

CMMS Weekly Newsletter & Announcements

Week 29: March 28, 2024

[CMMS Electronic Announcement Board](#)

A Message From Our Administration: This is a timely reminder for **all** that as members of our school community, it's crucial to recognize the impact of our words, whether spoken or written. Threatening language or content is not appropriate at any time. It undermines the safety of our school environment and detracts from our daily purpose of learning and growing.

Our school is not just a physical space but a community built on respect, trust, and collaboration. When threatening language or content is circulated, it creates an atmosphere of fear and discomfort among students, teachers, and staff. It erodes the sense of security that is vital for effective learning and personal growth.

Using threatening language or writing threatening content about classmates or staff can have severe repercussions. Not only does it violate school policies and potentially legal boundaries, but it also tarnishes one's reputation and leads to disciplinary actions. Moreover, it disrupts the educational process and can cause emotional distress to individuals within the school community.

We work hard to foster an inclusive and supportive culture where every individual feels valued and respected. Threatening language directly contradicts these values and undermines efforts to create a positive learning environment. It can lead to divisions within the community, hindering collaboration and mutual understanding.

As members of this school community, it's our responsibility to uphold standards of respect and civility in all forms of communication. Instead of resorting to threats or hostile language, we encourage open dialogue, constructive criticism, and peaceful conflict resolution. By engaging in positive discourse, we not only promote a culture of understanding but also demonstrate our commitment to collective well-being.

Steps to Take:

- Think before you speak or write. Consider the impact of your words on others.
- Speak to a trusted member of our school staff if you have concerns that need to be addressed. We have Counselors, Social Workers, a Student Advocate Counselor, Administrators and Staff who will listen and help.
- If you encounter threatening language or content, report it to school authorities promptly.
- Encourage your peers to engage in respectful communication and intervene if necessary.
- Participate in initiatives aimed at promoting kindness, empathy, and inclusivity within our school community.

Our school is more than just a place of learning; it's a reflection of our shared values and aspirations. Let's commit to fostering an environment where respect, kindness, and understanding prevail. By rejecting threatening language and embracing positive discourse, we can cultivate a culture of unity and respect that benefits us all.

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State Testing Information: Please read the attached letters for more information about this year's standardized testing. We are starting testing on **MONDAY, April 8th!** Please make sure your child comes to school with a charged computer & their charger (*if the computer doesn't keep a long charge*). Students should also bring in **HEADPHONES & their CALCULATOR** for testing. Make sure your student gets a good night's rest before all testing days! Click **blue links** below for more testing details!

6th, 7th & 8th Grade

- 📎 [23-24 IAR Parent Letter \(English\) \(1\).pdf](#)
- 📎 [23-24 IAR Parent Letter \(Spanish\) \(1\).pdf](#)

8th Grade ONLY

- 📎 [23-24 ISA Parent Letter \(English\) \(1\).pdf](#)
- 📎 [23-24 ISA Parent Letter \(Spanish\) \(1\).pdf](#)

On Monday, April 8, there will be a rare total solar eclipse. Our local area will not experience a total eclipse but rather a partial eclipse (about 90 percent) at approximately 2:07 p.m. For more detailed information on the eclipse in University Park, click [HERE](#). We are planning on setting up a viewing experience to enable students to witness this extraordinary event.

Safety is always a top priority. We will take all precautionary measures to make this experience both safe and enjoyable. Students will be provided with eclipse-safe glasses to view the event. (Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun.) Students will not be permitted to look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun through unfiltered cameras, telescopes, binoculars, or other optical devices. (For more information on the eclipse, click [HERE](#).)

Please let us know by Thursday, April 4th if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in our viewing event. [CLICK HERE FOR OUR NON-PARTICIPATION FORM](#) An alternate activity and indoor location will be made available to your child instead.

Reach out to any member of our administrative team if you have any questions!



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Ms. Cassiello and Ms. Witt's Honors Biology classes combined to share their Cell projects. Students were able to view the creativity of their peers, analyze the different parts of plant and animal cells, and had some fun being challenged to cell games.





Attention 8th Grade Families!! THIS DATE HAS BEEN UPDATED! Please take note!

