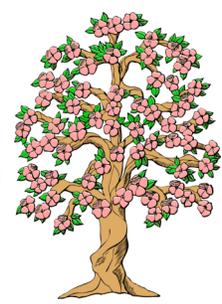


# SPRING

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**From the Desk of Principal: Scott Graber**

Happy April. It is hard to believe that we are heading to the last stretch of the school year and I assure you, it will fly by very quickly. With that in mind, a huge thanks to our staff, parents and students for their continued help and support during the pandemic. Yes, as a school, we are still required to wear a mask, so if you are stopping by to drop off something or pick up an item, masks still must be worn.

During the school year, the students and staff have gone through a huge educational shift with eLearning, in person instruction, and then some switches back and forth due to medical or family issues. Please know that during this time, the staff has continued to provide your child with an education that, I am sure, looks very different from when we went to school. From CANVAS and Skyward, to uploading documents, to scanning and downloading, the shift in education has been tremendous. With all of these changes, we are starting to see a decline with some of our students educationally, emotionally, and socially. I am asking you to keep an eye on your child. Many children, not just at CMS, are facing a trend toward being isolated, depressed, and reluctant to talk or open up with adults and other students. This pandemic has taught us all a lot about perseverance, life, expectations, and daily challenges so let's work together and help each other as we embark on a new educational format. If your child is experiencing some issues related to isolation, depression, or struggling due to being at home (or at school) during the pandemic, please have them reach out to someone—a friend, their counselor, a teacher, or an administrator. Many of us have been using Google Meets to check up on students during this eLearning phase.

With May just around the corner, students tend to think school is over and they start to lag with their work. Within the last few weeks, CMS has started a new program called EXACT PATH. Students that are struggling in math and ELA may be required to attend this class which is focused on skills that they may be lacking. If students do not show progress, then they may be referred to summer school and/or be retained in their current grade. Education is too important to waste and we want all of the students at CMS to be challenged daily and do their very best.

The annual 8th grade awards ceremony will take place on May 28 beginning at 1:45pm in the gym. Parents, please review the information that I sent out via Alert Now messaging on April 5. Also, tickets for the ceremony will be given to the students on May 27. All students will be provided 2 tickets for the ceremony. If there are siblings that reside in the household, they may attend but only 2 tickets per student will be dispersed. We will have parameters in place to monitor the number of people entering the building. We are working with our technology department to live stream the ceremony to those that will not be able to attend. More information will be provided as the date gets closer.

All students will be required to return their chrome book/charger and any other school related materials that were used during the school year. More information will be forthcoming as to a return date for those items. Consumable textbooks will not be returned to the *Continued on next page*



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school. For items that are not returned, a fine will be assessed for those materials.

Since this will be the last newsletter before school ends, I want to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to everyone for a successful school year. For our 8th grade students moving on to high school—Good luck; to students that are moving on to other places to live—I wish you the best and am happy that part of your journey came through CMS; for those that are returning in the fall—can't wait to see you back. Have a wonderful summer. If traveling, be safe and social distance when needed. Please check the school website over the summer for pertinent information pertaining to the fall semester.

Take care and be safe!

Mr. Graber, Principal

From the Desk of Mr. Stanisz, Assistant Principal...

Bring on spring! I am sure everyone is ready to get outside and enjoy some warmer weather here in the region! We recently completed the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball seasons. Congratulations to both teams on their seasons and continued dedication as student-athletes. We are preparing to take the ILEARN test which will begin on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. This test will be computer based. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the test on Monday and Tuesday. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the test Wednesday and Thursday. Students will be using Chrome Books for testing.

Thank you 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 motioned out or told verbally to unload. (2) If you are parking your car, please use a proper parking spot and do not pullout into oncoming traffic or stop in the middle of the row. (3) The handicapped parking spots are needed for our students with disabilities and we appreciate your help in keeping those spots available. (4) if you are escorting your child to door J, please use the cross-walk located by the three orange cones. Thank you for your help in this matter!

