

### Week 29: March 28, 2024

#### **CMMS Electronic Announcement Board**

<u>A Message From Our Administration</u>: This is a timely reminder for <u>all</u> 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.

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

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 <u>HERE</u>. 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

8th Grade ONLY
23-24 ISA Parent Letter (English) (1).pdf

23-24 ISA Parent Letter (Spanish) (1).pdf



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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 <u>HERE</u>.)

Please let us know by Thursday, April 4th if you DO NOT want your child to participate in our viewing event. <u>CLICK HERE FOR OUR NON-PARTICIPATION FORM</u> 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!

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





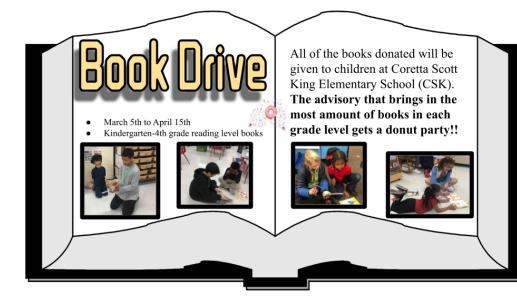
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# Starting to Plan for the Summer?? Click <u>HERE</u> for more information about Youth Summer Theater Camps @ GSU!



# HELP our National Junior Honor Society!!



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## **!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 <u>open gym</u>. Together we can collect shoes for people in need!

## 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,

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- 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
Day 3-Green	Day 4-Yellow	Day 5-Orange	Day 1-Red	Day 2-Blue
IAR Testing6th , 7th &8th Grades	IAR Testing 6th , 7th & 8th Grades	IAR Testing 6th , 7th & 8th Grades	IAR Testing _6th , 7th ∉ 8th Grades	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) Flne 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



Please check the following	ty Resources! links for community resources of interest to your family <u>:</u>				
<ul> <li>English - Community Health, Education, Jobs and Trades Resource Fair Flyer.pdf</li> <li>SPANISH - Community Health, Education, Jobs and Trades Resource Fair Flyer.pdf</li> </ul>					
<u>Home Weatherization_ENG</u> <u>Home Weatherization_SP</u>	<u>GSU Legal Clinic</u>				
Community Closet <u>Richton Park</u>	Illinois Welcome Flier English & Spanish				
Food Pantry List (Spanish)	Schoolhouse Counseling (Spanish)				
Catholic Charities Re	Catholic Charities Rent & Mortgage Assistance				
Will County Center for Community Concerns					

#### **KEY REMINDERS:**

- **DRESS CODE UPDATE**: Please take a moment to review our **REVISED STUDENT DRESS CODE** with your child.
- 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.
- <u>Clear Backpacks</u>: ALL students have received their school issued CLEAR Backpacks. <u>CMMS Backpack Expectations</u> 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.
- <u>Cell Phones</u>: 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.
   <u>cm201u-cell-policy-flyer.pdf</u>
- **<u>Chromebooks</u>**: 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.
  - <u>6th Grade Charger</u> <u>7th & 8th Grade Charger</u>
- **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. <u>CMMS Office Staff Directory & Contact Information</u>

#### Parental Involvement Information:

- REVIEW and SIGN OFF on the Parent, Student & Staff Compact Form
- REVIEW our <u>Student & Family Handbook</u> with your child
- CHECK Family Access WEEKLY! Grades are updated every week!
- Join the PTO: 🚾 CMMS PTO Membership Form 8.2023.docx

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Spring Break

March 29th-April 5th School Resumes on Monday, April 8, 2024



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