



Clark Lane Connects

Clark Lane Middle School

January 2024

glows & grows

GLOW:

Students have transitioned well back into the school routines for the New Year.

GROW:

Please take a moment to review the PRIDE matrix with your student to ensure continued success. *Go, Lancers!*

Hello CLMS Parents and Guardians!

Happy New Year! 2024 is another opportunity for us to share our teaching and learning through our choices, voices, actions and experiences! Let's take a moment to reflect on our intentions daily by setting a goal and choosing to glow and grow through what we go through. *If you need support in any area, please feel free to reach out to any of our wonderful CLMS team members.* Remember, **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore!

Please enjoy this newsletter!!!

Mr. Sachs & Mrs. Howard



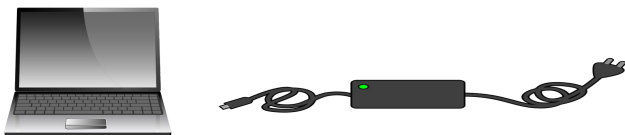
James M. Sachs
Principal



Tomeka K. Howard
Assistant Principal



REMINDER for ALL STUDENTS!



Bring your school-issued device with you to school **EVERY DAY!** Be sure to charge your device or bring your charger with you!

Also, don't forget to bring a refillable water bottle with you to school **daily!**

Thank you for your attention! 😊



CONTACT US

Clark Lane Middle School

Main Office, Press 1

Report Absence, Press 2

Nurse (Health Office), Press 3

School Counseling Office, Press 4

Assistant Principal, Press 5



To reach teachers by email: first initial, followed by last name @waterfordschools.org

For example: thoward@waterfordschools.org

To view Clark Lane's staff directory:



NOTE: To report your student's absence, you can also email: clms-attend@waterfordschools.org

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Mark your calendars!

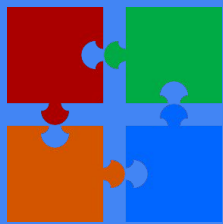
Mon., January 15 – School Holiday, No School

Winter MAP Testing

Tues., January 23 (Day 6) - MATH

Wed., January 24 (Day 1) - LA





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As a reminder *and for you to review with your student(s)*, here is our **PRIDE matrix**. These are the **behaviors and expectations** we have for our students in the different areas of our building like the hallways and bathrooms, and in various situations like on the school bus, for instance. The expectations at the top of this chart (in the gray box) represent those expectations which we at Clark Lane Middle School consider to be the **non-negotiables** and include: **no cell phones, no hurtful or abusive language and no rough-housing or horseplay, to name a few**. For a more clear copy of our expectations, you may refer to the **Clark Lane Student Handbook**, which all students were given a copy of on the first day of school. Should you have questions, *we encourage you to reach out to our Administration*.

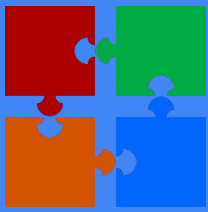
Expectations across all locations at CLMS; all staff will reinforce these expectations:

- Hoods down, hats/visors off - anything that covers your face
- Cell phones, smart watches, devices, headphones/ airpods - off and away, except for *clearly-defined classroom use*

- No hurtful or abusive language; no swearing
- No rough-housing/horseplay
- Lunch - Students should go to the cafeteria, unless they have a pass from a teacher.
- After homeroom, only water is allowed outside the cafeteria.

Individual classroom behavior expectations are located in each classroom.

	Homeroom	Bathroom	Cafeteria	Hallway	Bus	Assemblies/Field Trips	Evacuation Procedures
Pride in our Behavior	Stay in homeroom from bell to bell. Be seated in a chair. Listen attentively to announcements. If you need breakfast, go directly to the cafe upon arrival.	Wash your hands with soap. Keep phones out of the bathroom. Avoid horseplay.	Remain seated Put trash in cans. Use quiet voice and respectful language. At adult signal, stop and listen. Obtain permission before leaving cafe.	Walk on the right. Keep voices to a quiet volume during passing times. Be considerate of your own and others' personal space .	Remain in your seat . Use appropriate language. Keep volume at conversation level. Follow directions and expectations of driver. Use technology appropriately and respectfully. Keep hands and feet to yourself.	Follow directions quickly . Participate with respect . Clap at appropriate times. Wait patiently and quietly during transitions.	Walk quietly on the sidewalks . Find your homeroom teacher; line up alphabetically . Stand silently in line. Re-enter building with your homeroom teacher.
Pride in our Learning	Homeroom is a class . It sets the tone for the rest of the day. If you come in late to school or from breakfast, come in quietly . Bring materials for first class.	Sign in and out from classroom. Return to class promptly.	Make healthy food choices. Return to class quietly in hallway.	Use quiet voices and respect for classes in session. Get to class promptly . Avoid gossip; speak kindly. Remove headphones/ earbuds. Keep belongings completely in your own locker .	Ensure safety for yourself and others.	Listen attentively. Allow others to listen and learn.	Return to class quietly and promptly. Ensure safety for yourself and others.
Pride in our Community	All food and beverages need to be finished and cleaned up by the end of homeroom. Be respectful during the Pledge of Allegiance.	Respect privacy of others. Flush. Keep the area clean . Use trash cans. Report any graffiti or vandalism to teacher.	Respect all staff. Be kind and inclusive . Avoid intentionally making a mess. Clean up your area.	Close and lock your locker. Use respectful language . Take turns with your locker neighbors. Keep hallway traffic moving. Keep hallway free of clutter . Consume food and beverages in designated areas of the school only.	Keep conversations considerate and kind to all who may be listening. Keep your area clean and damage-free. Be respectful of bus driver and the driver's responsibilities .	Enter/exit by walking quietly . Stay with your group. Use restrooms before the presentation. Have an attentive posture. Represent our school with a positive attitude .	Be respectful of emergency personnel. Listen for further instruction.



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ATTENTION!

Due to the rescheduling of the Presidential Primary from April 30, 2024 to April 2, 2024, there was an adjustment made to the April Professional Learning Day. **April 30th will now be a full day of school for staff and students and April 2nd will be a Professional Learning Day for staff and no school for students.** See revised calendar below.

