities **DO NOT** count: any classes (band, peer mentoring, office aid, etc.), babysitting, pet sitting, bake sales or other one-day fundraisers, races/color runs or other one-day events. **Any questions about activities can be directed to Mrs. Giannini at [mgiannin@lcscmail.com](mailto:mgiannin@lcscmail.com).**

## ATTENTION ALL CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS AND PARENTS:

Cross Country is open to any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student at Clark Middle School. Cross Country is an outdoor running sport. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys and girls run 3K races (about 1.8 miles). Anyone who wants to participate may, but must have a valid physical on file in order to participate and practice. All students must also have a physical turned in prior or brought to the first practice in order to participate! Also, students must have their FamilyID forms filled out and completed online. (Physical forms and FamilyID can be found on the Clark website. Look under Athletics to find both of these. No exceptions!

The first official practice will be Thursday, August 15th, after school at Clark. It will go from 4:00-5:15 p.m. We will meet in the foyer in front of the gym.

There will be conditioning for those students who would like to get ready for the season beginning in August. Those days are August 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8. These will meet at door J and go from 8:00—9:00 a.m. These are not mandatory in order to do cross country!

We will be taking a bus to all away meets, and the students must ride the bus to all away meets! Meets begin as close to 4:30 p.m. as possible.

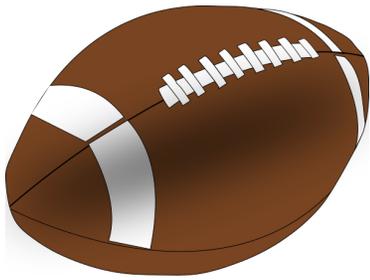
Any questions, please contact Coach Gustas or Coach Cooper at Clark.

Bob Gustas (bgustas@lscemail.com 365-9203 ext 7801 (boys)

Kerry Cooper kcooper@lscemail.com 365-9203 ext. 7709 (girls)



players can start practicing on the first day.



## CLARK 7th & 8th GRADE FOOTBALL

Participation fee of \$80 for all players in addition to the costs below;

Game jersey \$40

Helmet reconditioning \$40

The total cost for players that participated in the spring will be \$160.

New players cost;

T-shirt & shorts \$47.00

Practice pants & practice jersey \$38.00

The total cost for players that did not participate in spring will be \$245.

Prior to the start of school, practice will begin on Aug. 10th and 11th at 3pm. Practice will end at 4:45. On the first day of school, August 13th, practice will be from 4:00 to 5:45.

If you have any questions please contact:

Mr. Jason Putman at [jputman@lcscmail.com](mailto:jputman@lcscmail.com) or 365-9203 ext. 7700.

Plan to have your ride here when practice ends.

Physicals must be turned into the coach at or before the first practice so the

## 7th and 8th Grade Volleyball Tryouts



*Tryouts will be August 12th and 13th, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the gym.*

*No parents allowed in gym during tryouts.*

*All girls participating MUST have a physical on file for 2019-20 school year. (Any physical turned in after April 1, 2019, is good for the 2019-20 school year.)*

*All parents MUST register their child on FamilyID prior to tryouts. Click on Athletics under the Extracurricular tab to access the FamilyID site. Students need BOTH physicals and FamilyID in order to try out.*

*Any questions, please contact Coach Gleason at [jgleason@lcscmail.com](mailto:jgleason@lcscmail.com).*

**We're on the web!**  
**<http://clark.lcsc.us>**



Do you need to know when school is in session or when there are school events for the 2019-20 school year? Please check out the LCSC website at [www.lcsc.us](http://www.lcsc.us), or open the full Lake Central School Corporation calendar. **All the info you need right at your fingertips!**



### WELCOME TO TWITTER, CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

CMS is officially on the Twitter wire! What is Twitter, you ask? Twitter is a social network site set up for parents, students, and staff for news and information. We will be providing information regarding all the happenings around the middle school and important dates to remember. We **WILL NOT** be responding to questions on the twitter line as it is used strictly for information only. You can set up a twitter account by visiting [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com).

**THIS IS NOT MANDATORY!** It is just another helpful tool for those of you that access your cell phones on a regular basis. @Clark\_coyotes

# Lake Central School Corporation Middle Schools Advanced/AP Summer Reading List - 2019/2020

## 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix

## 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

## 7<sup>th</sup> grade

The Refugee by Alan Gratz

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

## 8<sup>th</sup> grade

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer

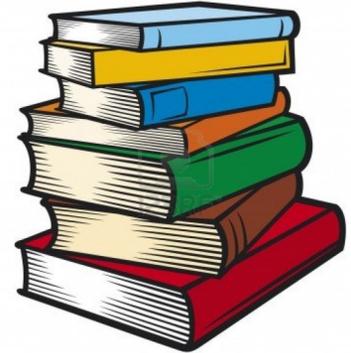
The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure,

