

# CMMS Weekly Newsletter & Announcements

**Week 23: February 16, 2024**

[CMMS Electronic Announcement Board](#)

Congratulations to all of the students who made it to our building Spelling Bee this year! We are excited to send Shane Goldstein to the Will County Spelling Bee in March. Our alternate is Harley-Earl McAlister. Both students are pictured below! Special thanks to Mrs. Powell for organizing the bee and Ms. Woods for assisting.

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| Callon, JaSole     | Harnisch, Joy          |
| Climons, Jadell    | McAlister, Harley-Earl |
| Conner, Haylie     | McDaniel, E'mari       |
| Diouf, Assane      | Milton Judea           |
| Ekasa, Oghenemarho | Pruitt, Dailyn         |
| Fernandez, Bella   | Shockwave, Achilles    |
| Goldstein, Shane   | Stone, Chase           |



## **NWEA/MAP Celebration!**

**Nachos on Us!!! Today, we celebrated 406 students who either made their projected growth OR met/exceeded their grade level norms in both reading and math on our Winter NWEA/MAP tests! We are SO proud of them! In advisory today, students looked at their Winter Progress Reports & set new goals for our Spring testing window in May. Check out some of the photos from our [Nacho Average Celebration!!](#)**



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**National Junior Honor Society members traveled to Feed My Starving Children in Aurora this month. While there, students hand-packed, sealed, and boxed up bags of rice and other nutritionally-balanced ingredients to ship to hungry children around the world. Our organization packed 95 boxes, which contained 20,520 meals – enough food to feed 56 kids a daily meal for a year! The boxes that CMMS packaged are headed to Reach Now International in Ukraine. Thank you to all of our parents who donated their time to help chaperone. [Link to photos from our day!](#)**

This week, Ms. Tedeschi and The Book Warriors wrapped up their 8-week session by watching the movie based off of the book they read. The Book Warriors read *The Hunger Games* which is an exciting story about a dystopian society where children between the ages of 12 and 18 are selected to compete in a death match against other children. After weeks of reading and talking about the novel and other short stories with similar themes, the students celebrated by having a movie watching party of *The Hunger Games*!



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Crete-Monee Middle School  
will be closed on

Monday, February 19, 2024

In observance of

## PRESIDENTS' DAY

Thank you to all of the parents who have already completed our IL 5 Essentials Parent Survey! **This week's T-Shirt Winners are Dylan Godlewski & Austry Watkins:** Please complete the survey & enter to WIN!

### ENTER TODAY!!



CMMS PARENTS & GUARDIANS  
TAKE THE ILLINOIS 5ESSENTIALS SURVEY  
TODAY & BE ENTERED TO WIN WEEKLY  
PRIZES OR ONE OF OUR GRAND PRIZES !!



### Weekly Raffle

TURN IN YOUR SURVEY CONFIRMATION TO MS. CHRISOS BY THE DATES LISTED BELOW AND YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN ONE OF OUR EXCLUSIVE WARRIORS T-SHIRTS! ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF SHIRTS WILL BE AWARDED! WEEKLY DEADLINES:

- FEBRUARY 1
- FEBRUARY 8
- FEBRUARY 15
- FEBRUARY 22
- FEBRUARY 29
- MARCH 7
- MARCH 14
- MARCH 21



### Grand Prize Raffle

ALL COMPLETED SURVEY ENTRIES WILL BE ENTERED INTO OUR GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE! YOUR FAMILY COULD WIN:

- OLIVE GARDEN DINNER ON US
- EMAGINE THEATER GIFT CARD
- URBAN AIR GIFT CARD
- AMAZON GIFT CARD

Do you have more than one student in our building?  
Complete the survey for each of your students for more opportunities to win!



C r e t e - M o n e e M i d d l e S c h o o l P r e s e n t s :

# **BLACK**

# **HISTORY MONTH**

# **ARTS CONTEST**

## **2024 THEME: AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE ARTS**

Students will submit an original art piece, poem OR musical performance [dance, song, or instrumental] inspired by someone on our list of African Americans and the Arts. One (1) winner from each category will be selected. The prize is \$50 per winner.

