



Clark Middle School

*March 2024
Newsletter*



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A MESSAGE FROM

Mr. Graber

CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Happy March! I hope this newsletter finds you well and recovering from the change in the weather. Northwest Indiana... always be prepared for the unexpected.

What a month for the students, clubs, sporting events, and festivities. Our Science Olympiad team is heading to the state competition while students are on spring break. Our Poms/Dance team competed at the state competition on March 3rd bringing home 2nd place. The Jazz Band scored a Gold rating at their competition on March 2. Let's not forget, choir and band performed exceptionally well at their spring concerts in preparation for their ISSMA contest, Penny Wars raised over \$3000 for high school scholarships, and Paws for a Cause collected a large amount of needed provisions for the shelters. THANKS to all who either volunteered or donated to the above causes. Super job!

Spring break will take place from March 23-April 1. We will resume class on Tuesday, April 2. If you are traveling, please be careful and enjoy your break.

Thanks to those parents who drop off their child daily in the back lot. Please remember that once you are by the "**Drop Off Zone**" sign, that you release your children at that point. Please look for either Officer Nick Stamate or Mr. Graber to have you release your child(ren). Our goal is to keep the line moving so that the students are not late for class. As a reminder, the first hour begins at 8:47 and the students should be in their assigned class at that time. If not, they will receive a tardy slip to their first hour class. Thanks for your help in advance.

Parents, as a reminder, please let us know if there is an issue or concern with your son and/or daughter. Over the past few weeks, we have had parents indicate that their child was experiencing issues at school BUT did not tell anyone and the problem continued. Please let the administration or a counselor know if your child is having any issues. Waiting for a couple months for the problem to go away usually results in the matter becoming worse. The administrative staff appreciates knowing the issues so that we can resolve whatever might be going on with your child and/or friends or other students at school.

As the 3rd nine weeks ends on March 13, the teachers, counselors and administration will begin to make recommendations students that need to go to summer school. Summer school will be held at CMS starting the first week of June and continuing for 11 days. Unfortunately, there will not be bus service this year. Students attending summer school will need to attend for both ELA/math sessions.

ILEARN state mandated testing will begin on Tuesday, April 16-May 10. I will be sending out the schedule to all parents so that you can plan on having your child at school daily. All students will need to take a practice test in each subject area prior to the administration of the ILEARN tests. The practice test requirements are as follows:

5th—ELA, math, and social studies

6th---ELA, math, and science

7/8th—ELA and math

Students and staff will NOT be allowed to have a smart watch or cell phone on their person during the

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testing time frame so please make sure to remind your child(ren). Students that are found to be in possession will receive a consequence of a Friday school due to the violation committed. The only exception granted by the state is for those students and staff that are diabetic who use their phone to track their blood sugars. The names of the students and their device type have already been submitted to Central Office and provided to the state as required. If possible, please make sure that your son/daughter is in attendance daily so that make up testing does not have to take place. On most days, we are completely finished testing by noon...again, please see the ILEARN testing schedule. Parents that are dropping your child off in the car line, plan ahead so that your child is here prior to the start of the testing times each day.

As the master schedule is in progress, those students that have been or decide to take a full year course (band or choir), the expectation is that the student remains in the course for the entire year. Parents...please make sure to touch base with your child and make sure they understand the commitment to that course. It's not easy to change the schedules after the year begins due to the blocking of certain classes. Thanks in advance for your help.

Until next month, stay safe and enjoy spring break.

Mr.Grabber

Assistant Principal Mr. Stablein



It is March already and the end of the grading period is quickly approaching. If your child needs additional help or needs to make-up work tutoring is offered every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am. No appointment is necessary. Summer school recommendations will be made soon, so we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

With the nice weather, many students are walking or riding their bike to and from school. Please remind your child to stay on the sidewalk and cross busy streets with a crossing guard. Likewise, if you are driving in our parking lot, use extra precaution this time of year. Student and staff safety is a priority.

