

Friday, November 7th



Food Drive - Give with Grace Because Clark Cares

Collection dates: November 10 thru November 19

Clark's Help Club, along with the Clark Library, is excited to announce our non-perishable Food Drive called **Give with Grace – Because Clark Cares**. In July of 2024, Lake Central graduate, Grace Bentkowski, was tragically killed by a commuter train. We would like to donate these food items to community food banks in Grace's name. Grace's family continually strives to keep Grace's name alive by helping in the community.

In these uncertain times, many families are struggling to meet their basic nutritional needs and rely on local food banks. Due to the increased need, food banks are having a hard time keeping up with the demand. Clark's giving initiative strives to support families in our community that may need some assistance, especially during this holiday season.

We are requesting that students bring non-perishable food items (canned goods, cereals, rice, noodles, etc) to school during the dates of November 10 through November 19. With the help of Grace's family, these items will be delivered to food banks in our community prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Donations will be collected at Door A and Door J upon students' arrival to school.

This Thanksgiving, **Give with Grace** – and let's show our community that Clark Cares!

WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

7th graders...are you interested in seeing the White House? How about the Capitol Building? Maybe you wanted to check out Arlington and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier or the Pentagon...OR perhaps you want to see where Mr. Gustas saw George Washington propose to Mrs. Washington? Well, the 2026 Washington DC trip is the time to see all of these places. There will be an informational meeting next Monday, November 10th, at 6:00 pm in the LGI for students and parents. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please see Mr. Brandner in Room 802.

PARENT INFORMATION

TUTORING IS BEFORE SCHOOL-- TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, 8:00-8:30 AM.

2025-26 CLARK YEARBOOK SALE

The Clark Middle School Yearbook is on sale! The price is \$30, October 1st through November 15th. To purchase your HISTORIC 2026 Clark Middle School Yearbook please click here:

<https://yearbookordercenter.com/job/12888>



APPLES FOR THE STUDENTS

Educational technology and its funding change daily. To keep up with these changes and their accompanying expenses, our school is participating in our local Strack & Van Til's Apples for the Students Program. The program enables our school to earn computers and Ipads, sporting goods, audio visual equipment, and science supplies, with choices from hundreds of other awards, too! And, they're all free!

To earn these FREE awards, we simply have to collect as many register receipts as possible from September 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. Ask your friends and relatives to shop at Strack & Van Til Food Market and save every receipt. Send the receipts to school with your students as often as possible. The school will count the value of the register tapes collected and redeem them for great educational awards that benefit your child. Thank you in advance for your participation!

CLARK SPIRITWEAR

Clark Spiritwear is on sale YEAR ROUND at <https://1stplace.sale/107077>. You can also access the information through Clark's website The Clark Holiday Sale starts



today! **Save 20% sitewide.** What a perfect holiday gift for kids. Get them things that you didn't get at the back-to-school sale—at 20% off! Baseball caps, hoodies, quarter zips...from the brands your family wants... Under Armor and more. **Shop Now!** **FLASH SALE TODAY AND TOMORROW. Save 40% on baseball caps featuring Clark with code CAPS40!** This is our biggest sale of the year! <https://1stplace.sale/107077>

STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL

Please make sure to send your child in with a note if you need to take them out of school early. Have your child bring the note to the office first thing in the morning, and we will write a pass for them to leave class. Thank you for your continued support!

HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND!