

## CMMS Weekly Newsletter & Announcements

### Week 14: December 8, 2023

**CMMS LADY WARRIORS are 2023 Sectional Champions!!!** Congratulations to our 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Sectional Champions! Our Lady Warriors faced off against a tough Mahomet Seymour team last night in the Sectional Championship and came out victorious with a final score of 46-31. Jada Franklin also took home honors of outstanding sportsmanship award. Our team is heading to Morton Jr High and the state tournament this Saturday **for the first time in school history**. They will face Normal Kinglsey at 11:30 am on Saturday. If they win, they will advance to a semifinal game at 5:00 pm. Best of luck to our Lady Warriors!! #elite8

**NEW!!! LIVE STREAM:** Great News!! Our 7th grade Lady Warriors state basketball games will be streamed!!! The IESA is excited to announce that Central Illinois Sports has the exclusive rights to live-stream each game at all of the 4 IESA Girls State Basketball State Tournaments. Live streaming from spectators is strictly prohibited. Please visit ([centralillinoisports.com](http://centralillinoisports.com)) to learn how to access the Live Broadcast and On Demand Replay. [CLICK HERE](#) for a short tutorial on how to subscribe



7th grade roster

Top (L) Madison Myers, Scarlett Terrazes, Erielle Frazier, Taniya Brown, N'Dia Oliver, Jozarra Lewis, Bella Fernandez

Bottom (L) Ellianna Sadiku, Ka'Miyah Reed, Jada Franklin, Jasmine Franklin

Not pictured A'Meria Cole, Micai Dixon, Valentina Martinez, London Dillon

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This month's IB Learner Profile Trait is **COMMUNICATORS**. As Communicators we express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.



**PARENTS:** We need your help! This year, our school is working on a Self-Study as part of our International Baccalaureate, IB, reauthorization process. As we continue to grow in the Middle Years Programme, we are collecting feedback from all of our stakeholders including our students and parents. Please take a few minutes to complete the feedback form linked below & you will be entered to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card. Completed forms are due by December 15th and we will randomly select our winner before we pause for the holidays. IB Self-Study: [PARENT FEEDBACK FORM LINK](#)

**STUDENTS:** Want to help your school and be entered to win a \$25 Amazon gift card? Please complete the student self-study feedback form by Friday, December 15 and you will be entered to win one of three \$25 Amazon gift cards. Gift cards will be distributed before winter break. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Shreffler in the library. [STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM LINK](#)



## Spanish Club Raffle

Please support the Spanish Club by purchasing a raffle ticket from your advisory teacher. The cost is only \$1. Last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday (Dec 20th)

You can be the lucky winner of the Piñata filled with candy.

The winner will be announced on Thursday (Dec 21st) before Christmas Break



## Spanish Club Raffle

Do you know anything about piñatas? If you think that these are colorful, swinging figures hanging at birthday parties, you are only partially right.

In Mexico and in Mexican American communities, piñatas are essential to celebrating Christmas.

The shape of the traditional piñata is significant. It's basically a seven-point star, and each pointed cone represents one of the deadly sins. The act of breaking the piñata represents breaking the deadly sins. And the way that a piñata is broken - blindfolded - symbolizes faith. And of course, all the candies and toys that come out once it's broken reflect generosity.





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**THE CMMS NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY WORKED HARD TO MAKE HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS FOR A LOCAL NURSING HOME. STUDENTS WANTED TO HELP SPREAD CHEER TO ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY!**





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## Mark your Calendars!!

- 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*

## This week we announced the following:

- **ATHLETICS:**
  - Girls Volleyball: Students who were selected should receive an email from the coaches by 3 pm today! Thank you to everyone who came out for tryouts!!
- **Announcements:** [CMMS Electronic Announcement Board](#)
  - **FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICE!!** If you started school AFTER September 15th, and have not completed your medical requirements (per the State of IL) Your physical and vaccination paperwork need to be handed in to the health office by 1/8/24. Please make sure you take care of this so that you don't miss ANY school!