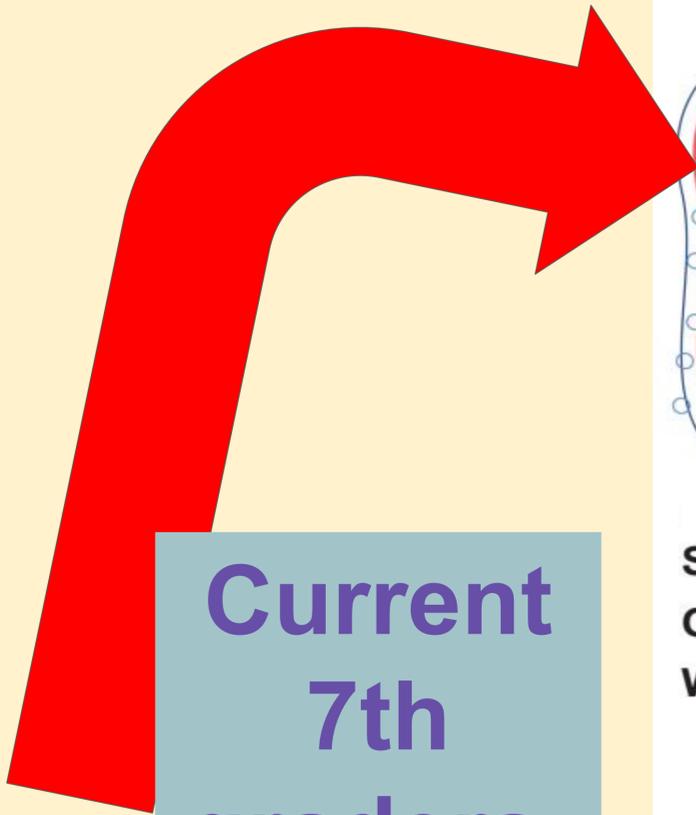
One of our biggest advisory activities coming up is the March Madness brackets. This year, each advisory will submit two brackets, one for men and one for female college teams. Don't forget to ask your student how their class is doing along the way. We look forward to some fun with this event.

As we end an eventful season of girl's basketball, we begin the track season. Information on joining track can be found later in the newsletter. We look forward to watching so many students compete against not only other schools, but also work to improve their personal scores. Lets Go Coyotes!

Finally, ILEARN is quickly approaching and we will be ready. Our student will spend time preparing in the coming weeks, but as parents, we have to prepare too. Please make sure you are encouraging your student to get a full night's rest, as well as a good breakfast. As always, breakfast is available to students in the cafe each morning if needed. You can find your student's cafe account balance in Skyward if needed.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns,

Mr. Stabein



**Current
7th
graders,
CHECK
IT OUT!**



Sign up by: 12/20/23

Our Trip Dates: 10/24/24 - 10/26/24

When signing up, use Trip ID: 212389

**Don't Miss this Trip! Sign up at
worldstrides.com/register
or by calling 800-468-5899**



Scan to Register

Questions? Contact: Bob Gustas at bgustas@lcschools.com



Middle School **GOLF**

**The Lake Central
Middle School Golf
Camp begins April 9th
and runs through May
16th.**

**The call-out meeting is
Wednesday, March 13,
and sign ups will begin
shortly after.**

**See Mr. Magdziarz(803)
or Mr. Brandner(802) for
details.**



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8th Grade Naviance Career Clusters Lesson

The counselors will be going into the Digital Citizenship classes in March to provide a career lesson through Naviance. The lesson uses a student's interests to explore career areas that make sense based on personality. The students will also be looking at careers based on the 16 career clusters. After the Naviance lesson, the Digital Citizenship classes have a career project that will be completed using some of the information from the Naviance activity.

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 9th. 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 14th 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 March 20th. 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 specials classes forms will be sent home to be filled out and for parents to sign and return to school before April 5. If any questions arise pertaining to this, please contact your child's counselor.

The Clark Theatre Guild is proud to announce their upcoming musical. We will be doing Alice in Wonderland, Jr. April 18, 19, and 20.

The cast and crew are very excited about this production. Stay tuned for more details about times and tickets.