SPEAK UP

FOR SAFETY

REPORT CONCERNS ANYTIME DAY OR NIGHT

SCAN FOR CONTACT INFORMATION

EMAIL ~ CALL ~ TEXT

Email: speakup@my.waterfordschools.org

Call/Text 860-909-4004

November 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	PD	8	9	SH
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	School Holiday		
27	28	29	30	

(17 days - 59 cumulative)

■ 11/7 - * PD No School for Students- PK-12

■ 11/10 - School Holiday (Schools Closed for Students), P/T Conferences

■ 11/22 - 11/24 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

December 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
School Holiday				

(16 days - 75 cumulative)

■ 12/22 - Early Dismissal PK-12

■ 12/25 - 12/29 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

January 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
SH	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
SH	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

(21 days - 96 cumulative)

■ 1/1 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

■ 1/15 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

■ 1/18-1/23 - ** Midterm Exams: Early Dismissal 9-12

February 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
SH	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	

(19 days - 115 cumulative)

■ 2/19-2/20 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

March 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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4	5	6	PT	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	SH

(20 days - 135 cumulative)

■ ** 3/7 - P/T Conferences Early Dismissal PK-12

■ 3/29 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

April 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	PD	3	4	5
School Holiday				
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

(16 days - 151 cumulative)

■ 4/2 - * PD No School for Students - PK-12

■ 4/8 - 4/12 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

May 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
SH	28	29	30	31

(22 days - 173 cumulative)

■ 5/27 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

June 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	LD	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

(8 days - 181 cumulative)

■ 6/6 - 6/11 - ** Final Exams: Early Dismissal 9-12

■ 6/11 - ** Early Dismissal PK-12

■ 6/12 - Last Day of School Early Dismissal PK-12

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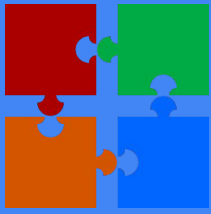
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DID YOU KNOW... at Clark Lane Middle School there are *affirmation stations* around the school to help improve student and staff morale. *Great idea!*





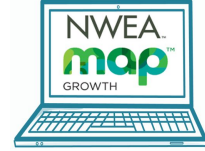
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MAP Testing... what you need to know!



What is MAP? MAP assessments are computer adaptive achievement tests in *Mathematics and Reading*.

What is the purpose of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment? MAP is a norm-referenced measure of student growth over time. MAP assessments, joined with other data points, provide detailed, actionable data about where each child is on his or her unique learning path. MAP assessments differ from other data sources by being nationally normed, by tracking student progress *throughout a year and across school years* and by being linked to software tools which can assist teachers and administrators in planning instruction.

What are the uses of MAP? MAP tests are based on a continuum of skills in *Mathematics and Reading* from low skill levels to high skill levels. MAP assessments help teachers identify the instructional level of the student and also provide context for determining where each student is performing in relation to local or state standards and national norms. MAP reports allow teachers to better target instruction based on students' strengths and needs.

For more information about your student's scores, please contact his/her school counselor. **Winter MAP testing will be January 23rd & January 24th.**

Drop off Procedures/Times

Parents may drop off students no sooner than 7:15am. Students wait in the cafeteria before proceeding to Homeroom.

Students who arrive after 8 am MUST be signed in at the Main Office (in the back of the building) **by a parent/guardian**. Please accompany your student into the building.

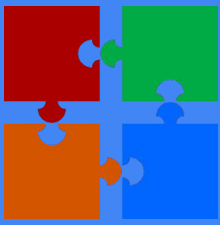


IMPORTANT REMINDER

Early Dismissal Procedure



We ask that you *make every attempt* to NOT dismiss your student after 2:15 pm, unless a note was given in the morning. It is a disruption to the end of the school day and traffic management.



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Reminder to Parents!

Wondering how your student is doing in his/her classes? Curious what grades your student has? Is your student coming to class prepared? Is your student missing assignments? Not completing assigned work? Be sure to check PowerSchool for comments. **For many teachers, this is their means of daily, sometimes weekly communication.**

For help logging in to PowerSchool, check out the page on our website shared here:



Important

Mid Trimester 2
is January 24th!

Be sure to check your student's
progress on PowerSchool!

DID YOU KNOW...the first dance of
the school year is happening soon?



Theme & ticket prices coming soon!

Listen to the announcements for more
information!

YEARBOOKS ARE PRICELESS FOR MANY REASONS!

*"I'm so glad I didn't buy a yearbook,"
said no one, ever! Why wouldn't your
child want the important school
memories with them forever?"*

BUY A YEARBOOK NOW!

Get your hands on the limited edition
collection of stories from the year!

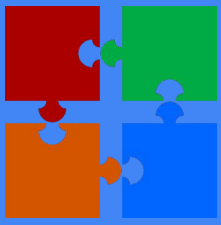
ORDER YOURS TODAY!

www.jostens.com



**Misplaced something?
Think you left it at school?
Check the **LOST & FOUND** table in
Clark Lane's cafeteria!**





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Clark Lane Closet is looking for donations!



Here at Clark Lane Middle School, we have a closet filled with new and gently used clothes and toiletries for our students. **We encourage our students to shop in the closet at any time for any reason. Forget your gym clothes? Take something from the closet! Spill pasta sauce on your shirt at lunch? Grab a new one! Forgot warm clothes for your Project O trip? Take a jacket. Things are a little tight at home and you need a wardrobe refresh? Grab a bag and fill it up!**

In order for our students to continue to access the closet, we are in need of some donations in a variety of sizes (*especially boy clothes*)!

New or Gently used (no rips or stains, please!):

- ~sweatpants
- ~gym shorts
- ~flared or wide leg jeans
- ~long and short sleeve shirts
- ~sweatshirts



NEW ONLY:

- ~packs of socks
- ~packs of underwear/boxer briefs
- ~travel sized toiletries



To arrange for a donation drop-off, please contact Ms. Kaitlyn Sullivan at Ksullivan@waterfordschools.org

We appreciate your help and donations!

DID YOU KNOW... at Clark Lane Middle School we provide additional academic support to build students' competencies and confidence? *For additional information please contact the school counselor assigned to your student.*

Some of those supports include:

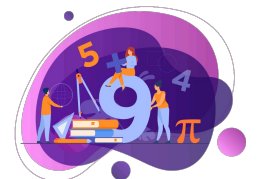
AIM - Small group review and practice for grade level skills in Math.



REACH - Small group instructional support to build and strengthen literacy skills for striving readers.

Academic Study Hall - Literacy or Math

Skills Class - Study Skills, Language Arts or Math



Connecting with the Community



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In case you missed it...

In the month of December, the Waterford Police Department awarded School Resource Officer Dan Lane with the department's *Exceptional Service Award* (during a crowded lunch wave). Officer Lane, who does a fabulous job at the schools, in particular **Clark Lane Middle School**, delivers at an *incredibly high level* for the police department and for regional K-9 teams.

Exceptional Service Award: A highly creditable accomplishment to duty or service to the public. For rendering of service beyond the ordinary call of duty and successfully perform an extreme, complex or difficult investigation. The Officer may demonstrate exceptional skill or ingenuity in the apprehension of a wanted person, provide outstanding service to the public and/or continuously achieve excellence in performance over an extended period of time. We, at **Clark Lane Middle School**, are so grateful to **Officer Lane** and congratulate him on this great honor!

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★ Congratulations, Officer Lane! ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Well Done!



Photos courtesy of WPD FB page

Connecting with Clark Lane Middle School's School Counseling Office

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Mrs. Lloyd Rejoins Staff at CLMS

Mrs. Lloyd shares, "I am so excited to be coming back to Clark Lane Middle School to work with the class of 2030! This is my 11th year working as a school counselor in Waterford. I was at Clark Lane for my first seven years and I have been at WHS for the past three and a half years. I live with my husband, two daughters (8 and 12 years old) and my mini-goldendoodle, *Ruby*."



