

# CMMS Weekly Newsletter & Announcements

## Week 12: November 9, 2023

In light of the events at CMHS yesterday, our team wanted to take a moment to remind everyone that school safety is a shared responsibility. Threats to school safety are not taken lightly. We all have to commit to keeping our school communities safe. This includes refraining from using words or exhibiting behaviors that cause people to feel unsafe. While we understand that our students are younger, more impressionable and can often make mistakes without understanding the severity of their actions, it's important to note that there are just some things we cannot say or do in public settings or spaces. Please continue to assist us in keeping our schools safe. If you see or hear something that is potentially dangerous, please find a trusted adult to share it with. Building level administration is trained to handle the concerns you bring to us. Posting on social media outlets is not a solution as it creates additional and unnecessary stress and chaos around particular situations that are being investigated.

Threats of school violence and the resulting intense media coverage bring school safety issues to the forefront for all of us. However, children, in particular, may experience anxiety, fear, and a sense of personal risk. Knowing how to talk with your child about school safety issues could be critical in recognizing and preventing acts of violence, and will play an important role in easing fear and anxieties about their personal safety. *Mental Health America* offers the following suggestions:

- **Encourage children to talk about their concerns and to express their feelings.** Some children may be hesitant to initiate such conversation, so you may want to prompt them by asking if they feel safe at school. When talking with younger children, remember to talk on their level. For example, they may not understand the term "violence" but can talk to you about being afraid or a classmate who is mean to them.
- **Talk honestly about your own feelings regarding school violence.** It is important for children to recognize they are not dealing with their fears alone. **Validate the child's feelings.** Do not minimize a child's concerns. Let him/her know that serious school violence is not common, which is why incidents such as Columbine and Conyers, Georgia, attract so much media attention. Stress that schools are safe places. In fact, recent studies have shown that schools are more secure now than ever before.
- **Empower children to take action regarding school safety.** Encourage them to report specific incidents (such as bullying, threats or talk of suicide) and to develop problem solving and conflict resolution skills. Encourage older children to actively participate in student-run anti-violence programs.
- **Discuss the safety procedures that are in place at your child's school.** Explain why visitors sign in at the principal's office or certain doors remain locked during the school day. Help your child understand that such precautions are in place to ensure his or her safety and stress the importance of adhering to school rules and policies.
- **Create safety plans with your child.** Help identify which adults (a friendly secretary, trusted teacher or approachable administrator) your child can talk to if they feel threatened at school. Also ensure that your child knows how to reach you (or another family member or friend) in case of crisis during the school day. Remind your child that they can talk to you anytime they feel threatened.
- **Recognize behavior that may indicate your child is concerned about returning to school.** Younger children may react to school violence by not wanting to attend school or participate in school-based activities. Teens and adolescents may minimize their concerns outwardly, but may become argumentative, withdrawn, or allow their school performance to decline.
- **Keep the dialogue going and make school safety a common topic in family discussions rather than just a response to an immediate crisis.** Open dialogue will encourage children to share their concerns.
- **Seek help when necessary.** If you are worried about a child's reaction or have ongoing concerns about his/her behavior or emotions, contact a mental health professional at school or at your community mental health center. Your local Mental Health Association or the National Mental Health Association's Information Center can direct you to resources in your community.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us in keeping our students and school communities safe.

*CMMS Administration, Faculty & Staff*

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Just a few more days left in Trimester I!

The last day of the term is on Wednesday, November 15th. This is an 11:30 Dismissal Day for students and a Records Day for staff.

Trimester 2 begins on Thursday, November 16th. Student schedules generally remain the same with the exception of one of their special classes. Students are scheduled to switch classes among one of the following subjects: *ART, MUSIC, COMMUNICATION ARTS, DESIGN TECH or CONNECTIONS.*

Students should check on Student Access to confirm what they are taking for Trimester 2.



— Honor All Who Served —  
**VETERANS DAY**

Crete-Monee Middle School  
will be closed on  
Friday, November 10, 2023 in  
observance of Veterans Day.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who supported our **Scholastic Book Fair** this week!  
**Our BOOK FAIR continues ONLINE until NOVEMBER 16th!!** [CMMS BOOK FAIR WEBSITE](#)

## JOIN US for our FALL STUDENT PRODUCTION!



Drama Club  
Presents:

# Apostrophe's

Tuesday, Nov. 14  
Thursday, Nov. 16  
3 pm & 6 pm

\$2 - Adults  
\$1- Students

Come and join us as we present to you the comedy *Apostrophe's*. Where people of all ages argue and fight on the presence of *Apostrophe's*.

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Our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are just around the corner

Please review this information & look for emails from your child's teachers early next week!



Your child's Trimester I report card will be available for pick-up on Monday, 11/20.

Report cards will be posted electronically on Tuesday, 11/21.