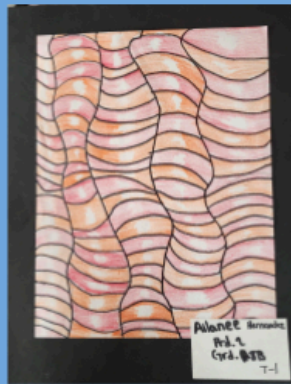
**ENTRY DEADLINE:**  
**Wednesday,**  
**February**  
**28TH**

Additional details have been posted in our grade level Google Classrooms.

Questions? Email Dr. Brookins  
[brookinss@cm201u.org](mailto:brookinss@cm201u.org)

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**CMMS ART  
SHOWCASE  
at the EDGE!  
6th, 7th and  
8th grade ART  
will be on  
display!**



**Celebrate our 9th YEAR!  
“CMMS ARTWORK  
will be on display  
for the month of  
February!”**

**at the Edge Coffee House  
1366 Main St., Crete**

Thank you for your support!  
~Mrs. Johnson  
CMMS Art Instructor



Hope  
to see  
you  
soon.  
Thank  
you!



## **CMMS Arts Presents: Bringing everyone together through the ARTS! CMMS Fine Arts Festival!**

We are thrilled to announce the showcase of the Fine Arts at CMMS! This festival brings together the unique talents of the Art, Jazz Band, Choir, Communication Arts/Drama and Orchestra. Bringing together these talented artists, creative minds, and innovative concepts to create a truly unique and inspiring showcase will be an amazing night to remember!

**THURSDAY, February 22nd, 2024 6-8 PM**

**ENTER DOOR #1**



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### **IMPORTANT! 8th Grade Information**

**8th Grade OPEN HOUSE is on 2/21! [OPEN HOUSE FLYER](#)**

- **IMPORTANT: 8th Grade parents, please plan on attending this event with your 8th grader. High School Counselors will be explaining the scheduling process for this year.**

**8th Grade Information—ALL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES—PLEASE READ**

- [CMMS 8th Grade Information\\_2024\\_English .docx.pdf](#)
- [CMMS 8th Grade Information\\_2024\\_Spanish.docx.pdf](#)

### **Mark your Calendars!**

- Monday, February 19, 2024 **NO SCHOOL** in Observance of Presidents' Day
- Wednesday, February 21, 2024 **8th Grade OPEN HOUSE @ Crete-Monee High School 6–8 pm**
  - [Open House Flyer 2024.pdf](#)
- Thursday, February 22, 2024 **CMMS FINE ARTS FESTIVAL @ 6 pm**
- Wednesday, February 28, 2024 **PTO Meeting @ 6pm**
- Friday, March 1, 2024 **11:30 am Dismissal for Students/ Staff Records Day & END OF TRIMESTER 2**
- Monday, March 4, 2024 **NO SCHOOL** in Observance of Casimir Pulaski Day
- Wednesday, March 6, 2024 **8th Grade CAP/GOWN Picture Day**
- Thursday, March 7, 2024 **7th Grade Sneaker Ball**
- Tuesday, March 12, 2024 **CMMS Spring Production (Parent/Family Preview) @ 6 pm**
- Wednesday, March 13th & Thursday, March 14th
  - **CMMS Spring Production Show Times: 3 pm & 6 pm**
- Friday, March 15, 2024 **11:30 am Dismissal for Students/ Staff School Improvement Day**
  - **PTO MARCH MADNESS EVENT—Details coming soon!**
- Thursday, March 21, 2024 **Spring Parent Teacher Conferences 5–8 pm @ CMMS**
- Friday, March 22, 2024 **NO SCHOOL/School Holiday**
- Wednesday, March 27, 2024 **PTO Meeting @ 6pm**
- Friday, March 29, 2024 **NO SCHOOL/Good Friday**
- Monday, April 1st–Friday, April 5th **NO SCHOOL/SPRING BREAK**

