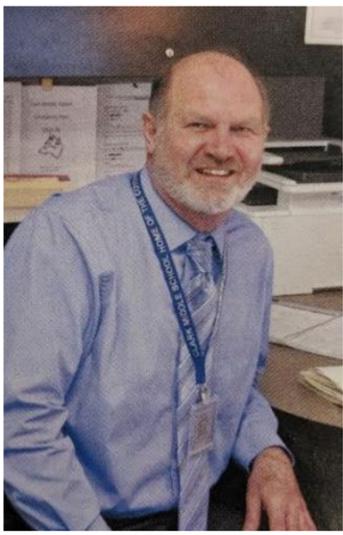




# Clark Middle School Summer Newsletter 2023-2024



A MESSAGE FROM

*Mr. Graber*

CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



Happy summer to you! I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying your summer break. As we look to school starting in just a few weeks, I want to “Welcome” you to Clark Middle School—Home of the Coyotes! For our returning students, I hope that you have been enjoying the time away from school. For our incoming students, the halls of CMS await you with anticipation. We look forward to our new students joining us this year.

As we embark on a new year, I am confident that you will see your child challenged this year. One of the concerns that I face as principal is parents waiting to reach out to the staff or me if there is an issue. Please do not wait...if there is a problem or concern, please reach out to the teacher first, and then follow up with an administrator. Many times, I hear the following statement from parents...” Oh, well, I didn’t want to bother you because I know you are busy.” Trust me, I would rather work with you to solve the problem than find out after an issue has been going on for several weeks. Feel free to contact your child’s teachers, guidance counselor or one of the administrators—we are here for you.

Students will have access again this year to a chromebook. Students will be able to bring it home nightly but please make sure that, as a parent, you monitor what they are doing. Students will need to make sure that their chromebook is charged and ready for the next day at school as well as bringing their charger back and forth with them daily. The use of the chromebook is for EDUCATIONAL purposes only. In addition, if a child damages their chromebook, i.e. breaking the screen, missing keys, writing or drawing on them, losing them, or breaking another student’s chromebook, they could be charged. Student are reminded to not share their assigned chromebook with other students. Please encourage your child to be responsible for this educational device.

Cell phones are an excellent way of communicating or obtaining information; however, in the middle school, we ask that students do **NOT** bring them to school. If there is an emergency, one of the administrative staff will contact you with our Alert Now messaging system. Over the past years, we have found that students do not understand the dangers of being on a device, especially if they use certain apps such as Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, Snapchat, Discord, etc. If your child is involved in inappropriate activities with a cell phone and another student outside of school, the parents have the right to contact the police department and file a report. In regard to the school standpoint, the administration will be involved if the issue is affecting the educational welfare of the CMS students. In addition, our School Resource Officer, Officer Nick Stamate, will assist if necessary. So, in summary, please have your child leave their cell phone at home this year.

Backpacks are a great way for students to carry their belongings, but, backpacks will need to be kept in the student’s locker. Students have 5 minutes to get to each class period, which is plenty of time. The expectation for ALL students is that they should be in their assigned classroom prior to the bell sounding.

**We welcome new staff members** Stephanie Rosenwinkel (5th grade) and Megan Adams(special education). I am excited to add these talented teachers to our staff. We look forward to getting to know them and welcome them aboard. More information on them to come!

**Medical information....** if your child has specific doctor’s orders, please make sure that we have an updated copy of the orders PRIOR to the school starting. If the doctor does NOT specify an order to be done at school, legally, we cannot do the treatment or honor a parent’s request. Feel free to reach out to our school nurses, Mrs. Christina Gonzalez or Mrs. Laurie Danielson.

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**SKYWARD REGISTRATION info**...Parents...please make sure to fill out the enrollment/registration forms in its entirety. Emergency contacts need be to be updated with accurate phone numbers in case your child needs to be picked up due to a health or disciplinary issue. If the person's name is not listed as a contact, we cannot release your child to them. Also, please provide updated court documents if there is a divorce or restraining order so that we can provide the best safety for your child. Schedules will be available online beginning August 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

The open building date for students to come to school and check out their lockers, walk the building, meet the office staff, go through their daily schedule is listed below. If you do not have access to print out your schedule prior to coming to CMS for the open building dates, please feel free to stop by the main office and obtain a copy!

**Open Building Day, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am until 6:00pm.**

On August 10, the office staff, nurses, counselors and administrators will be available to assist you with any questions, drop off medications, talk with staff, or answer any question that you might have regarding Clark Middle School. Also, our Athletic Director, Mrs. Lori Smith, will be available for parents and/or students that have questions about our athletic program.