CAST:

White Rabbit - Jorel Velazquez
Alice - Sophia Bennet
Mathilda/Queen of Hearts - Natalia Bernal
Friend 1/Small Alice - Katelyn Rybak
Friend 2/Tall Alice - Rex LaPointe
Cheshire Cat 1, 2, and 3 - Lena Neth, Hanna Sikora, Stella Mousetis
Mad Hatter - Phoebe Pramuk
Dodo Bird - Anthony Roppolo
Doorknob - Christopher Keith
Caterpillar - Gwen Hankin
Tweedle Twins - Maggie White and Emma Hogan
Flower Girls - Natalie Schneider, Ivy Belicek, Emma Hall, Megan Russell, and Giuliana Rodriguez

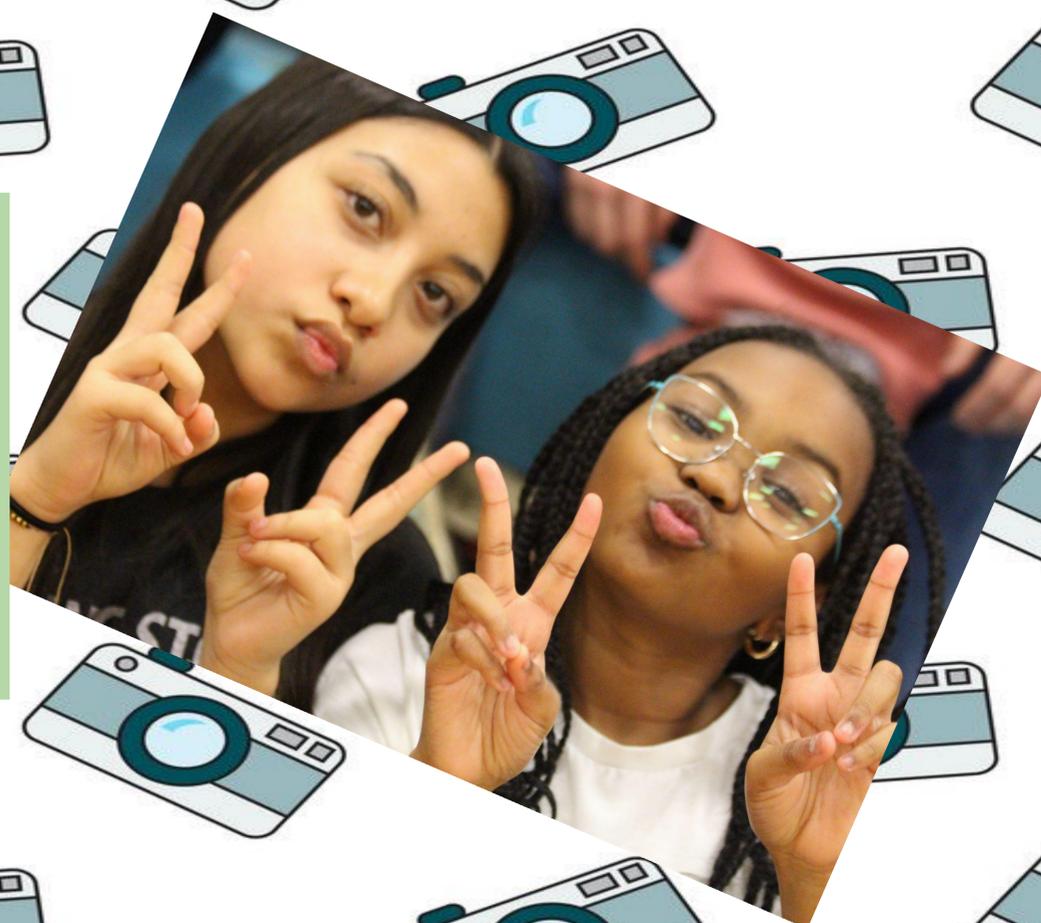
March Hare - Bobby Manausopoulos
Royal Cards - Liana Johnson, Giuliana Rodriguez, Sidra Salah, and Falynn Larson
King of Hearts - Sully Grimler

CREW:

Kaden Puskarich
Alyssa Johnson
Frederick Leonard
Emily Matthews
Lily Svetlin
Declan Messmer
Austen Germeraad
Chloe Tawlks
Morgan Hampton
Director - Mr. Gustas
Vocal Director - Mrs. Arroyo

Did you order a YEARBOOK?
Last day to order is **April 1.**

[Click here](#)
[to order!](#)



Solo and Ensemble

Congratulations to band director, Mr. Walton, and all of the students below for earning a GOLD or PERFECT rating at the Solo and Ensemble Festival. CLARK'S GOT TALENT!