Before coming to Waterford, Mrs. Lloyd worked as both a home-based clinician and a child life specialist in a pediatric emergency room. She shares, *"I became a school counselor because I enjoy helping students understand their strengths, tackle challenges and support one another. I love celebrating student successes—big or small!"* Mrs. Lloyd's first day will be on January 29th and she will be out and about introducing herself to all her students. She says, *"I am looking forward to meeting all of you!"* See you soon, Mrs. Lloyd!



7th Graders...Save the Date!



Career Day will be on Wednesday, March 27th from 9 to 11 AM at Clark Lane Middle School. Grade 7 students will be able to attend four different presentations and learn about careers they might be interested in. *More information to come!*

ASK THE COUNSELORS...

WHAT DO YOU MOST ENJOY ABOUT SNOW DAYS?

Mrs. Dolce enjoys being able to stay home and play with her boys!

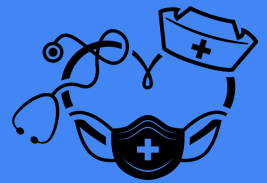
Ms. Dinatali shares, "When my kids were younger, definitely sledding. Now, I enjoy snuggling on the couch by the fireplace watching movies!"

Mrs. Lloyd says, "Snow days are the best self-care days! You get to stay-in, bake, watch movies and play in the snow."


Need to see your counselor?

Stop in the School Counseling Office and set up an appointment with Ms. Abate.






Tips for Healthy Children and Teens

 Ensure adequate sleep





 Reduce screen time



 Develop healthy eating habits



 Limit snacks with lots of salt, added sugar and saturated fat

 Help children and teens stay active



**To directly contact the
School Health Office, call:**

860-437-6977

or email:

CL_nurses@waterfordschools.org

**Confidential faxes may
be sent directly to the**

Health Office

860-437-2179



Don't forget! If your child
has any injuries, please make
sure you report it to the
Health Office.







UCFS Healthcare



Don't forget! Clark Lane Middle School has a School-Based Health Centers (SBHC). SBHC's services will include yearly well-child examinations, vaccinations, sports physicals and acute and chronic care visits with an emphasis upon prevention through early intervention and education. **For more information, click the code below!**



Reminders from the Health Office

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing/sneezing. 
- Wash hands frequently. 
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. 
- Be fever free for a full 24 hours **without medication** before returning to school. 

Literally connecting us all...

News from IT



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especially for Clark Lane Middle School

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION:

What electronic communication (i.e. - "chatting", email, etc.) is allowed on a school issued device?

Electronic communications should be used for educational purposes only to collaborate with teachers and fellow students on a school based project.



Students are REMINDED to bring their devices to school every day, preferably **charged and ready to go!** There is a limited number of Chromebooks for students to borrow throughout the day on a *first come, first serve* basis.

Students who need to borrow a Chromebook should go to **library** after **checking in at homeroom!**

For information about **Waterford Public School's One-to-One Device Program**, click on the QR code here:



Waterford Public Schools is excited to announce its partnership with **Securly** in safeguarding our students, *your children*. Through this partnership, the students of Waterford will be protected **everywhere** on any school-issued device. *Look for your welcome email that will give you instructions on how to download the app. Click the link to connect you to the WPS district website for more information!*

Problems with your Chromebook?

Email:

techsupport@waterfordschools.org



FYI: Only school issued devices will be allowed during instructional times.

Privately-owned technological devices may only be used during instructional times, as specifically permitted by instructional staff for a specific purpose. Students may use their privately-owned device during non-instructional times, such as before and after school and study hall.



Dear Parents,

Your student's school device is now protected by Securly, helping keep them safe when they go online.

With the Securly Home app (included with your district's Securly partnership), parents can safeguard their child's online activity when devices come home, thanks to features like:



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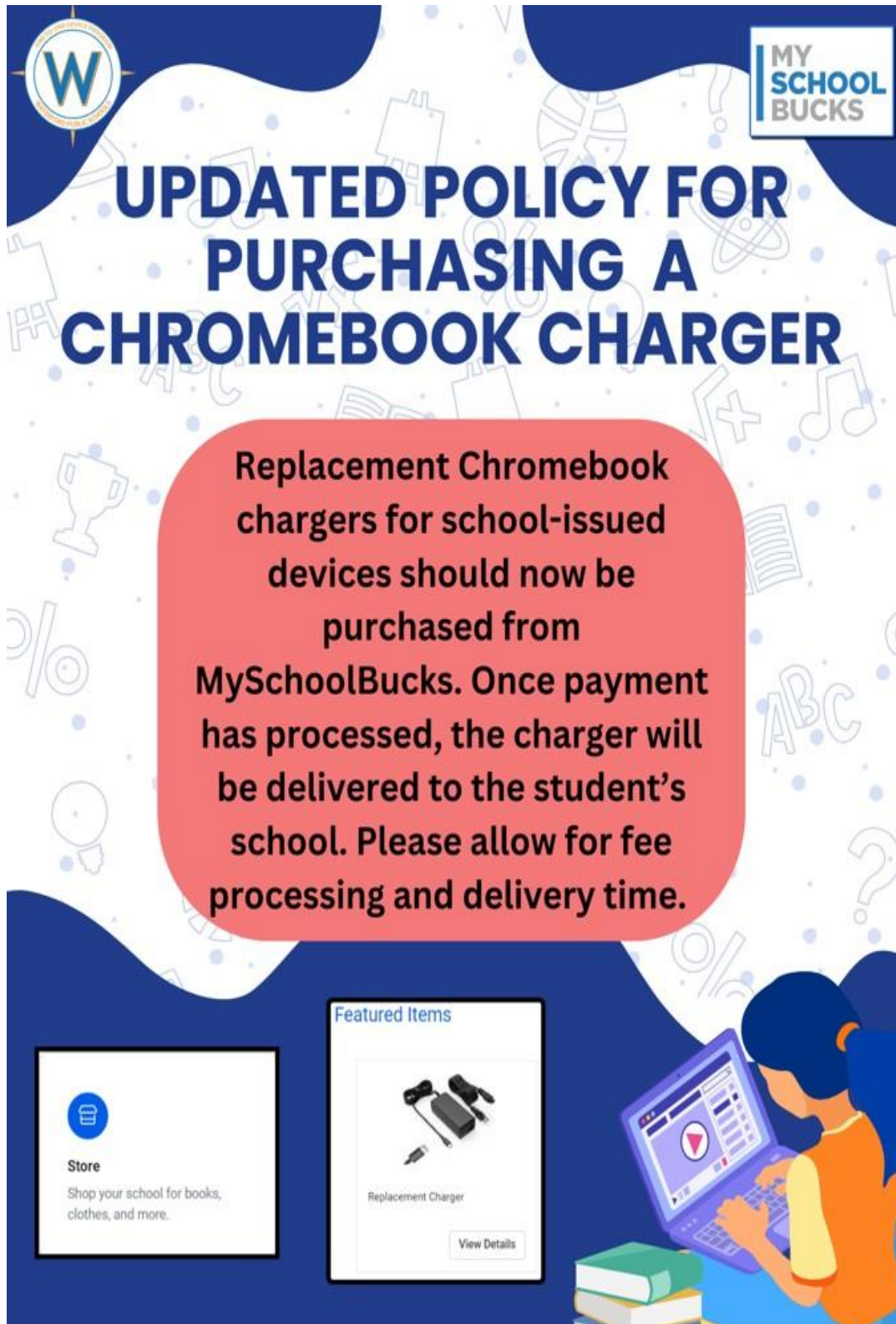
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Attention Parents

How to order a replacement charger




UPDATED POLICY FOR PURCHASING A CHROMEBOOK CHARGER

Replacement Chromebook chargers for school-issued devices should now be purchased from MySchoolBucks. Once payment has processed, the charger will be delivered to the student's school. Please allow for fee processing and delivery time.