**CMMS Students will participate in required State Assessments (IAR & ISA) after spring break.**

**More information will be sent home in advance of that testing window!**

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| Monday, 2/19  | Tuesday, 2/20  | Wednesday, 2/21   | Thursday, 2/22  | Friday, 2/23   |
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| <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br/>in observance<br/>of<br/><b>Presidents'</b><br/>Day</p> | <p><i>Day 2-Blue</i></p>   | <p><i>Day 3-Green</i></p>   | <p><i>Day 4-Yellow</i></p>  | <p><i>Day 5-Orange</i></p>   |
|   | <p><u>After School</u><br/>Book Club (Rm 304)<br/>IMSA 8th Grade<br/><b>Gloria J. Taylor (Rm 99)</b><br/><b>Drama Club Rehearsal</b><br/>Spanish Club (Rm 200)<br/>Boys Volleyball @ Hart<br/>(3:30pm)<br/>Girls Volleyball @ Home<br/>vs. Hart (4:15 pm)<br/>Scholastic Bowl @ Home<br/>vs. Hart (4:15 pm.)</p> | <p><u>After School</u><br/><b>HIGH IMPACT TUTORING</b><br/>Student Council Mtg.<br/>(Rm 118)<br/>Design Club (Rm 400)<br/>Boys Volleyball Practice<br/>Girls Volleyball Practice<br/>Chess Conference<br/>Tournament @ Parker<br/>(4:15 pm)</p> <p><b>8th Grade Open House @ Crete-Monee High School 6 pm</b></p> | <p><u>After School</u><br/><b>HIGH IMPACT TUTORING</b><br/>Battle of the Books<br/>Garden Club (Rm 113)<br/><b>Drama Club Rehearsal</b><br/>Boys Volleyball @ Huth<br/>(3:30pm)<br/>Girls Volleyball @ Columbia (3:30 pm)<br/>Scholastic Bowl @ Columbia (3:30 pm.)</p> <p><b>FINE ARTS FESTIVAL @ CMMS 6pm</b></p> | <p><b>Track &amp; Field Grade Sheets &amp; Physicals Due</b></p> <p><b><u>NO After School Activities</u></b></p> |

Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls! Heart & Sole (the middle school version of Girls on the Run) will meet after school twice a week (Mondays & Wednesdays) starting in early March. You will learn important life skills while training to run a 5k. The program is completely free this year. All skill levels welcome, no previous running experience is required. Sign up is located [HERE](#) or paper forms may be picked up in the Main Office. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Scofield or Ms. Bollam.



# *Crete Woman's Club*

SPRING 2024

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** *now available!*

College and Technical/Trade Scholarships  
available to all Students residing in School  
District 201 U.

### *Summer Camp Scholarships*

Music, Sports, Art, Drama and Academic Classes

Available to 3rd through 11th grade students  
who reside in School District 201U



*Apply Online*  
[cretewomansclub.net](http://cretewomansclub.net)



*Deadline*  
**APRIL 19, 2024**





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## 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 are no better people for the task than THE GLORIA J. TAYLOR FOUNDATION (GJTF).

Our TRIO Programs are essential educational opportunity programs that are vital in promoting educational successes, retention, college access and graduation pathways for the nation's eligible students. Thus, working for a more educated and skilled America!



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"Preparing Our Future For The Future"



Visit [WWW.gjtf.org](http://WWW.gjtf.org) or call 708-960-0859

JOIN Today!

# Now Accepting Applications

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Grades 6-12
- Attend a TRIO Served School
- U.S. Citizen/Permanent Resident

### Schools We Serve

Collin Powell Middle School  
Michelle Obama School Of Technology and the Arts  
Rich Township 227 Crete Monee 201U

### WHAT WE OFFER:

- College Tours
- Career Exploration
- Access To Tutoring
- SAT/ACT Test Prep
- College Preparation
- Academic Advising

All services provided are at **NO Cost** to program participants. Yes!! All Services are

**Free!!**

The GJTF TRIO Education Talent Search Program Is funded 100% through the US Department Of Education



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.