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

Monday, 12/4	Tuesday, 12/5	Wednesday, 12/6	Thursday, 12/7	Friday, 12/8
<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 Girls Volleyball Practice Boys Basketball @ Colin Powell (4:15 pm)	<b>After School</b> <b>Art Club Session 2 (Rm 404)</b> Book Club (Rm 304) Gloria J Taylor (Rm 99) Boys Basketball Practice Choir Rehearsal <b>ESports (Rm 400)</b> Gaming/D&D (Rm 111) IMSA 8th Grade (Rm 120) Spanish Club (Rm 200) Yoga (Rm 402) Girls Basketball Practice Girls Volleyball Practice	<b>After School</b> <b>HIGH IMPACT TUTORING</b> <b>Design Club (Rm. 400)</b> Guitar Club (Rm 100) <b>Chess Club (Rm 120)</b> Student Council Meeting (Rm 118) <b>Girls Volleyball Practice</b> Boys Basketball @ Memorial (4:15 pm) <b>8th Grade Girls Basketball Sectional Game @ 6:30 pm</b>	<b>After School</b> <b>HIGH IMPACT TUTORING</b> Battle of the Books Book Club (Rm 304) Choir Rehearsal <b>ESports (Rm 400)</b> Gaming/D&D (Rm 111) Garden Club (Rm 113) Yoga (Rm 402) Scholastic Bowl Practice Boys Basketball Practice <b>Girls Basketball Practice</b> <b>Girls Volleyball Practice</b>	<b>After School</b> <b>11:30 a.m. Dismissal for Students</b> <b>School Improvement Day Activities for Staff</b> <b><u>NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES</u></b>



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## Tips for Reducing Holiday Stress

The holidays are here again! While this can be a great time to enjoy family and friends, it can also be stressful. Here are some tips on decreasing stress so you can increase fun.

1

Make lists of activities you want to do and events you want to attend and prioritize them.



2

Decide what you DON'T want to do and cross those things off the list.

3

Let things be IMPERFECT. Sometimes the messy can be the most fun.



4

Accept help if/when you need it.



5

Give help when/where you can.

6

Keep up your (and your kids') regular routines for eating, sleeping, etc.



7

Make time for yourself! And do something you enjoy.







# Save THE Date

CMMS PTO

Family Holiday Event


December 15th

CMMS CAFETERIA @ 6 PM

LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS FROM OUR PTO SOON



# CMMS December To Remember 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Winter Break is right around the corner! Join us in making the holidays brighter by "dressing" for December!</b></p>					<p>1 Holiday Kick Off Wear Red &amp; Green!</p>	
	<p>4 Sock Hop Wear some fun holiday socks!</p>	<p>5 Let it Snow Wear White!</p>	<p>6 Mad for Plaid Wear your favorite Holiday Plaid!</p>	<p>7 Candy Cane Lane Wear Red &amp; White!</p>	<p>8 It's a Party! Wear your best Holiday Glam!</p>	
	<p>11 Wear BLUE for Hanukkah!</p>	<p>12 Grinch Day Wear Green or Dress like the Ginch!</p>	<p>13 Tree Topper Day Wear Santa Hats, Reindeer Antlers, etc.</p>	<p>14 Wear your UGLY or FESTIVE Holiday Sweater!</p>	<p>15 Jingle Bell Rock Wear Jingle Bells!</p>	
	<p>18 Merry &amp; Bright Wear something that lights up or sparkles!</p>	<p>19 Baby It's Cold Outside Wear a winter hat, scarf or earmuffs!</p>	<p>20 Wear Red, Black &amp; Green in Celebration of Kwanzaa</p>	<p>21 Wear your favorite Holiday Shirt!</p>	<p><b>HAPPY HOLIDAYS</b></p>	
						



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

<a href="#"><u>Home Weatherization ENG</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Home Weatherization SP</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>GSU Legal Clinic</u></a>
Community Closet <a href="#"><u>Richton Park</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Illinois Welcome Flier English &amp; Spanish</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Food Pantry List (Spanish)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Schoolhouse Counseling (Spanish)</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Catholic Charities Rent &amp; Mortgage Assistance</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Will County Center for Community Concerns</u></a>	

## 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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### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Grades 6-12

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Rich Township 227 **Crete Monee 201U**

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