Perfect Score

Kate Isom
Harper Whiteman



Brendan Kanupke
Katelin Harding
Jake Barick
Philip Kersten
Elliot Failor
Christopher Keith
Connor Smith
Elliot Paul
Matthew Levinson
Austin French
Jonah Hardesty
Noah Krauklis
Camryn Lavery
Vivian Polusky
Alex Zarlengo
Audrey Fealey
Natalie Schneider
Sara Filippo
Julene Haigh
Connor Smith
Finn Schoon
Mia Onohan
Ben Szafasz
Aubrey Neal

Gold Rating

Kate Smith
Willow Bruggeman
Connor Molitor
Victoria Dietz
Zoey Pigors
Cameron Cook
Julian Jablonski
Jack Szafasz
Georgia Urban
Mason Deem
Jonah Hardesty
Mabel Salmen
Roberto Rodriguez
Alexia Rauch
Joe Deschepper
Josh Nowinski
Aaron Carlson
Derek Jones
Gabe Ruano
Jackson Kerman
Jake Barick
Josh Sautter
Giana Bukvich
Kara Bley
McKinley Radtke



MATH COUNTS

Clark's Math Counts team recently travelled to Valpo University for some amazing competition.

A Math Counts Competition consists of 4 rounds followed by an awards presentation. Students start with the Sprint Round and have 40 minutes to complete 30 math problems without a calculator. In the second round, the Target Round, the focus is on problem-solving and mathematical reasoning

where students receive 4 pairs of problems and have 6 minutes to complete each pair and are allowed the use of a calculator. The third round is the Team Round which focuses on problem-solving and collaboration. The fourth and final round of the competition is the Oral Round where the top 8 individual scorers in the competition compete head-head in a best-of-three question competition with a buzzer until only one student remains. A big congratulations goes out to all the students who participated, and to Garrett Burwell who was the high scorer for Clark. We are so proud!



CLARK GIRLS AND BOYS TRACK 2024

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 prior to spring break is listed below. We are meeting three (3) days before spring break for conditioning/timing practice. Then, we will continue after break. We are hoping to test various events. What we do in practice will be determined on the weather. Bring clothes for both inside and outside to be safe.

BOYS AND GIRLS SCHEDULE: WEEK BEFORE SPRING BREAK

March 18th 4:00-5:30 pm

March 19th 4:00-5:30 pm

March 20th 4:00-5:30 pm

PLEASE HAVE RIDES ARRIVE PROMPTLY AT 5:30!

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

1. You must have a physical on file with the Athletic Coordinator that is dated after April 1, 2023
2. You must have completed the online FINAL FORMS registration process; The link and instructions are below. Everything is available online.

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

Calendars and uniform orderforms will be handed out on Tuesday, March 19th. Orders are due by March 21, so it is important that you are present the first week.

Thank you,
Coach Gurnak and Coach Simmons

Staff Birthdays

March

Christine Ayala

Georgia Bissias

Rachel Bolz

Tina Genovese

Angela Guzman

Colleen Harstad

Noah Ireton

Aubrey Nelson

Lori Smith

FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as a February student of the month! Students are selected based on being prepared, respectful, showing discipline, integrity, and engagement.

5TH GRADE	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
Fitz Pierre-Louis Sheri Grimler Manreet Kaur Mikayla Snyder Miranda Russell Isabelle Lenart Cameron Pelletier Niko Nikolovski Chloe Hodges Cole Messmer Elizabeth Toso Abigail Furman Jordan Limoncu Jace Ahrens	Aleah Hofkamp Jackson Narakas	Makenna Fazio Aaron Carlson Sama Musleh Austin French Sonia Anderson Melanija Djurich Phoebe Pramuk Roberto Rodriguez	Summer Foster Karsyn Krippel Olivia Richard Skylar Hubbard Samantha Lane Penelope Velazquez Morgan Dwyer Lexi Smith

March Birthdays

Clark Middle School would like to wish the following students a very Happy January Birthday!