**Interested in running cross country?** Join the CMS runners on August 8, 9, and 10th from 9:00-10:00 AM by Door J. A physical is not required to attend. This is available for all 6-8 grade students (boys and girls). Take the initiative and become involved. Students should wear a good pair shoes and bring water.

**Over the next few weeks**, please check out the [school website](#) for additional information regarding back to school information. The supply list is posted on the announcement page as well.

**Clear water bottles** will be allowed and must remain in the student's locker. Students will not be allowed into classrooms with bottles. In addition, students will be able to use the water fountains as needed.

**Open House** is scheduled for August 24th beginning at 6:00PM. You will rotate through your child's classes every 10 minutes. The purpose of Open House is for you to meet the staff and have them go over the expectations for this school year. Parking will be available on the north and south sides of the school. Please try and be on time—if you are late, you will miss pertinent information from your child's teachers about the upcoming year. If possible, we ask that your child remain at home; however, if you need to bring them with you to the Open House, please have them remain with you during the evening.

**School pictures** are scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup> during the day.

**Clark Spiritwear** is now available online, year round! What better way to show your Coyote Pride than with a T-shirt, sweatshirt, pants, hats, and much more. Click [HERE](#) to shop!

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!!! Go Coyotes!

See everyone soon!

Mr. Graber, Principal



Communication is the key for success so if you need to contact one of the administration or counselors, please use the following extensions:

Mr. Graber, Principal, ext. 7104

Mrs. Beach, Asst. Principal, ext. 7103

Mr. Stablein, Asst. Principal, ext. 7105

Mrs. Churilla, Counselor -----Last names "A-Har" ext. 7106

Ms. Vail, Counselor -----Last names "Has-Pin" ext. 7107

Mr. Biscan, Counselor -----Last names "Pio-Z" ext. 7112

# Clark welcomes two new teachers



Name: Mrs. Rosenwinkel, 5th grade  
ELA/SS Teacher

**Family/Life info:** My husband and I have four children. Our oldest is a Sophomore at ISU, our older daughter is a Sophomore at CPHS, our younger son is in 8th grade, and our youngest daughter is in 6th grade. We also have 2 dogs (Lily and Sophie) and 2 cats (Socko and Mike.)

I was born and raised in New Jersey where I went to school. We moved our family here 8 years ago.

## **Work History:**

In New Jersey I began subbing in the local school district while raising my family. Once we moved to Indiana I began teaching at a Preschool for 3 years. Once all my kids were a bit older I looked at becoming a teacher in Lake Central. I have now taught 4th grade for 3 years at Peifer Elementary and will be beginning my 4th year at CMS.

## **Why are you excited to work at CMS:**

I am very excited to begin my year at CMS! I am looking forward to growing relationships with my students and being their number one supporter in their education journey. I have really enjoyed 4th grade and I know that moving up to 5th will give me many opportunities to guide my students to great things!

Mrs. Adams, Special Education

**Family/life info:** I am married to my high school sweetheart Max. After going our separate ways after high school we came back together years later and married. Combined we have 4 children. My oldest is Madison who is 15, then comes Morgan who is almost 14, and Myles who is 11. My step son is Thor and he is 12.

**Work history:** For the last 3 years I have worked for the Department of Child Services in both Lake and Porter counties. I was an assessment worker so I was the person who would get a report and go to a home and determine if the child was safe or not. Prior to that I worked for the FSSA within Indiana regulating childcare facilities in 9 counties for 5 years.

**Why are you excited to work at CMS:** I am excited to join the staff at CMS because I love working with children. I have met some of the staff already and they are so warm and welcoming.

**Anything else you want to share:** As a first year teacher I am excited to learn from all those around me. I am a ball of energy who sometimes doesn't know when to stop. I am always there for others and hope people feel comfortable getting to know me. I look forward to working with such a great group of people.



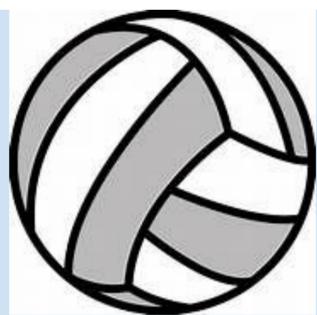


*From the desk of Mrs. Beach  
Assistant Principal*

The 2023 Unified Games were a success! With students cheering them on and a police escort, the CMS Applied Skills students headed to the high school to participate in some of their favorite activities. The Unified Games support a variety of skill sets and encourages all students to participate and show off their athletic abilities. We are so proud of our students and their accomplishments.