CRETE-MONEE MIDDLE SCHOOL MANDATORY 8TH GRADE PARENT MEETING

THIS IS A MANDATORY PARENT MEETING FOR 8TH GRADE PARENTS. WE WILL REVIEW INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS YEAR'S 8TH GRADE CEREMONY AND DISTRIBUTE CEREMONY TICKETS TO FAMILIES.

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024

6:00 pm @ CMMS



- 📎 [CMMS 8th Grade Information_2024_English .docx.pdf](#)
- 📎 [CMMS 8th Grade Information_2024_Spanish.docx.pdf](#)

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Starting to Plan for the Summer?? Click [HERE](#) for more information about Youth Summer Theater Camps @ GSU!



HELP our National Junior Honor Society!!

Book Drive

- March 5th to April 15th
- Kindergarten-4th grade reading level books

All of the books donated will be given to children at Coretta Scott King Elementary School (CSK). **The advisory that brings in the most amount of books in each grade level gets a donut party!!**

!CMMS Shoe Drive!



Have you grown out of your old shoes? If so, consider donating them to the NJHS shoe drive!
March 5 to April 12



We need your help!

**Donate as many shoes as you can for the NJHS shoe drive!
We take ALL used shoes - children's, men's, women's of ANY style**

**Best part - any advisory that collects 25 or more pairs will be entered into a raffle for open gym.
Together we can collect shoes for people in need!**

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Mark your Calendars!

- Friday, March 29, 2024 **NO SCHOOL/School Holiday**
- Monday, April 1st–Friday, April 5th **NO SCHOOL/SPRING BREAK**
- Monday, April 8, 2024 **SCHOOL RESUMES IAR Testing Begins**
- Friday, April 12, 2024 **7th Grade Springfield Trip**
- Wednesday, April 24, 2024 **11:30 AM Dismissal Day for Students & School Improvement Day for Staff**
 - **Annual Career Day,**
- Tuesday, April 23, 2024 **7th Grade Parent Meeting for this interested in attending the 2025 Washington DC Trip**
- Wednesday, April 24, 2024 **PTO Meeting @ 6 pm**
- Thursday, May 3–Sunday, May 5, 2024 **8th Grade Washington DC Trip**
- Friday, May 3, 2024 **11:30 AM Dismissal Day for Students & School Improvement Day for Staff**
- Wednesday, May 8, 2024 **SPRING NWEA/MAP Testing (ALL STUDENTS)**
- Tuesday, March 14, 2024 **SPRING NWEA/MAP Testing (ALL STUDENTS)**
- Friday, May 24, 2024 **11:30 AM Dismissal Day for Students & Staff**
- Monday, May 27, 2024 **NO SCHOOL** in observance of Memorial Day

Monday, 4/8	Tuesday, 4/9	Wednesday, 4/10	Thursday, 4/11	Friday, 4/12
<i>Day 3-Green</i>	<i>Day 4-Yellow</i>	<i>Day 5-Orange</i>	<i>Day 1-Red</i>	<i>Day 2-Blue</i>
<u>IAR Testing</u> <u>6th , 7th &</u> <u>8th Grades</u>	<u>IAR Testing</u> <u>6th , 7th &</u> <u>8th Grades</u>	<u>IAR Testing</u> <u>6th , 7th &</u> <u>8th Grades</u>	<u>IAR Testing</u> <u>6th , 7th &</u> <u>8th Grades</u>	7th Grade Springfield Trip
After School IMSA 6th Grade (Rm 410) IMSA 7th Grade E-Journalism (Rm 116) Math Club (Rm 112) Heart & Sole Practice Soccer Intramural (Amphitheater) Track & Field Practice	After School Spanish Club (Rm 200) IMSA 8th Grade Gloria J. Taylor (Rm 99) Fine Arts Club (Rm 404) Flag Football Intramural (Cafe) Track & Field Practice	After School HIGH IMPACT TUTORING Student Council Mtg. (Rm 118) Chess Club Practice (Rm 120) Heart & Sole Practice Soccer Intramural (Amphitheater) Track & Field Practice	After School HIGH IMPACT TUTORING Battle of the Books Flag Football Intramural (Cafe) Garden Club (Rm 113) Track & Field Practice Scholastic Bowl @ James Hart (3:30-5 pm)	NO Afterschool Activities

Crete-Monee Middle School

Spring Break

March 29th-April 5th

School Resumes on
Monday, April 8, 2024