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The Student Device Protection Program **does not cover lost chargers**, so there is a fee. With or without Device Protection, the current replacement cost is **\$22**. Once payment has processed, the charger will be delivered to your student's school. *Please allow for processing and delivery time.*

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Connecting with our 6th grade



Egret Team



January 2024

Egret Team News



The Egret Team has this to share: "After more than 20 years working as a school counselor, Mrs. Chen retired. The sixth graders are sad to see her go but grateful for her work in their transition to middle school. In the last week of December, the students composed goodbye letters expressing their appreciation for her efforts in acclimating them to Clark Lane Middle School. In their heartfelt letters, many noted how grateful they were for her help in adjusting to the middle school schedule, meeting new friends in small lunch groups, managing PowerSchool and opening their lockers. The Egret Team had a chance to pose with her for one last team photo."



Photos courtesy of the Egret Team teachers

Connecting with our 6th grade

Heron Team

January 2024



Heron Team Update

The **Heron Team** had a wonderful time bowling at the Groton Bowling Center before vacation. The students did a *wonderful job playing cooperatively, exhibiting excellent team building! Super job, everyone!*



Photos courtesy of the Heron Team teachers



January 2024



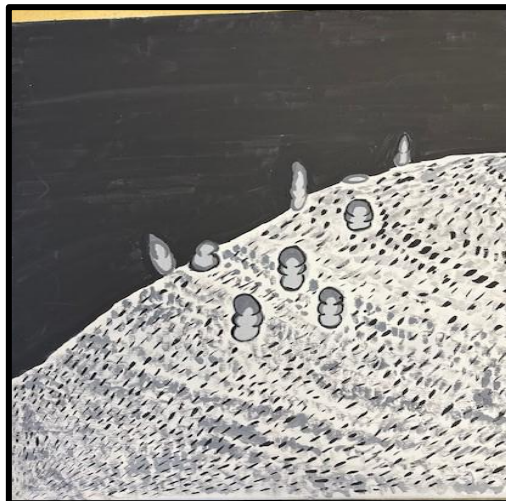
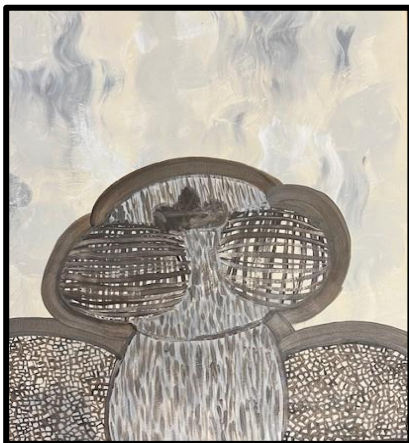
Art News



The CLMS Community Murals located in the M-Wing of Clark Lane Middle School is a dedicated space for 8th grade students and staff to purchase an individual mural space for \$10.00. The donation helps to offset the costs of paint and materials involved in preparing and producing this mural. Our *Community Mural* provides an opportunity for our 8th graders to design and paint a mini-mural before they move up to high school, *leaving a visual legacy at Clark Lane Middle School*. Contact Mrs. Provo-Parker at CLMS for details.



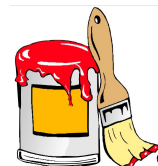
Painting 8 student artists looked at the work of contemporary artist Terry Winters for inspiration for their paintings of magnified items from nature. Mrs. Provo-Parker shares, "Winters' earliest paintings have a vivid palette and are reminiscent of magnified organic forms painted with varied line (this is line not lines - I'm talking about the quality, thickness and shape of his lines)."



Looking to make a donation?

CLMS Art Department
has a wish list!

Gift certificates for paints and painting supplies are always welcome!



Connecting with Family & Consumer Science

@ Clark Lane Middle School

January 2024

Mrs. Loguidice shares, "Advanced Culinary students recently had a chance to brush off their cooking skills! They prepared a tasty Dutch Baby (German Pancake)...enjoyed by all."

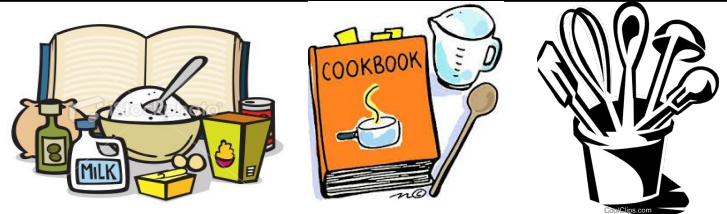


Photos courtesy of Mrs. Loguidice

Culinary Skills students had a chance to learn about kitchen fire safety in class recently. Representatives from the Waterford Fire Department Community Safety Education division visited Clark Lane Middle School with a Kitchen Hazard simulator to demonstrate common kitchen hazards and we discussed ways to correct them. Wow! Very cool!



Photos courtesy of Mrs. Loguidice





Connecting with Clark Lane's

Music Department



January 2024

Spread the word!

Clark Lane Middle School's Jazz Band meets on Tuesday mornings before school. If you play a band instrument, guitar, piano or bass, see Mr. Robarge for more information!



WINTER CONCERT DATES



Winter Concert for Grades 7 and 8 is on **Tuesday, January 30th**



Winter Concert for Grade 6 is on **Wednesday, January 31st**



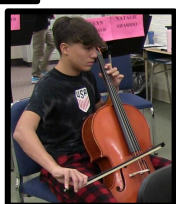
We hope to see you there!



Both concerts start at 7pm and are held at WHS. Snow date: Feb 1st



Here are some of our music students practicing their music for *Eastern Regionals*.



Photos courtesy of Ms. Barnes



A Note of Congratulations!



Congratulations to the following instrumentalists from Clark Lane Middle School to be accepted into the 2024 CMEA Eastern Regionals Festival!

We are *so impressed* with the hard work and dedication these students showed in their auditions and we are very excited to bring them to the Festival at RHAM High School on February 23rd and 24th, where they will join fellow middle school musicians from across Eastern Connecticut for rehearsals and performance.

We would also like to acknowledge that these students came to us as already extremely capable musicians thanks to the efforts of our elementary school music teachers. Students were particularly well prepared for taking on this challenging audition thanks to the extraordinary talent and efforts of Waterford Instrumental Music teachers, **Megan Nelson** and **Bill McCleary**.

Please help us in congratulating these students on their accomplishment!

Best,

Lynn Masciarelli and Aaron Robarge

Orchestra

Declan Fagan (Double Bass)
Sebastian Pirruccello (Double Bass)
Thomas Roberge (Double Bass)
Noah Bartlett (Viola)
Nathanael Greene (Viola)
Casey Jadamec (Viola)
Aubrey Tucker (Viola)
Kaelyn Barricklow (Violin)
Jiaqi Liao (Violin)

Band

Ivanka Haglund (Baritone Sax)
Maddie Jadamec (Bb Clarinet)
Leah Motola (Bb Clarinet)
Cecilia Nichols (Bb Clarinet)
Luca Neyarapally (Flute)
Brielle Cole (French Horn)
Hope Fagan (Mallet Percussion)
Alexander Lansing (Percussion)
Connor Webster (Trombone)
Aubrie Willis (Flute)

Congratulations to all on all your hard work!

Connecting with Clark Lane Middle School's Physical Education Department

January 2024

A message from the PE Team at Clark Lane

This is a reminder to students: Please bring sweatshirts or jackets to PE as we will continue our cardiovascular endurance training outside throughout the winter months.

Students wrapped up their basketball unit at the end of December.

We are all looking forward to our upcoming units which include volleyball, floor hockey and badminton.

-PE Team

Ms. Shannon, Mrs. Livingston & Mr. Lloyd



Photos courtesy of the PE department



Come join us!



The Clark Lane Middle School boys' basketball team has two home games this month: **January 22nd** against Groton and **January 25th** against Isaac.

Come support our team!



Clark Lane Middle School's Wrestling Team Takes Second Place!



Clark Lane Middle School wrestlers attended the 7th Annual East Haven Middle School Wrestling Tournament over winter break for the first time this year and placed 2nd. *Congratulations wrestlers!* Coach Giori, who is in his fourth year coaching the wrestling team at Clark Lane Middle School, reports that there were about 250 wrestlers in attendance from various schools. Wrestlers in attendance from Clark Lane Middle School included: Tristan Brettschneider, Lachlan Burdy, Calvin Carmody, Declan Fagan, Tyler Gamble, Reily Karasevicz, Cooper Myers, Eli Nowland, Lucas Nowland, Weston Smith, Robert Sommers, AJ Stefano and Alonzo Voelker.

The following wrestlers placed for their individual weight class:

1st Place: Tyler Gamble, Reily Karasevicz, Cooper Myers, Weston Smith, Robert Sommers

2nd Place: Eli Nowland

3rd Place: Declan Fagan, AJ Stefano

4th Place: Calvin Carmody, Tristan Brettschneider

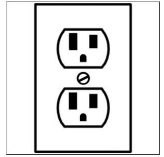


Photos courtesy of Coach Giori





Connecting our corner of the globe to yours
January 2024



Dans la classe de français



6th graders are working through the first unit and have recently learned how to say how they are feeling and ask others how they are! After their first quiz, they'll soon be studying the geography of France and will be taking a virtual tour through the capital: Paris!

7th graders have recently finished a presentation about their likes and dislikes and are learning many more nouns and so much more vocabulary! Soon, they will be learning how to talk about the members of their families!

8th graders have just finished the unit focusing on body parts and physical descriptions and will be learning vocabulary to describe what they and others are wearing! They'll even be packing for a virtual trip! Stay tuned!

Wishing you all *Meilleurs Vœux* (Best Wishes) in the new year!

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ANNEE

That means *Happy New Year!*

A classe linguae latinae

6th graders are working on a unit about the geography of the Roman empire and the provinces which have become our modern-day countries. We are now just beginning to look at a new list of vocab, and learning how sentences in Latin go together in preparation for a story we will be reading together in class.

7th graders are working on a mythology unit where they learn about the major gods and goddess of Roman and Greek mythology, as well as some myths they take part in! They learn about the function of mythology in ancient societies to teach, entertain, and build community, all-the-while they are beginning to see more complex sentences in Latin and learn more about prepositional phrases and infinitives.

8th graders have completed their unit on the Trojan War, and are now moving into the Aeneid, one of the most famous works of Roman literature to survive to modern times. They will be following Aeneas as he flees the ruins of Troy and bounces around the Mediterranean in search of a land where he can found Rome. During this unit, students will be delving further into the declensions in Latin, and learning how to use and identify the Dative case.



En la clase de español

6th graders are learning how to use greetings, introduction and farewell expressions in Spanish. In the next few classes they will learn about Spanish speaking countries. They will choose a country and create an infographic to share with their class.

7th graders have finished their second unit and are now ready to learn how to talk about their families and family members. They will start to see more verbs (conjugated) in context and they will learn to describe people's physical characteristics. In this unit, we will also explore families and their dynamics in Spanish speaking countries.

8th graders learned about Holiday celebrations in Spanish speaking countries! They learned about foods, events and interesting traditions people celebrate for Christmas and New Year's Eve. Eighth graders also continue working on using the irregular verb 'ir' - to go to talk about places they go to in their free time. They will learn to ask and answer questions to exchange information about weekend plans.

Clark Lane Players

Connecting on stage @ Clark Lane Middle School January 2024

Exciting News!

On the evening of April 3, 2024, under the direction of Clark Lane Middle School Drama Coach, Mr. Barry, **Clark Lane Players** will perform the one-hour ("junior") version of the Broadway musical **Fiddler on the Roof** (book by Joseph Stein, music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick).

It's early 1900s in the small Russian village of Anatevka, where the Jewish community stays closely connected through their traditions. One of their most prominent traditions is having marriages arranged by Yente, the Matchmaker (played by **Amelia Secchiaroli**). The beloved and humorous dairyman Tevye (**Niko Princevalle**), who dreams of escaping poverty and being a rich man, hopes his daughters will be matched with wealthy men like Lazar Wolf, the Butcher (**Zackary Prepetit**). His wife Golde (**Brielle Cole**) demands it. Unfortunately, the eldest three daughters have revolutionary ideas of choosing their husbands themselves. Tzeitel (**Ivanka Haglund**) and Motel (**Nicholas Pagano**) have been friends since childhood and have secretly pledged themselves to each other. The feisty second daughter Hodel (**Ava Motzko**) pursues the student revolutionary Perchik (**Adriano Varsen**). When the third daughter Chava (**Maria Pirruccello**) falls in love with non-Jewish Fyedka (**Eric Katz-Pelka**), Tevye makes a fateful decision. Joining these students will be an ensemble including **Kelsey Conigliaro**, **Emmalee Durk**, **Cecilia Foss**, **Alaira Lewis**, **Leah Motola** and **Zoe Palazzo**, with stagehands **Anna Huoppi** and **Maisie Page**.

More information is coming soon!

Fiddler on the Roof JR.

CONNECTIONS CLUBS

After School Clubs @ Clark Lane Middle School January 2024

After School Clubs

GET INVOLVED

The Connections Program offers a variety of afterschool clubs for students here at Clark Lane Middle School. These clubs offer students the ability to get involved in activities they enjoy after school and to meet new people and *connect* with the school. Generally, club meeting days & times are announced over the morning announcements; however, **there is also a bulletin board outside of the Assistant Principal's office where staff members post club flyers!** Students: *be sure to check this out!*

Feeling Stressed?

Come join the **Stress Free Club!**

Stress Free Club meets every Wednesday in the back of the library through the first week of February. See Miss Koning for more information!



Interested in joining

Clark Lane's Gaming Club?

This club meets on Mondays in Room M101. Come find out what it's all about!



Late Buses...What you Need to Know

Late buses run Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays unless there is a faculty meeting, which is typically the first Monday of the month. *If late buses are not running on a particular day, it will be announced.* Students take the late bus that goes to their area of town.

Students **will be issued a bus pass** from the adult they are staying after school with, or they can get picked up *in lieu of* taking a bus. Late buses arrive at school at 3:40 pm.



Join us for Rubik's Cube Club!

This club meets Mondays after school. Come to work on a mosaic, learn how to solve a cube or race others for fastest times. See Mrs. Joyner for more information!



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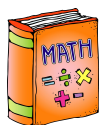
Come join

CLARK LANE UNITED



This group is dedicated to fostering a sense of belonging and community. We want to ensure every member of the Clark Lane community feels respected and valued! *Come join us* Wednesdays after school in S106.

MATH COUNTS



This club meets on **Tuesdays** after school in S105. Competition coming up in February. Mrs. Joyner is looking for students to participate!

Come check it out!
We'd love to have you!

Perler Bead Club has been meeting all year so far and has one more meeting date on Tuesday, January 16th. *Come join us!* Sign up in L200.



Morning Announcements Club

The morning announcements air every day from the video lab at Clark Lane Middle School. Important information and special events such as, after school activities, sports, weather and motivating videos are broadcasted. This club meets on **Wednesdays** after school in M120. *Come join us!*



Photos courtesy of Mr. Torres



Clark Lane's GSA Club meets every other Tuesday after school for the entire school year. Mr. Higgins and Mrs. Heller are co-advisors. Listen to the morning announcements for more information or *just stop in to join us! All are welcome!*

CONNECTIONS CLUBS

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January 2024



Baking Club Update

At a recent meeting, club members baked some Red Velvet Crinkle Cookies that were *tasty & festive!* **YUM!**

Our next meeting will be January 10th. Listen to morning announcements for sign up info.

Unified Community Club is dedicated to promoting social inclusion through *shared experiences with members of our community*. Our goal is to create a powerful community engaged in positive change through four words: **volunteer, connect, expand and evolve.**

We meet every **Tuesday** in **S108**. For the month of January, we will be focusing on our **Joy of Sox Campaign**. **Come join us!**

Student Council

Student Council is still selling Waterford baseball hats! Get yours today in the Main Office.

For information about joining Student Council, listen to the announcements or see Ms. Barnes in S112.



Joy of Sox 2023

Unified Community Club
SOCK DRIVE
starting December 5th

Help us collect NEW pairs of socks
NOW through January!

All socks were donated to **SAFE FUTURES & NEW LONDON HOMELESS SHELTER.**

Help us beat last year's total!

Drop off location: CLMS

Student Council Sponsored Spirit Days in December!

Here are some of the photos of students and staff at Clark Lane!

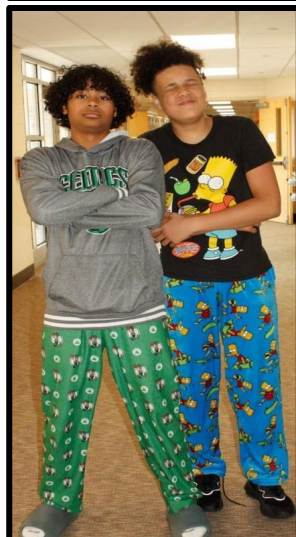


Spirit Days included: Color Wars, PJ Day, Lancer Nation Day, Rhyme without Reason and Holiday Movie Day!

Here are some more photos of students and staff at Clark Lane!



*Here are more photos of our students and staff at Clark Lane
enjoying all the Spirit Days!*



*Thank you to all staff members who contributed photos from
the Spirit days!*

CONNECTIONS CLUBS

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Clark Lane Middle School Welcomes New Club : Stewards of the Sound

Mr. McNeil shares, "On December 13, 2023, we had a half day field trip to Avery Point In Groton, where our students met up with other Environmental Clubs from our local region: East Lyme, Groton, Ledyard, Old Lyme and Waterford were in attendance. We enjoyed great pizza from Crown Pizza and then broke off into smaller groups where we learned about fish and made *gyotaku* fish printed shirts." According to Mr. McNeil, *gyotaku* is a traditional form of Japanese art that began over 100 years ago as a way for fishermen to keep a record of the fish they caught. He shares, "They would apply sumi ink to one side of a freshly caught fish, then cover the fish with rice paper and rub to create an exact image of the fish."

The group of students went on a scavenger hunt and checked out the area surrounding Avery Point. While walking on the campus, they came across an unusual organism which they believed to be a jellyfish. When Mr. McNeil picked up the organism, it turned out to be alive! It was an organism not usually found around here called a **sea hare**. The group put it into a tank after it squirted a purple fluid. *How cool!*

When the group of students returned from the scavenger hunt, they had a book talk about the book **Living Treasures: the Plants of Long Island** by author Nancy Balcom. She gave each student a copy of the book for their home library. This whole program is supported by LEARN, The Sea Grant and the Environmental Protection Agency. *What an extraordinary experience!*



*Photos courtesy
of Mr. McNeil*

More photos from the *Stewards of the Sound* Field Trip



Thank you, Mr. McNeil, for sharing!
NOTE: This club is full for the 2023-2024 school year.

Connecting with Staff

January 2024



In each of our monthly issues, we'll introduce you to our staff here at **Clark Lane Middle School** and give you a little *up close and personal*. In this issue, you'll also meet the following **NEW** staff members:

Graciela Cespede, Cafeteria/Hall Monitor

Teresa Schacht, Paraprofessional

DID YOU KNOW...Waterford Public Schools is hiring? Go to our website for more information or to find what positions are open!

Specifically at Clark Lane Middle School, we are seeking paraprofessionals!

If interested, visit the website for more information and to apply TODAY!

<https://www.applitrack.com/waterfordschools/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1>

Come join our team! We'd love to have you!

This month's **STAFF** *spotlight*



Mrs. Bushey

7th Grade, Language Arts
M112

This is Mrs. Bushey's 30th year teaching in Waterford. She taught grade 6 at Quaker Hill School and moved over to this building when the grade six wing was built in the 1990s. *Wow!* Mrs. Bushey enjoys reading, walking, talking, singing, attending Broadway Musicals, playing board games and Cribbage.

She is excited about her new terrific 7th graders this year and says, "I'm looking forward to witnessing the continued growth, both academically and emotionally, of kids working hard being their personal best."

Some of her favorites include:

Favorite Subject in Middle School?

Language Arts! She shares, "I have known I've wanted to be a teacher since I was very young."

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving!



Favorite food? Pizza!



Favorite candy?

ANY FORM OF REESE'S PEANUT BUTTER

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Connecting with Staff

January 2024

This month's **STAFF** spotlight



Mrs. Venditti

6th grade, Science
C205

Mrs. Venditti has been in WPS for **twenty eight years** and actually also grew up in Waterford. She enjoys gardening and making wine and spending time with her pup, Toby. 🐾

Mrs. Venditti's favorite book is "**The Art of Hearing Heartbeats**". She also shares, "I am excited to work with such amazing new sixth graders who are so eager to learn and are polite and cheerful!"

Some of her other favorites:

Favorite Day of the Week? **Saturday**

Favorite Candy? Chocolate nut clusters

Favorite Season? *Summer*

Favorite Food? **Oysters**



Favorite Subject in Middle School?

SCIENCE!!! But, of course!



This month's **STAFF** spotlight



Mrs. Olson

Reading Tutor
S113

This is Mrs. Olson's fourth year in WPS. She grew up in Northern Illinois. Mrs. Olson has three children and her husband was a F/A 18 pilot in the Navy for 20 years! Mrs. Olson and her family have lived and traveled all over the United States. In fact, she has visited 48 of 50 states! *Impressive!* Mrs. Olson enjoys reading and her favorite book genre is mysteries!

Some of her other favorites include:

Favorite Day of the Week? **Friday**

Favorite Sweet? **Ice cream**



Favorite Season? **Fall**

Favorite Holiday? *Thanksgiving*

Favorite Hot Beverage? **Coffee**



Favorite Subject in Middle

School? *Language Arts!*

Connecting with ^{NEW} Staff

January 2024



Mrs. Cespedes

Cafeteria/Hall Monitor

Mrs. Cespedes is new to WPS. She was drawn to this district because she says, "My kids loved it here!" Mrs. Cespedes grew up in the Dominican Republic, and enjoys cooking and sewing and spending time with her two dogs **RAMBO** and **SOPHIA**. 🐾 🐾 Mrs. Cespedes also shared that she is looking forward to traveling in the New Year!

Welcome to Clark Lane, Mrs. Cespedes!

Some of her favorites include:

Favorite Day of the Week? *Saturday*

Favorite Candy? *Gum*

Favorite Season? **SPRING**



Favorite Book? *The Bible*

Favorite Holiday? *Christmas*

Favorite Subject in Middle School?

History



WELCOME!



Ms. Schacht

Paraprofessional

Ms. Teresa, as she prefers to be called, is in her first year in WPS and grew up in Vernon, CT. She enjoys hiking, people watching and hanging out with her black lab (her "big baby") named **Boss**.

Ms. Teresa is looking forward to making connections with students this year at Clark Lane Middle School!

Her other favorites include:

Favorite Subject in Middle School?

Science



Favorite book? *Horse Whisperer*

Favorite Day of the Week? **Sunday**

Favorite candy? **Dark chocolate**

Favorite season? **Fall**



Welcome to Clark Lane, Ms. Teresa!

We're so glad you are here!

Meet **THE REST OF** the Explorer's Café Crew

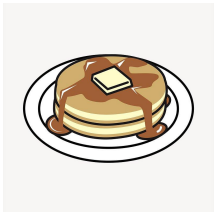
Making connections through food...

January 2024

In this edition of the **Clark Lane Connects**, you'll "meet" the rest of the students from the *Explorers Program* and Explorers Elective who help make *The Explorers Café* such a **HUGE** success at Clark Lane Middle School.



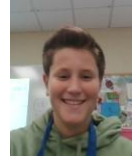
My name is **Camille**. This is my first year working in the café! My favorite job is **chef**. My favorite thing to **eat** are pancakes!



My name is **Brielle**. I have been working in the café for **one year**. My favorite thing to **make** is bacon! My favorite job is *making the coffee cup holders*. I like *eating the bacon and tater tots!* 🍌



My name is **Tayna**. This is my first year working in the café. My favorite job is **chef**. My favorite thing to make is **eggs!** My favorite thing to eat is *pancakes!* Mmmm! 😊



My name is **Michael**. This is my first year in the café. My favorite job is *being a waiter!* My favorite job is making the boxed breakfast! My favorite thing to eat is **bacon!** 🥓



My name is **William** and this is my first year working in the café. My favorite job is *being a cashier*. My favorite thing to eat is **bacon**. 🥓 My favorite part of the café is **when I am working on the cash register!** 💰



My name is **Samiya**. This is my first year working in the café. My favorite job is **chef**. My favorite things to make are *tater tots and bacon!* My favorite part of the café is *cooking the food!*



My name is **Aubrey**. This is my first year in the café! My favorite job is **chef**. My favorite thing to make is **the boxed breakfast**. My favorite thing to eat is *pancakes!* 🥞

For more information, or to come in for breakfast, please contact Miss Sullivan!
ksullivan@waterfordschools.org

What's Cooking?

in Clark Lane Middle School's cafeteria

January 2024

<div> <div>BREAKFAST</div> <div> <div>JANUARY 2024</div> <div>WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12</div> </div> <div> <div>One daily Breakfast at NO charge</div> <div>to all students this 2023-24 school year!</div> </div> </div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div>1</div> <div>School Holiday!</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Confetti Pancakes</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Early Riser Egg/Hashbrown</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Banana Bread</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>
<div>8</div> <div>Maple Waffle</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Strawberry cup 100% Fruit Juice</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>10</div> <div>French Toast Sticks</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Mini Cinnamon Rolls</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Early Riser Egg/Hashbrown</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>
<div>15</div> <div>School Holiday!</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Early Riser Egg/Hashbrown</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Goody Breakfast Ring</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>18</div> <div>WHS midterm exams</div> <div>Egg & Cheese on a Roll</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>19</div> <div>WHS midterm exams</div> <div>Maple waffle</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>
<div>22</div> <div>WHS midterm exams</div> <div>Early Riser Egg/Hashbrown</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>23</div> <div>WHS midterm exams</div> <div>Apple Fudgel</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Banana Bread</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Cheese Omelet</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>
<div>29</div> <div>WG Blueberry munchkins</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Cinnamon Oatmeal Breakfast Round</div> <div>Or assorted WG Muffins</div> <div>Or cereal Choice Milk</div> <div>Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice</div>	<div>Alternate choice of assorted cereals and muffins Available daily Fruit & milk included</div> <div>Please visit www.myschoolbucks.com to add funds to your child's account</div>	

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 A VARIETY OF FRESH FRUITS OFFERED DAILY *Thoroughly cooking meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs reduces the risk of foodborne illness*
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Students riding the bus who want breakfast in the morning **should report directly to the Old Gym once they get off the bus** and then immediately head to Homeroom for attendance.