During conferences, teachers will be able to go over individual students' grades, NWEA/MAP data and discuss your child's goal setting and academic progress so far this year.

Please make sure you check your email for a detailed NWEA/MAP report that Advisors have sent you.

Reach out to your child's teachers if you have any questions! Thank you for partnering with us to make this school year a positive one!

**Congratulations on our newly elected 2023/24 NJHS Officers (from left to right): Co-presidents Alexis Farquhar and Samone Douyon; Secretary Katelyn Cuaresma; Treasurer Shanelle Dilworth, and Historian Aniyah Jenkins.**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

## CMMS PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 2023

**Monday, November 20, 2023**  
**ONSITE/IN PERSON ONLY** Conferences  
during the following times:

10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Enter through Door 1. Pick up your child's report card and meet face to face with teachers and staff. Conferences are limited to 10 minutes each and take place on a first come, first served basis.

**Tuesday, November 21, 2023**  
**VIRTUAL ONLY** 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL conferences will take place through Google Meets. Teachers will email invitations for 15 minute online appointments. LIMITED SPOTS! Sign up will take place on a first come, first served basis.



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### 2023-2024 Student Council Officers

Anastasia Perozzi - President  
Alyssa Perozzi - Vice President  
Mya Lobough - Secretary  
Aaliyah Lewis - Communication Liaison

To be an officer, students must have been on Student Council the previous year.

Watch your grade level classroom and listen to announcements for our upcoming initiatives and opportunities

Email [coxscm201u.org](mailto:coxscm201u.org) if you are interested in joining our team!



## CRETE - MONEE WARRIORS



### Girls Volleyball Tryouts

This message is for all 6th, 7th, 8th grade girls interested in trying out for volleyball. Tryouts will begin on Monday, November 27.

You must have a current sports physical on file, and you must turn in a completed athletic grade check sheet in order to be eligible to try out, both of these are due by Friday November 17.

If you have any questions please see Dean Holzer, Ms. Shreffler, or Ms. Anderson.



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This week we announced the following:

- **ATHLETICS:**
  - Girls Volleyball Tryouts are coming soon!
  - [Sports Physical](#) on file by the deadlines listed on our [2023-2024 CMMS Athletic Information Flyer](#).
- **CLUBS & ACTIVITIES:**
  - Check Google Classrooms for information regarding sign ups for Session 2 of Art Club & Design Club
  - Student Council:
    - The Student Council is happy to be partnering with Monee Township for a Fall Food Drive! Last year, we were able to help Monee Township was able to provide 84 families in need with food and other necessities for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays! Please bring non-perishable food items to your advisory November 6–12. The advisory that brings in the most items will receive a donut for breakfast!
- Announcements: [CMMS Electronic Announcement Board](#)

## 7th Graders are invited on a Grade Level Field Trip to **SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS** on April 12, 2024.



Please read through the Trip Info! ■ **7th Grade Springfield Digital Letter**  
**ALL** registrations are online! Link to the [World Strides website](#)! Use the Tour Web Code: **TAA6RZW** and register no later than **November 27, 2023**

- This trip is for CMMS 7th graders only.
- Staff will be chaperoning.
- A registration Fee of \$49.00 is required to secure a place on the tour.

If you have any questions please reach out to our Trip Leader, Ms. Mayster [maysterv@cm201u.org](mailto:maysterv@cm201u.org).

Mark your Calendars!!

- **Wednesday, November 15th: END OF TRIMESTER I & Records Day**
  - **Early Release Day for Students** 11:30 a.m. Dismissal for Students
- **Monday, November 20th & Tuesday, November 21st**
  - *No School for Students!! Parent Teacher Conferences*
- **Wednesday, November 22nd–Friday, November 24th**
  - *NO School for Students, Faculty & Staff! Thanksgiving Break*

Interested in the National Junior Honor Society?



### You must:

- ★ be in 7th or 8th grade in the 2023/2024 school year
- ★ maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher
- ★ have **no demerit points** on record with AP office after induction
- ★ submit the [National Junior Honor Society Application](#)
- ★ **complete 10 hours of community service** and log them on the [NJHS Community Service Hours Report](#)

\*\* Application and Service Hours Report are due November 1! \*\*

Ask your advisor or contact Ms. Petro at [petron@cm201u.org](mailto:petron@cm201u.org) or Ms. Urbanczyk at [urbanczykh@cm201u.org](mailto:urbanczykh@cm201u.org) for more details!