Have you signed up for Twitter? Twitter is gathering support from parents and students around the school. 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. Have an AWESOME Spring!

## From the desk of Assistant Principal, Mrs. Beach

It is hard to believe we are in the last grading period of school year! Before you know it, the 20-21 school year will be over.

Indiana State Alternative test, I AM, testing window opened April 5<sup>th</sup> and will close May 14<sup>th</sup>. Children participating in this test are encouraged to do their best. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest.

Clark's Unified Game Day will be held Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> with the rain date on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Students in the Applied Skills classes and their peers will be participating in both track and field events. Approximately 40 athletes will participate in this event which will be held on the Clark track. Please come out and cheer on the Clark Coyotes.

May 14<sup>th</sup> is National Be Kind Online Day. While this is a one day national event, students at Clark are encouraged to be kind online on a daily basis. Please encourage your child to use social media in a positive manner.

Congratulations to all of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be moving on to high school in fall. It has been a pleasure working with you and you will be missed

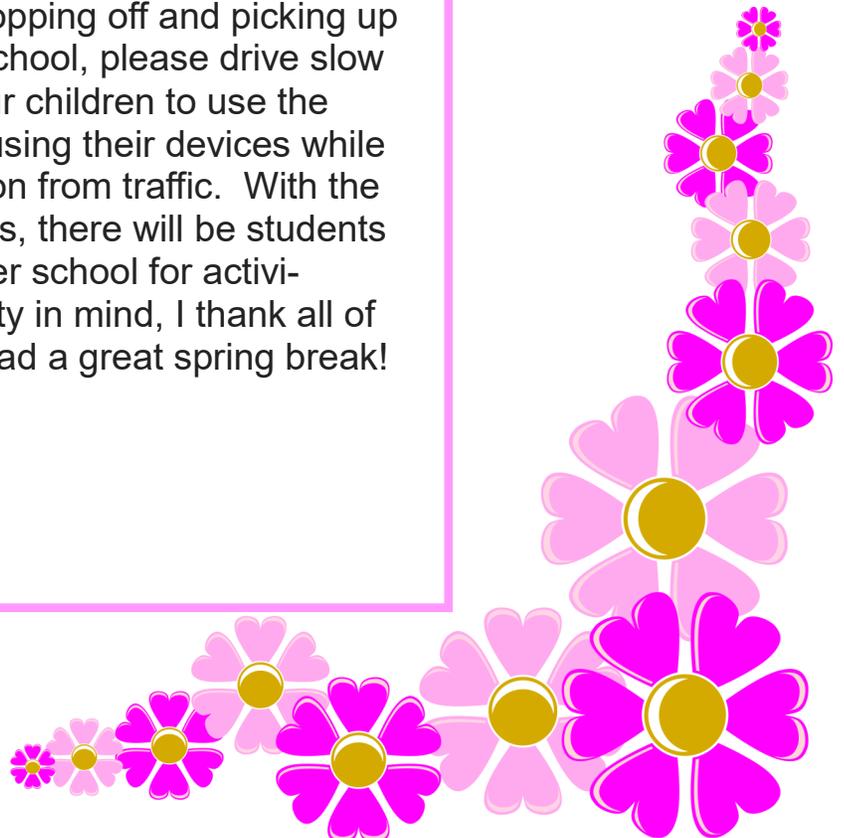
I want to thank all the parents, students and staff for making this year a success. All of your hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed!!!

Have a wonderful summer!

Hello Clark Parents! I just wanted to give everyone a friendly safety reminder. When dropping off and picking up your children from Clark Middle School, please drive slow and stay alert. Please remind your children to use the crosswalks and also refrain from using their devices while walking as it distracts their attention from traffic. With the nice warm weather approaching us, there will be students outside more often before and after school for activities. Keeping your children's safety in mind, I thank all of you very much and hope you all had a great spring break!

Thank you,

Officer Stamate, SRO



# SCHOOL COUNSELOR <sup>CT</sup>



The school year is flying by and it is hard to believe the students are in the fourth quarter! All eighth graders have completed their high school course requests in Skyward. The high school has begun work on the master schedule, and students will be notified sometime in May if their requested electives have conflicts. Alternate classes were also added in case students do not get a first choice elective class.

The counselors have continued to meet with groups of 8<sup>th</sup> graders during digital citizenship classes, and have used that time on career guidance activities and how personal interests and strengths can impact future decision making. Seventh graders will be working on determining what learning styles best suit their individual needs through a Learning Styles Inventory.

Information on dealing with bullying, resolving personal conflicts with others, and strategies to help one deal with anxiety and stress have been woven into Second Step lessons during advisory for grades 6-8<sup>th</sup>. Fifth grader advisories have been focusing on better ways to deal with stressful situations, respecting others and self, and making healthy choices. The social emotional learning that is taking place in advisory helps the counselors as they work with students in smaller groups and individually.

All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students should have turned in their form for the elective they are choosing for next year (Band, Choir, or Tech/Art). If Band or Choir was not selected, students will be placed into the Tech/Art classes. Sixth and 7<sup>th</sup> grades will be placed in the section they were enrolled in this school year for next year. If your child does not want to continue in the current elective (band or choir) please notify the office ASAP.

The counselors are available to assist students with academic, social or personal issues they may be experiencing. Please encourage your child to seek out assistance as needed.



## Clark Athletics 2021-22 School Year

All information for athletics please visit the [Clark Athletics Website](#). Watch the video on the page for information about what needs to be completed for middle school athletics. Here are 2 other important links from the video...

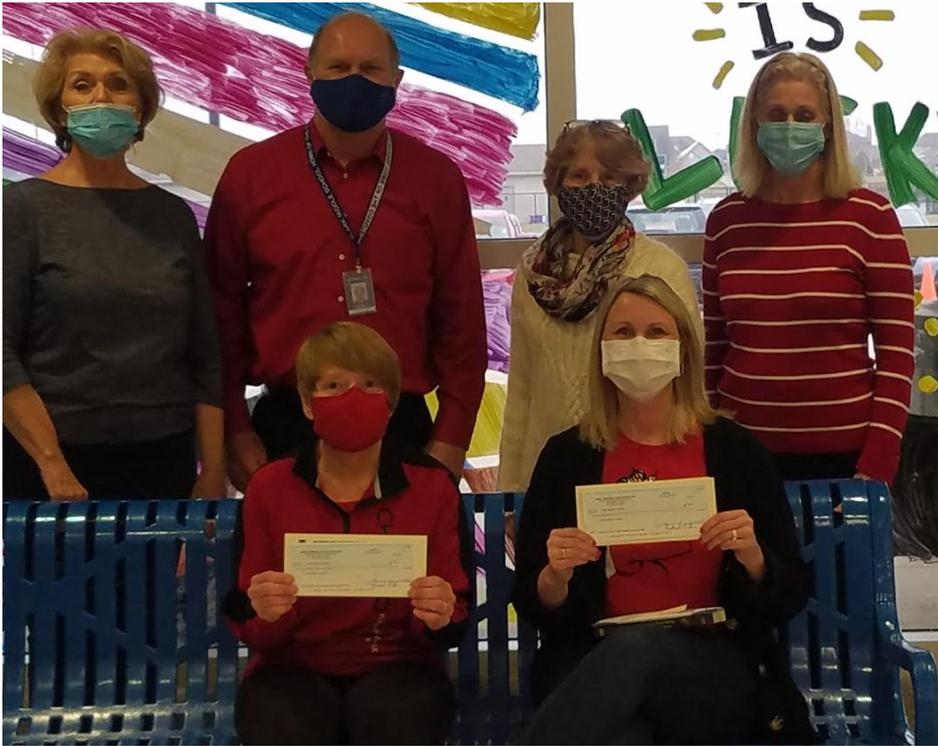
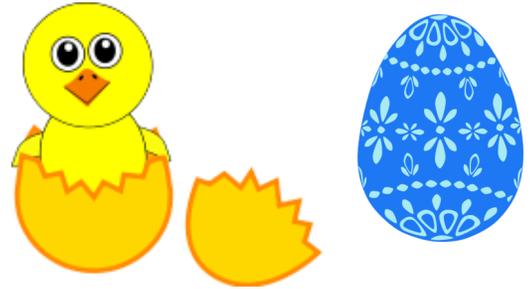
[FamilyID Link](#)

