

CMMS Weekly Newsletter & Announcements

Week 13: November 17, 2023

We can't believe Thanksgiving Break has arrived!! Students successfully started Trimester II yesterday, and our staff is eager to meet with families during next week's Parent Teacher Conferences. See page two for Parent Teacher Conference times and details. In other great news: **CMMS LADY WARRIORS are 2023 Regional Champions**



Front Row, L to R: Jasmine Franklin, Kamiyah Reed, Jada Franklin, Jozarra Lewis, Valentina, Martinez, Elliana Sadiku, Taniya Brown

Middle Row: Micai Dixon

Back Row L to R: Asst. Coach Arriyonn Phillips, Scarlett Terrazes, Asst. Coach Jose Villegas, N'dia Oliver, Erielle Frazier, Bella Fernandez, Madison Myers, London Dillon, Head Coach Candice Irons

Congratulations to our 7th grade girls' basketball regional champions! The team fought hard against Kankakee Jr High to win regionals with a final score of 31-26. Jada Franklin also took home honors of the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations. This is the first time we have won a REGIONAL 7th grade basketball championship since 2006! **BEST OF LUCK** to our LADY WARRIORS as they continue onto Sectionals! Our Sectional Game will be played at Kankakee Junior High School 2250 E Crestwood St, Kankakee IL on November 29th at 6:30pm. The Warriors will play Mahomet-Seymour.

Crete-Monee Middle School
will be closed for
Thanksgiving Break

November 22nd-24th

Classes Resume on Monday, November 27th

**Wishing all of our CMMS students,
families, faculty & staff a safe,
healthy and happy holiday.**

We are so thankful for all of you!

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As we head into what can be a hectic time of the year, it's a good time to practice mindfulness!

What is mindfulness? Mindfulness means living in the present moment. It means to be more aware of each moment and being engaged in what is happening right now.

What are the benefits of being mindful? Some people report improvements in mood and focus. There can also be a decrease in anxious thoughts and stress!

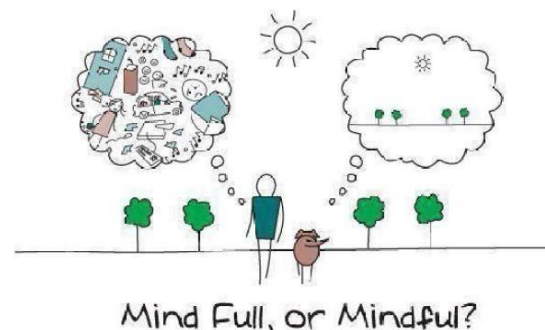
What are some examples of mindful activities? Yoga, walking, journaling, gardening, coloring, and deep breathing.

How often should I try mindfulness? Everyday! Even if it is 10-20 minutes you will likely feel a calming effect.

We challenge you to try 15 minutes of mindful activities every Monday!! It's a great way to positively start your week!!

Mark your Calendars!!

- **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*
- **Friday, December 8th** *11:30 Dismissal Day for Students, School Improvement Day for Staff*
- **Thursday, December 21st** *11:30 Dismissal Day for Students, School Improvement Day for Staff*
- **Friday, December 22nd–Friday, January 5th** *NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK*
- **Monday, January 8th** *SCHOOL RESUMES! Regular school day! Day 3, Green*



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 conferenes 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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There will be NO NEWSLETTER until after Thanksgiving Break! Expect our next newsletter on December 1st!



Our newly elected NJHS officers recently attended the SSJHSA National Junior Honor Society Conference at Huth Middle School this past Wednesday, November 15. NJHS officers from surrounding middle schools gathered together to network and share ideas. Our students participated in a marshmallow and toothpick tower competition in which they took first place. These leaders did a great job in representing our school! Thank you to our NJHS Group leaders, Mrs. Petro & Mrs. Urbanczyk for supporting their work!



*Left to right: Aniyah Jenkins, Historian
Alexis Farquhar, Co-President
Samone Douyon, Co-President
Shanelle Dilworth, Treasurer
Katelyn Cuaresma, Secretary*



This week we announced the following:

- **ATHLETICS:**
 - Girls Volleyball Tryouts will start on Monday, November 27th!
- **Announcements:** [CMMS Electronic Announcement Board](#)

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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.



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.

**OUR GYM IS
UNDERGOING A
MAKEOVER!!
NEW BLEACHERS
ARE COMING
SOON!!!**



REMINDER

NOVEMBER

29 CMMS PTO MEETING

Join us for this month's PTO Meeting
Wednesday, 11/29 @ 6:00 p.m.
in the CMMS LIBRARY (LRC)
ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!

Can't make it? A virtual link will be shared
via email by 11/29.

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| Monday, 11/127 | Tuesday, 11/28 | Wednesday, 11/29 | Thursday, 11/30 | Friday, 12/1 |
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| <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> |
| After School Design Club (Rm. 400) E-Journalism (Rm 116) Guitar Club (Rm 100) IMSA 6th Grade (Rm. 410) IMSA 7th Grade (Rm 120) Math Club (Rm. 112) Girls Basketball Practice GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS Boys Basketball @ Columbia (4:15 pm) | After School Art Club Session 2 (Rm 404) Book Club (Rm 304) Gloria J Taylor (Rm 99) Boys Basketball Practice Choir Rehearsal ESports (Rm 400) Gaming/D&D (Rm 111) IMSA 8th Grade (Rm 120) Spanish Club (Rm 200) Yoga (Rm 402) GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS | After School HIGH IMPACT TUTORING Design Club (Rm. 400) Guitar Club (Rm 100) Chess Club (Rm 120) NJHS Meeting (rm 119) Student Council Meeting (Rm 118) GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS Boys Basketball @ Brookwood(4:15 pm) Girls Basketball Sectional Game @ Kankakee Junior High 6:30 pm CMMS PTO MTG @ 6pm (LRC) | After School HIGH IMPACT TUTORING Battle of the Books Book Club (Rm 304) Choir Rehearsal ESports (Rm 400) Gaming/D&D (Rm 111) Garden Club (Rm 113) Yoga (Rm 402) GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS Boys Basketball Practice Girls Basketball Practice | After School <u>NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES</u> |



Day of the Dead 2023 altar was created by Spanish club and Spanish Teachers



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

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| <u>Turkey Giveaway November 18th</u> | <u>11/18 Thanksgiving Giveaway</u> |
| Community Closet <u>Richton Park</u> | <u>Illinois Welcome Flier English & Spanish</u> |
| <u>Food Pantry List (Spanish)</u> | <u>Schoolhouse Counseling (Spanish)</u> |
| <u>Catholic Charities Rent & Mortgage Assistance</u> | |
| <u>Will County Center for Community Concerns</u> | |

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: [W CMMS PTO Membership Form 8.2023.docx](#)

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Click here to access our [Application Packet](#)

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