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Monday, 11/13	Tuesday, 11/14	Wednesday, 11/15	Thursday, 11/16	Friday, 11/17
<i>Day 4-Yellow</i>	<i>Day 5-Orange</i>	<i>Day 1-Red</i>	<i>Day 2-Blue</i>	<i>Day 3-Green</i>
<b>After School</b> Design Club (Rm. 400) E-Journalism (Rm 116) Guitar Club (Rm 100) IMSA 6th Grade (Rm. 410) IMSA 7th Grade (Rm 120) <b>Math Club (Rm. 112)</b> Girls Basketball Practice  Boys Basketball @ Obama (4:15 pm)  <b>CMMS FALL SHOW Parent Preview Performance @ 6-7:15 pm</b>	<b>After School</b> <b>Art Club Session 2 (Rm 404)</b> Book Club (Rm 304) Gloria J Taylor (Rm 99) Boys Basketball Practice Cheerleading Practice Choir Rehearsal ESports (Rm 400) <b>Gaming/D&amp;D (Rm 111)</b> Girls Basketball Practice IMSA 8th Grade (Rm 120) Spanish Club (Rm 200) Yoga (Rm 402) Winter Athletics Picture Day  <b>CMMS FALL SHOW Performance @ 2:45-4:15 pm</b> <b>Performance @ 6-7:15 pm</b>	<b>After School</b>  <b>11:30 AM Dismissal Day for Students</b>  <b>End of Trimester I</b>  <b>Staff Records Day</b>  NJHS Workshop 3:30-5 pm @ Brookwood  Drama Club VIRTUAL Show Run Through  <b>NO OTHER AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>After School</b> <b>HIGH IMPACT TUTORING</b> <b>Battle of the Books</b> Book Club (Rm 304) Choir Rehearsal <b>Girls Basketball Practice</b> Gaming/D&D (Rm 111) <b>ESports (Rm 400)</b> Yoga (Rm 402) Guitar Club (Rm 100) Garden Club (Rm 113) Guitar Club (Rm 100) Boys Basketball @ Huth (4:15 pm)  <b>CMMS FALL SHOW Performance @ 2:45-4:15 pm</b> <b>Performance @ 6-7:15 pm</b>	Girls Volleyball Physicals & Grade Sheets DUE!  <b><u>NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES</u></b>

**Community Resources!**  
 Please check the following links for community resources or events that may be of interest to your family:

[Amazon Turkey Dinner Giveaway Nov 11th](#)  
[Turkey Giveaway November 18th](#)  
[11/18 Thanksgiving Giveaway](#)

Community Closet [Richton Park](#)

[Illinois Welcome Flier English & Spanish](#)

[Food Pantry List \(Spanish\)](#)

[Schoolhouse Counseling \(Spanish\)](#)

[Catholic Charities Rent & Mortgage Assistance](#)

[Will County Center for Community Concerns](#)

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## KEY REMINDERS:

- **ID's:** All students received a color coded ID and lanyard. It is the student's responsibility to wear both around their neck at all times during the school day and on our buses. Your account will automatically be charged \$5 every time a replacement ID/lanyard needs to be issued.
- **Clear Backpacks:** ALL students have received their school issued CLEAR Backpacks. [CMMS Backpack Expectations](#) were reviewed and all students received a physical copy as well. Every student has the same backpack, so to help with any confusion, we welcome your child individualizing their bag by adding a distinctive sticker or name tag to their backpack.
- **Cell Phones:** All cell phones and non-school issued electronic devices need to be turned off and put away during the school day. Students who fail to adhere to this expectation will be subject to Board sanctioned consequences. .  
📎 [cm201u-cell-policy-flyer.pdf](#)
- **Chromebooks:** Students are expected to bring their charged chromebook daily. If your child has LOST their charger, please purchase a replacement on Amazon. Click on the appropriate grade level to go straight to the website.
  - [6th Grade Charger](#)
  - [7th & 8th Grade Charger](#)
- **Water Bottles:** We have bottle fillers located throughout the building. It is up to your child to bring in a filled OR refillable water bottle from home, particularly on hot days. Please make sure your child's name is clearly written on their bottle.

**CMMS Contact List:** Please take a moment to save this list for any future needs that you may have. This is contact information for our Administrative Team, Secretarial Staff, Grade Level Counselors, Pupil Personnel Services Staff and Instructional Facilitators. [CMMS Office Staff Directory & Contact Information](#)

## Parental Involvement Information:

- REVIEW and SIGN OFF on the [Parent, Student & Staff Compact Form](#)
- REVIEW our [Student & Family Handbook](#) with your child
- CHECK Family Access WEEKLY! Grades are updated every week!
- In an effort to keep our lines of communication clear we will heavily utilize email and phone contact throughout the school year. If your contact information changes at any time, please let us know by reaching out to our office at 708-367-2400.
- Join the PTO: [📄 CMMS PTO Membership Form 8.2023.docx](#)



## Your Child Deserves An Educational Edge

You and your student are being invited to participate in a nation-wide college preparatory Program. When it comes to encouraging the nation's eligible students to complete high school and attend a 4-year university/college, there

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Grades 6-12

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Rich Township 227 Crete Monee 201U

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College Preparation

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Gloria J. Taylor Foundation meetings are held at CMMS Room 99 on Tuesdays from 2:45-4:10 p.m.