5TH GRADE	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
Charlotte Martinez Kaliya Green Mohammad Musleh Ava Brann Lauren Pompy Audriana Villegas Fitzi Pierre-Louis Emmaline Turlay Cole Ores Aiden Garletts Ava Garletts Pietro Imperatrice Cameron Pelletier Charlyn Vlastic Brilynn Donelson Chloe Hodges Andre Dixon-Edmondson Jordan Limoncu Caden Niermeyer Londyn Johnson Scarlett Myers Abigail Furman Theodore Hasier Kayden Boyd Avery Andryske	Joseph Hurley Elijah Myers Raina McGarrity Eliot Ostryzniuk Liam Recupido Janelle Rokita Sabrina Matucha Kenya Melton Arianna Bonilla Michael Mayer Jaden Brown Jackson Narakas Joseph Wojcik John Wojtczak Dylan Clarke Vito Sochacki	Shamoneii Parker Michael Laschober Dominick Hernandez Mira Travis Camila Alvear Hadleigh Smith Emma Friesema Thomas Bender Akia Gilbert A'Vion Bates Xavier Abell Jacob Socia Aoife Koeppen Jaylyn Tobin Isabelle Zenner Dallas Carter Ivy Belicek Amy Pieta Jake Gerritsen Nathan Clark Ava Hutton Ava Salinas Daniel Szpak	Eden Gramke Gavin Orrico-Feltz Franklin Wilson Chase Horton Mia Snoreck Wyatt Hester Kyler Morales Kylie Panzica Alyx Wernersbach Natalia Bernal Jackson Brandner Derek Swing Joseph DeSchepper Kendall Keane Quinn Hooker Camille King Madison Berger Ellie Carlson Fabian Hernandez Gabrielle Eggert Gabriella Salamanca Michael Kuchyak Olivia Barsich Elliot Comparon Kaylee Harwood Delilah Moreno Carson Bokori Julian Jablonski Zachary Tyburski Zoey Pigors Aidan Wells Garrett Burwell Bryson Hines

Student SPOTLIGHT



Meet
EVIE



Evie is in 5th grade here at Clark and is ready to take the world by storm! Evie's first photoshoot took place in Chicago, IL, for Lola and the Boys at the end of second grade. After that, her modeling career took off. Some of the companies Evie has modeled for include Target, Ralph Lauren, Zara, Vineyard Vines, Kohls, JCrew, Janie and Jack, Shoe Carnival, American Girl, The Buckle, Matilda Jane, Finish Line, and many others. Recently, Evie was on both WGN and Fox news on consecutive days to help promote Lola and the Boys. She has also filmed two commercials! One was for Shore Club Hotels, and the other was for Delta Faucets. Evie's favorite part of modeling is when she gets to see herself in stores. Right now, she is in Target in the Chicagoland area.

According to Evie, some of the best parts of being on set for modeling jobs are getting your hair and make-up done, wearing really nice clothes, meeting and playing with lots of new kids, and eating! There is always lots and lots of food and snacks available to everyone at a photoshoot. While modeling can be a lot of fun and has perks, it can also be challenging. Evie and her parents often miss work, school, sports practices, or events that Evie was really looking forward to. Evie has to make up all of her missed school work and maintain her GPA in order to keep her work permit valid. Clark students and staff are proud to call Evie a **Coyote!**



Get Dusty!

LC Student Council's 2nd Annual Color Run

Scan the QR code to register!



Date: Sunday April 21, 2024

Location: Lake Central High School parking lot and cross
country course

Distance: Chip-Timed 5K

Arrival Time: 8-8:30am- Same Day registration available

Start time: 9am

Register: March 1st-April 12th for guaranteed shirt/race
packet; online at the Lake Central School Store



In recognition of Earth Day, all proceeds will be donated to
Indiana Dunes National Park

PARENT INFO

Does your child need to leave school early? In an effort to keep Clark safe for our students and staff, please send them to school with a note stating the time of departure. Please note, students without a note will not be released to anyone outside of the emergency contact list without prior approval from the parent.

Are you looking for daily information about Clark? Visit the Clark website at

<https://clark.lcsc.us/>

The announcements, which are read to the students daily, are also posted here.

The Lake Central Education Foundation was recently awarded a matching grant in order to employ a part time Administrator who will be responsible for leading fundraising efforts, developing strong community relations, and maintaining compliance among other duties. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about this opportunity, please visit the Lake Central Education Foundation website at lakecentralef.org



Mrs.
Gonzalez



Mrs.
Danielson

The last round of vaccination letters, for those students who were non-compliant, went out at the beginning of February. Please ask your child if they received a letter from the office. If you do not want your child to receive the vaccinations, please contact the nurse's office so a medical or religious waiver can be filled out. Thank you!