

CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2025



DATES TO REMEMBER

October 14 - Early Release 1:10 p.m.

October 24-27 - Fall Break

October 30 - Halloween Dance

October 30 - Picture Retakes



SAFETY FIRST

When picking up your child early from school, they must 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.

LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found is packed with a variety of things. Several lunch bags, many articles of clothing, eyeglasses, books, numerous water bottles, etc. Please have your child check it out if they are missing items. Students should ask the secretaries to see any lost jewelry as more valuable items are kept in the office.

TUTORING

Tutoring is available to all students on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school at 8 a.m. Students can go to any class.



FROM THE DESK OF MR. GRABER....



Happy October. Wow! The school year is flying by. I cannot believe that it is October already but I must admit, I do like the cooler temperatures. As we enter the month of October, THANKS again for your support.

Over the past few months, I have been able to meet with several parents, etc. regarding concerns with their child(ren) at school. Thank you for taking the time to come in and meet with the staff and administration. As a reminder, the first line of communication should be with the teacher unless there are issues that you feel need to be discussed with administration—we are always here to listen and assist as needed. Communication continues to be the foundation for a great school year—teacher to student to parent to administration. Let's keep the lines open this year.

As cooler weather is just around the corner, please make plans for your child in regard to possible E-learning days, inclement weather, or any other aspect that would close school. Having a plan in place always helps us out at school. In addition, please update your skyward account to reflect those individuals that are allowed to pick up your child in case of illness or any other situation. If your child needs a jacket or gloves for winter, please send me an email with size, etc. and we can accommodate that request. Thanks to Tri Kappa Sorority as they provide me with funds to support student(s) that have a need.

Throughout the year, many different clubs and groups have fundraisers to assist with helping the community or items needed for the classroom. I appreciate everyone who has been able to support CMS. Please understand that I do not expect you to participate in every fundraiser—only those that you choose and your support is greatly appreciated.

It has been a great fall so far with our athletic teams; cross-country, volleyball and football. Personally, I enjoy seeing the students participate in extra-curricular activities. It is such a great way for the students to utilize their talents and abilities. As a parent, thank you for being the daily athletic bus. Without your help, our programs would not be successful.

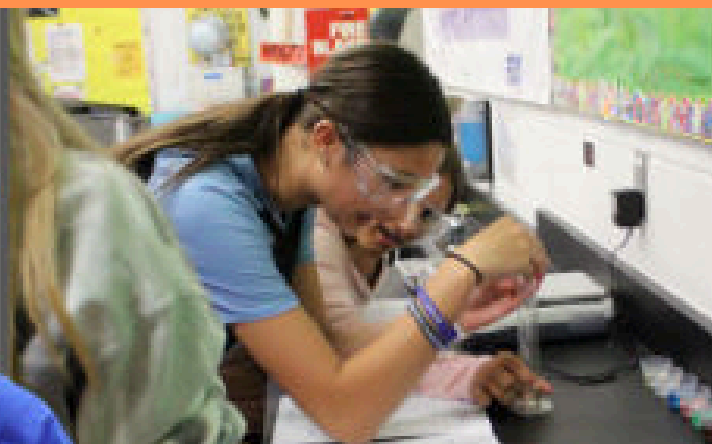
The students and staff have been doing an incredible job this year with two new adoptions in English/Language Arts. Yes, they are different from the past but I believe that we are on the road forward. With each adoption, there are always growing pains but I appreciate the staff and the students for working together in this process. It takes everyone to make sure that our focus is on Student Learning and not just busy work.

With everything going on each day at CMS, please make it a habit to check the school website under daily announcements to know what is happening. Until next month, stay safe.

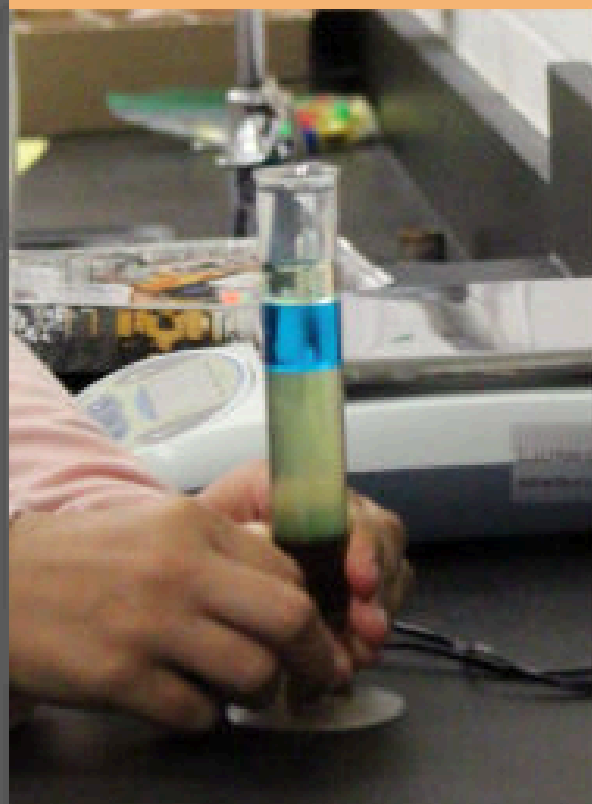
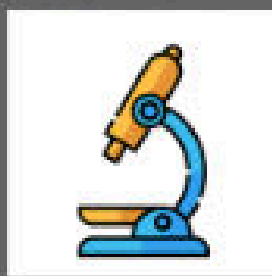
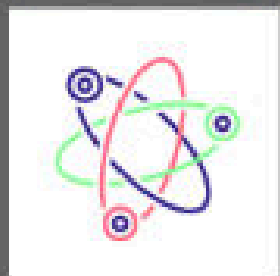