Heroism & Treachery by Steve Sheinkin

## Freshman

A Raisin in the Sun, by Lorraine Hansberry

The Road, Cormac McCarthy



## Lunch Prices and Payments



### **OPTION 1: Online Payment - Now you can make payments to your students account online!**

Parents can prepay student lunch accounts online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with Mealtime Online payment feature. It is fast, convenient and secure. Go to [www.mymealtime.com](http://www.mymealtime.com)

### **OPTION 2: Check**

You can send a check with your student or bring it in personally to your student's school. On the check please mark clearly your student's first and last name, their ID #, and your driver's license number. Place deposits in the Food Service deposit box located in the school office or have your child give to the cafeteria cashier(s).

### **OPTION 3: Cash**

We ask you refrain from sending cash, but you can send money in with your student or bring it in personally to your student's school in an envelope clearly marked with your student's name, ID #, and dollar amount. Place deposits in the Food Service deposit box located in the school office or have your child give to the cafeteria cashier(s).

## Clark Middle School After School Procedures

To improve the safety of our students, staff, and guests, please follow the procedures listed for car riders. All students who are being picked up will need to exit the building at Door J, which is the main entrance. We will load and release cars along the curb first. We strongly encourage everyone picking up to get in this line. We usually have cars loaded and released by 3:50. Students waiting to enter the parking lot to a guest in a parked car will be released after the cars along the curb have exited. Please do not use the other lanes in the parking lot to pick up or drop off your children. Those lanes are for cars to find parking spots. In addition, please do not use the parking spots designated for our handicapped guests unless you have the appropriate pass. Thank you for working with us to make our parking lot safe for all. Please share this information with anyone that will be picking up your children.

**Thank you for your cooperation.**



## Attendance

If your child is going to be absent, please make sure to call the main office (365-9203) to report the absence before 11:00 a.m. If the absence is reported after 11:00 a.m., an automated call is generated to alert you that your child has been marked absent.

## Get organized this year!

Have a pocket folder for each of your children. Put all important information in ONE place. Keep copies of physicals, makes notes about yearbook payments, jot down deadlines. Everything you need in ONE place.

## School ID and Yearbook pictures

will be taken on Thursday, August 29th. Please make sure you dress appropriately.



## Gym Uniform

### Cost:

\$10.00 for the set/\$5.00 per piece

2XL is \$1.00 more per piece

5th graders **DO NOT** need a uniform.

### 6th grade Parents:

Gym uniform payment is included in your registration fees. Your child will be given their gym uniform the first few days of school. You **DO NOT** need to purchase one.

Before and after school care for 5th & 6th graders can be provided by **Adventure Club**. For more information, please call 865-6283.

Students will not be allowed to enter the building before 8:00 a.m, unless they are under the direct supervision of a staff member. Door A will not be unlocked until 8:30 a.m. Walkers/bikers need to walk around to Door J (south entrance) if arriving before 8:30.



## Did you know?

Announcements are posted daily on the website. Check us out at: <http://clark.lcsc.us>

**MAKE US A FAVORITE!!**

**LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION—STUDENT - 2019—2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**BEGINNING DATES**

First Teacher Day—August 12, 2019  
Students—August 13, 2019

**ENDING DATES**

Students—May 22, 2020  
Teachers—May 26, 2020

**FIRST SEMESTER: August 13, 2019 to December 20, 2019**

**ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

1st Grading Period—August 13, 2019 to October 14, 2019 (44 days)  
2nd Grading Period—October 15, 2019 to December 20, 2019 (45 days)

**SECOND SEMESTER: January 7, 2020 to May 22, 2020**

**ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

3rd Grading Period—January 7, 2020 to March 11, 2020 (45 days)  
4th Grading Period—March 12, 2020 to May 22, 2020 (46 days)

**SCHOOL CLOSING DATES:**

- September 2nd.....Labor Day
- October 24th thru October 25th.....Fall Break Day
- November 28th thru November 29th.....Thanksgiving Break
- December 23rd thru January 6th.....Winter Break  
(Students return January 7, 2020)
- January 20th.....Martin Luther King
- February 17th.....President's Day
- March 23rd thru March 27th.....Spring Break
- April 10th.....Easter Break

\*Any day cancelled due to weather or other emergencies must be made up at the end of the school year. Please plan for the possibility of the school year extending beyond May 22, 2020. Snow days will be May 26, May 27, May 28 and May 29 and will continue into the following week as needed.

- Records Days 1/6/20 (Students—No School)
- 8th GRADE CELEBRATION—TBD
- HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT—TBD

**SUMMER SCHOOL—2020 (No School July 4, 2020)**

Elementary: TBD  
Middle School: TBD  
High School: TBD

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