# ATHLETICS

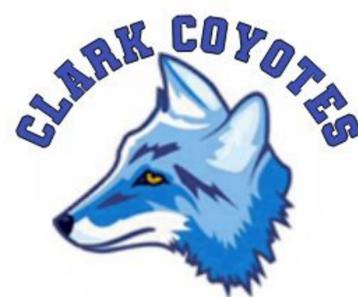


## Clark Volleyball Information

2023-2024 School Year

Coach Blackwell 7th Grade: [ablackwe@lcscmail.com](mailto:ablackwe@lcscmail.com)

Coach Hudi 8th Grade: [shudi@lcscmail.com](mailto:shudi@lcscmail.com)



### Things you need before tryouts:

- [Final Forms](#) (link can also be found on the school website under *Athletics*)
  - This includes a physical. Account will be green when you are good to try out!

### Fees:

- \$60 athletic participation fee payable on Skyward
  - This is a one time sports fee for the year
  - This fee will be added approx. 2 weeks after the season starts
- \$20 transportation fee that will be paid on Skyward
  - This fee will be added approx. 2 weeks after the season starts
- \$30 volleyball fee
  - Needs to be paid to coaches as soon as possible
- Covers the cost of equipment, uniforms, and other items

### Open Gym (optional):

- Tuesday, August 8th 9-11am
- Wednesday, August 9th from 9-11am

### Try out dates:

- Tuesday, August 15th 4-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 16th 4-5:30 p.m.
- First Practice: Thursday, August 17th 4-5:30

### Regular Practice Days and Times:

- Monday-Thursday 4-5:30 p.m.
- Most Fridays 4-5p.m.

FinalForms and Eventlink are now syncing registrations data

Every athlete and parent that utilize FinalForms to register will receive an Eventlink account activation email. All they have to do is click the link in the email to activate their accounts and they have been subscribed to the event calendars for the teams they registered for!

If they already have an Eventlink account, they will receive an email about an update to their calendar subscriptions.

Please contact [help@eventlink.com](mailto:help@eventlink.com) if you have any questions.

## CLICK [HERE](#) TO START SHOWING YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

You asked and we answered. Parents, students, and staff will now have access to a year round spiritwear store. Clark has partnered with [1st Place Spiritwear](#) to introduce a huge selection of products for everyone. Products ship directly to your home and a portion of the sales benefit Clark Middle School. Don't miss great deals. Are you ready for spiritwear days? Start shopping now!

### Back-to-School Sale

Our Annual Back-to-School sale will be here before you know it! We will be introducing a wide array of new products and designs.

- **Dates:** August 8th - September 7th
- **Offer:** 30% off all merchandise and free shipping over \$75

## CLARK SPIRIT WEAR STORE

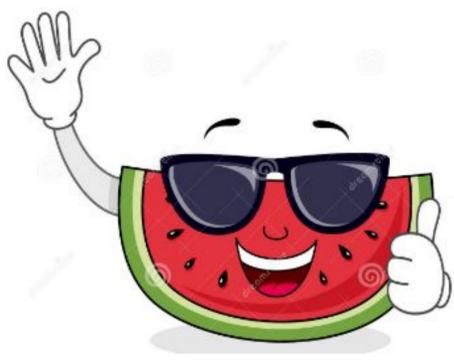


## TEES, HOODIES & MORE!



[1stplace.sale/107077](https://1stplace.sale/107077)





# BACK TO SCHOOL FAQ'S



Q: Where can I find the school supply list?

A: The Clark website: <https://clark.lcsc.us/> and also at the end of this newsletter.

Q: Will my child be able to carry a backpack to all classes?

A: No, backpacks will remain in the students locker.

Q: Can my child bring a water bottle to school?

A: Clear bottles can be **kept in the student's locker**. Water fountains are also available.

Q: Is there a place where I can find Clark announcements?

A: Yes, daily announcements can be found on the Clark website: <https://clark.lcsc.us/>

Q: When is the first day of school?

A: August 15th

Q: When will the building be open so my child can walk the school and set up their locker?

A: August 10th from 10 AM - 6 PM

Q: When are school pictures going to be taken?

A: August 18th during the school day. Please watch the daily announcements for order code.

Q: When is Open House night?