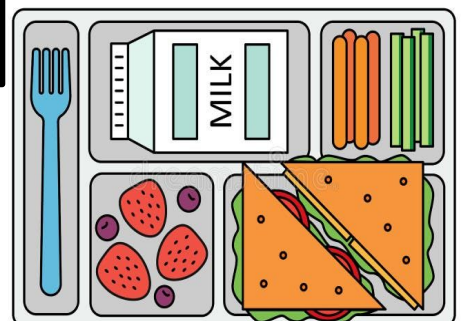
If your student is a parent drop-off in the morning, those students wait in the cafeteria until the bell and can get breakfast there as they come in before Homeroom.

Breakfast is **FREE** for all students.

<div> <div>LUNCH</div> <div> <div>JANUARY 2024</div> <div>WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12</div> </div> <div> <div>LUNCH PRICES</div> <div> <div>Elementary \$3.25</div> <div>JHS \$3.50</div> <div>WHS \$3.75</div> <div>*Second Meal \$4.25 - Adult Meal \$5.00</div> </div> </div> </div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div>1</div> <div>School Holiday</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Marinara sauce</div> <div>Cheesy Italian pull-aparts</div> <div>Marinara sauce</div> <div>Broccoli with ranch cup</div> <div>Cucumber slices</div> <div>Diced peaches Milk</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Diced chicken Taco salad</div> <div>Tostitos salsa</div> <div>Golden corn Black beans</div> <div>100% frozen fruit juice Sidekick</div> <div>Ice Cold Milk</div>	<div>4</div> <div>National Spaghetti day!</div> <div>Meatballs & sauce</div> <div>Green beans</div> <div>Garlic knot</div> <div>Diced pears Milk</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Chicken Nuggets</div> <div>Smile fries Peas</div> <div>Warm Dinner roll</div> <div>Applesauce</div> <div>Ice Cold Milk</div>
<div>8</div> <div>Meatless Monday!</div> <div>Cheese pizza Square</div> <div>Baby carrots</div> <div>Cucumber wheels</div> <div>Ranch dressing</div> <div>Diced peaches Milk</div>	<div>9</div> <div>"Brunch for Lunch"</div> <div>French toast Sticks/syrup</div> <div>Chicken sausage links</div> <div>Potato tots Mango juice</div> <div>Strawberry cup Milk</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Chicken tenders</div> <div>Potato wedges Golden Corn</div> <div>Oven baked biscuit</div> <div>Apple sauce</div> <div>Ice Cold Milk</div>	<div>11</div> <div>"Italian Combo"</div> <div>Breaded Ravioli</div> <div>Mozzarella sticks</div> <div>Marinara sauce WG Breadstick</div> <div>Green beans</div> <div>Diced pears Milk</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Cheeseburger</div> <div>Sandwich salad cup (Lett & Tom)</div> <div>Baked beans</div> <div>Oven fries</div> <div>100% Frozen fruit juice Sidekick</div> <div>Ice cold Milk</div>
<div>15</div> <div>School Holiday</div>	<div>16</div> <div>"Yangs" Orange chicken</div> <div>Brown Rice</div> <div>Green beans Warm dinner roll</div> <div>Applesauce Milk</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Beef & Cheese Tacos</div> <div>Brown Rice</div> <div>Fiesta beans</div> <div>Mini corn muffin</div> <div>Mango juice Milk</div>	<div>18</div> <div>WHS exams</div> <div>Big daddy Cheese Pizza</div> <div>Broccoli</div> <div>Cucumber slices Ranch cup</div> <div>Apple slices</div> <div>Ice cold Milk</div>	<div>19</div> <div>WHS exams</div> <div>Crispy Chicken patty on a WG Roll</div> <div>Potato wedges</div> <div>Diced Carrots</div> <div>Orange Smiles Milk</div>
<div>22</div> <div>WHS/exams</div> <div>Meatless Monday!</div> <div>Pizza Bites</div> <div>Cucumber wheels</div> <div>Fresh broccoli Ranch Dip Cup</div> <div>Apple juice Milk</div>	<div>23</div> <div>WHS/exams</div> <div>Hotdog on a roll Oven fries</div> <div>Baked beans</div> <div>100% frozen fruit juice Sidekick</div> <div>Ice Cold Milk</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Pasta with Meat sauce</div> <div>Garden salad</div> <div>Garlic knot</div> <div>Diced peaches</div> <div>Ice Cold Milk</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Beef Nachos</div> <div>Cheddar cheese sauce</div> <div>Fiesta beans Brown Rice</div> <div>Corn muffin Mango juice</div> <div>Orange smiles Milk</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Grilled chicken on a WG Roll</div> <div>BBQ sauce cup</div> <div>Sweet Potato Fries</div> <div>Broccoli</div> <div>Applesauce Milk</div>
<div>29</div> <div>Meatless Monday!</div> <div>Macaroni & Cheese</div> <div>Steamed Broccoli</div> <div>Sliced Carrots</div> <div>Warm Dinner Roll</div> <div>Diced Pears Milk</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Cheeseburger</div> <div>Sandwich Salad Cup</div> <div>Baked Beans</div> <div>Oven Fries</div> <div>Apple Milk</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Chicken & Waffles</div> <div>Syrup cup</div> <div>Sweet Potato Fries</div> <div>Green beans</div> <div>Apple sauce Milk</div>	<div>For the 23-24 school year, students qualified for Reduced status will receive one lunch at no cost per day</div>	

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 Alternate Choice Yogurt Meal AVAILABLE Daily or Alternate Saled meal offered when available (See kitchen manager)
 Yogurt Meal=Yogurt, Mozzarella string cheese, baby carrots, raisins, goldfish crackers, dinner roll, milk Saled Meal=Garden salad with egg, cheese stick garlic knot, fruit choice, milk
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January 2024

Coming Soon! The Scholastic Book Fair will be back this February! Please keep an eye on our facebook page for updates and the days/times that the fair will be open in the Clark Lane Middle School Library.

<https://www.facebook.com/clmspto>



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We appreciate your support of the CLMS PTO!

Thank you!

~Kate McDonald, President
kste78@hotmail.com



8TH GRADE COMMITTEE

We need your help!

As we head into the new year, our 8th grade committee will begin planning the 8th grade dance, 8th grade promotion and other end of year activities. *If you are interested in joining the committee or helping out,* please contact Therese Foss at maytherese@gmail.com.



Save the Date!

CLMS Basket Bonanza



Mark your calendars NOW! The Annual CLMS Basket Bonanza will be held on Friday, March 22nd. The Basket Bonanza brings in a significant portion of the CLMS PTO budget and it is always a great night with lots of support from the CLMS and Waterford communities. We are looking for volunteers to help with donation solicitation, basket assembly, day of logistics, food and ticket sales, and more. *If you are interested,* please contact Jen Juliani, Basket Bonanza Committee Chair, at jlw0973@yahoo.com.



We hope to see you there!

Mark
YOUR
Calendar

**Our next meeting is
Tuesday, January 16th
at 5 pm
CLMS Library or
on Zoom**

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WINTER ESSENTIALS

January is the perfect time to stock up on winter essentials like Progresso™ soups, Airborne® immune support supplements, Lysol® disinfectants and more. Just don't forget to scan the qualifying receipt from your purchase to earn cash for your school!



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