Mr. Graber

Mad Scientists



Mrs. Guzman's 8th grade science classes were putting theories to the test! Density was the focus of this experiment which involved calculating the density of seven different liquids to see which would come out on top. Here's a hint...it was NOT corn syrup!



CHECKING IN WITH MR. STABLEIN



Hello CMS families,

Hard to believe it is already October!

I wanted to take some time now that school is in full-swing and remind everyone that if there are any academic concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. All of our teachers are willing to help and can answer specific questions about what is going on in the classroom. The same can be said for any behavior concerns that might be happening. We would rather be proactive than wait until later in the year.

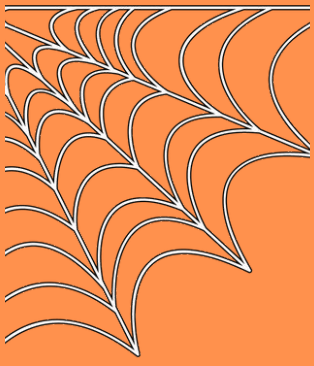
I also want to remind everyone that Skyward is the best place to check for current grades. Canvas is a great resource to see what is happening daily in the classroom.

We are also implementing a change to our RTI program, which helps students with reading. We are no longer doing virtual meetings. Instead, we will be sending updated progress reports home so parents can see how their student is progressing.

Please let me know if you have any questions! Again, it has been a great start to the school year!

Mr. Stablein
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College Go Week!

College Go Week was a success! Students in all grade levels participated in different activities in their Monday and Thursday advisory classes, the week of September 22nd. Activities included taking a career interest survey, learning about apprenticeship programs, researching information about careers and looking up information on a college of choice and creating a college pennant. In conjunction with Lake Central's homecoming/spirit week, students dressed up to a different theme each day that week.

5th grade Bullying Presentation

October 2nd and 3rd, the counselors gave a bullying presentation to all 5th grade students. The students came down to the LGI where the counselors walked the students through things like understanding the difference between being mean, rude or bullying behaviors. Also discussed were topics such as being a bystander or an upstander, and how to help yourself in that type of situation. The students offered great feedback and participated well.

6th/7th/8th grade Bullying Information

Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 were given information about bullying through one of their advisory lessons during the first week of October. It was great for students to review the concepts of bullying behaviors and how they can help stop those actions from happening.

Body Safety Presentations

The annual Body Safety presentations were again given by a representative from the social service agency, Dunebrook. 5th grade had their presentation on October 15th, and the 6th grade students had their presentation on October 16th. All students learned valuable lessons & information related to keeping themselves and others safe.

Red Ribbon Week

Activities for Red Ribbon Week will take place the week of October 27th. There will be pre-set activities in Thursday's advisory classes. In addition, students will be encouraged to participate each day in a dress up day-having a different theme daily. The advisory class, for each grade level, with the highest percentage of total participation will earn a prize.



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Understanding Absences

Exempt vs. Excused vs. Unexcused

State of Indiana Attendance Expectation: **94% (10 or fewer days missed per year)**

Exempt	Excused	Unexcused
<p>Pre-Arranged Exempt Absences per Indiana Code:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page for General Assembly • Election Day Worker • Court Witness • IN National Guard Active Duty • Civil Air Patrol • Educationally related non-classroom activity as defined in IC 20-33-2-17.5 • Exhibiting/participating in state fair 	<p>An excused absence occurs when a parent or guardian chooses to keep their student home in the student's best interest.</p> <p>Acceptable reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illness (parent verified) • Verified medical visit (note must be returned within 1 week or absence will be unexcused) • School sends the student home sick • Professional appointments (medical, dental, legal) • Death in the family • Religious holiday • Military connected families' absences related to deployment <p>A parent/guardian must notify the school <u>on the day of the absence.</u></p>	<p>Students should have ZERO unexcused absences</p> <p>An unexcused absence is any absence that is not classified as exempt, excused, or is not verified within 24 hours of an absence (i.e.the school was not notified in time).</p> <p>If a student accumulates 5 unexcused absences within a 9 week grading period, an attendance meeting will be held, as required by law.</p> <p>A student who accumulates 10 or more unexcused absences is considered <u>habitually truant</u> and will be referred to juvenile services in accordance with Indiana Code 20-33-2-25.</p>
<p>A student who misses 10% or more of the school year for any reason (18 days) is considered <u>chronically absent</u> by the state of Indiana. After 18 total absences, all absences beyond that will be marked as unexcused.</p>		



**MISS A DAY,
MISS A LOT.**

Attendance Matters