A: August 24th at 6:00 PM

Q: What day does the office open?

A: Monday, July 31st

Q: What time does Clark begin and end school?

A: 8:47 AM - 3:40 PM

Q: Will there be early release days this year?

A: Yes: September 12, 2023

October 10, 2023

November 14, 2023

February 13, 2024

March 12, 2024

April 9, 2024

May 14, 2024

Dismissal at 1:10 PM. Lunch will be served on early release days.

**For daily announcements during the school year and additional school information, visit us at: <https://clark.lcsc.us/>**

# CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL – ST. JOHN, IN 2023 - 2024 School Supply List

## 5TH GRADE

### WRITING UTENSILS

- 4 - Packs of #2 Pencils
- 1 - Pack of Highlighters
- 2 - Pink Pearl Erasers
- 2 – Packs of Expo Markers
- 1 – Expo Marker Eraser

### PAPER

- 1 pack of loose leaf paper (Wide Ruled)
- 2 composition notebooks
- 4 spiral notebooks (wide ruled)
- 2 pack of Post-its
- 1 pack index cards

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 2 boxes of Kleenex

### ART SUPPLIES:

- 1 - Pack of Glue Sticks
- 12- Pack Colored Pencils
- 24 - Pack of Crayons
- Student Scissors
- Ruler

### ORGANIZATION

- 2-inch binder with clear cover
- (5) 3-ring two pocket folders (red, blue, green, yellow, black)
- (1) 3-ring pencil pouch (no hard boxes)

### TECHNOLOGY

- 2 - Pairs of Earbuds (no Bluetooth)
- Chromebook Sleeve (optional)

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## 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

### WRITING UTENSILS

- 1 Highlighter
- 1 pack #2 pencils (mechanical acceptable)
- 1 Box 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 pack black or blue pens
- 1 pack red pens
- 1 pack markers (not dry erase)
- 1 eraser

### PAPER

- 1 pack of loose leaf paper
- 2 college-ruled composition notebooks
- 3 single-subject spiral notebooks
- 1 package 3X5 ruled index cards

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 2 boxes of Kleenex

### ART SUPPLIES

- 1 glue stick

### ORGANIZATION

- (2) 3-ring binders (1 inch)

### TECHNOLOGY

- 2 Pairs of Earbuds (no Bluetooth)



# Clark Middle School

## St. John

### 2023-24 Supply List

### for Applied Skills

### Classes

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#### Ms. Hempenius' Room

- 1-inch Avery Clear View binder
- 2 folders that are 3-hole punched  
**(Must go in the binder. The plastic ones work best and last much longer.)**
- 25 pencils
- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 box of markers
- 1 box crayons **(24 count)**
- 4 large boxes of Kleenex
- 8 Expo dry erase markers (chisel, not fine)
- 3 large glue sticks
- 3 large containers of disinfecting wipes
- 1 pair earbuds (please make sure they fit your child's ears)
- Rectangular pencil box (8"x5")

#### Ms. Chandler's Room

- (2) 3-inch clear-view binder
- 6 folders that are 3-hole punches (the plastic ones work best and last much longer)
- 2 packages pencils (Ticonderoga brand sharpen the best and last longer.) Please avoid mechanical.
- 1 pink eraser
- 4 spiral notebooks (large-ruled)
- Thick and thin markers
- 1 box crayons (24 count)
- 3 large boxes of tissue
- 2 large glue sticks
- 1 supply box
- Gallon zipper bags
- Pump bottle of hand sanitizer (each child will use their own)
- 1 package bathroom or hand wet wipes
- 1 pair earbuds or headphones
- Toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant (solid only, no spray) and a change of clothes

#### Ms. Bissias' Room

- 1 pack crayons, markers **or** colored pencils
- Zip-top pencil pouch
- 1 folder for home/school use
- 3 pack Expo markers, fine point
- Multipack glue sticks
- Simple calculator (larger buttons for easier use)
- Earbuds or headphones
- Hygiene Supplies:
  - Toothbrush
  - Toothbrush Cover
  - Toothpaste
  - Deodorant
  - Face Wipes
  - Brush or Comb
- 2 folders, preferably plastic/poly 3-hole 2-pocket
- Spare shirt, pants, socks, to be kept at school
- Hoodie or sweatshirt to keep at school
- Diapers and wipes, if needed
- 3 large containers disinfectant wipes
- 3 containers antibacterial wipes (Wet Ones style)
- Hand Sanitizer
- 3 large boxes plain (non-lotion) tissue