[IHSA Physical Participation Packet](#)

These 2 items need to be completed/updated for **EACH** school year (please note, physicals for the 2021-22 school year need to be **dated after April 1, 2021** for the 21-22 school year. This means that spring football players will need a new physical for fall football of the 21-22 school year).

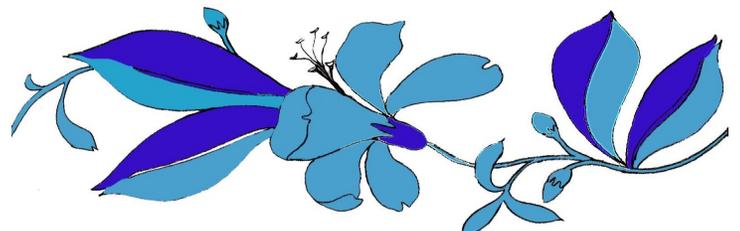
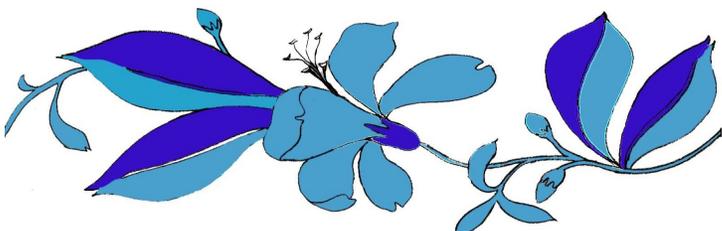
Please contact coaches (listed on the Clark athletic website) or Mrs. Smith if you have any questions.

# CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL GRANT NEWS



Mrs. Rosine wrote a grant called "Beyond the Cover." She received 30 Young Adult books which her students helped her to choose. She wrapped the front and back covers of some of them in parchment paper and wrote a brief but colorful description on the front. Students who wanted to participate chose a book based on the description instead of the artwork on the cover. After reading a chapter, the student chooses to check out and read that book or to try again.

Congratulations to our staff for this great accomplishment!





NJHS has been trying to keep busy, in spite of Covid. A few of the activities we have completed so far are holiday cards for military veterans, volunteering at Clark football, basketball, and track meets, and window painting to brighten up CMS. We are excited to celebrate our members with an induction ceremony for our 51 current members and 106 new members on Friday, April 16th. Upcoming events are a CEREAL DONATION DRIVE for our local food banks and spoiling Clark teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week May 3rd through 7th.

The Clark Theatre Guild has been practicing and finishing up their spring musical, *Peter Pan , Jr.* It has taken almost 3 months, but Neverland is almost here! Due to the pandemic, we are unable to do any live shows. However, we have videotaped the entire production and will be doing a video stream of the show. Once everything is finalized, we will publish a link where anyone can purchase a ticket from the comforts of your home! Tickets will be \$10. Please watch the daily announcements for information and viewing dates.

### FROM THE NURSE:

*If your child has any medications in the nurse's office, please be sure to pick them up by the end of the school year. If they are not picked up they will be discarded.*



# Parent Information



## 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



Students are not allowed to enter the building before 8:15 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 a.m.

## Did you know?

Announcements are posted daily on the website. Check us out at:

<http://clark.lcsc.us>

MAKE US A  
FAVORITE!!

LAST DAY  
of SCHOOL

The last day of school is  
Friday, May 28, 2021