



Clark Lane Connects

Clark Lane Middle School

September 2023

Welcome Back, Lancers!

We were both so happy to see all of you back at our wonderful school! **Grade 6 students** - you all did a great job at your orientation and during the first few weeks of school! Congratulations on reaching your next school milestone...**you are all in middle school!!** We are so proud of our **7th and 8th graders** as well! You all very nicely found your new homerooms, classrooms, and got into the swing of things respectfully and enthusiastically!!

One of themes this year is **kindness** and **spreading positivity**. We hope all of you can come to school each day being the nicest and best version of yourself that you can be! We all have challenging days, and there are a lot of adults here for you if you need us.

So, be kind, have fun, and learn! **Go Lancers!!**

James M. Sachs
Principal



Tomeka K. Howard
Assistant Principal



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: jsachs@waterfordschools.org

To view Clark Lane's **staff directory**:



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! 😊

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Mark your calendars!

Tues., September 12 – Late buses begin.

Students will have access to ride late buses home on (most) Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, unless announced via morning announcements that late buses don't run on a particular day.

Wed., September 13 – School Picture Day
(Forms were sent home from Homerooms.)

Thurs., September 14 – Back to School Night at CLMS for parent(s)/guardian(s) from **6-7:35 pm**, information included

Fall MAP Testing

Tues., September 26 (Day 1) - MATH

Wed., September 27 (Day 6) - LA



Mon., September 25 – School Holiday, No School



Clark Lane Middle School...

Connecting with Parents

September 2023



What
you need
to know

Back to School Night (Open House)

for Parents/Guardians is

Thurs., September 14th

Here is the schedule for the evening:

Time:	Period:	UA/WL/PE/Music Special Education
6:00-6:05	Homeroom	free time for UA/WL/PE
6:08-6:20	A Period	Grade 7 (A135, A246)
6:23-6:35	B Period	Grade 6 (B135, B246)
6:38-6:50	C Period	Grade 8 (C135, C246)
6:53-7:05	D Period	Grade 7 (D135, D 246)
7:08-7:20	E Period	Grade 6 (E135, E246)
7:23-7:35	F Period	Grade 8 (F135, F246)



- Parents should come to school that evening with their student's schedule.
- The all-call will be used to direct parents which period to move to/from.
- Parents/guardians would have to make some choices when it comes to non-core classes. *For example*, if a student has PE during C135 and Culinary during C246, parent/guardian could visit one of those classes for the whole twelve minutes or split the time between the two classes.



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.



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.



Connecting with Clark Lane Middle School's School Counseling Office

September 2023



Meet the counselors!



Ms. Chen is the sixth grade counselor at CLMS. Ms. Chen has been in education for twenty eight years!

She can be reached at ychen@waterfordschools.org.

Ms. Chen's new sixth graders know where to find her in the School Counseling Office.

Go Class of 2030!



Mrs. Dolce is the seventh grade counselor at CLMS. This is Mrs. Dolce's 11th year in education. She can be reached at

bdolce@waterfordschools.org.

Seventh grade students know where to find Mrs. Dolce in the School Counseling Office!



Ms. Dinatali is the eighth grade counselor at CLMS. This is Ms. Dinatali's 19th year in education.

She can be reached at sdinatali@waterfordschools.org.

Students know they can always stop in the School Counseling Office to set up an appt.

School counselors deliver a comprehensive school counseling curriculum for students in grades 6-8 that covers three primary domains: **academic**, **career** and **social-emotional learning**. Topics of lessons include: *organization and time management, bullying and social media, stereotypes, empathy and self-advocacy*, to name a few.



Connecting with Clark Lane Middle School's

Health Office



Making Healthy Connections between home and school

September 2023



Meet Mrs. Kostopoulos, RN!
This is her 7th year in WPS and she's been a nurse for 24 years!

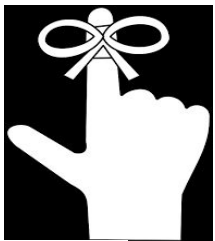
She says, "Summer is the only season that matters!" 

Her favorite color is **blue** - like the ocean! And she prefers **key lime pie**!



To directly contact the School Nurse's office, call: 860-437-6977

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.



What you need to know!

If your child needs a yearly physical, a sports physical, health care, vaccines or flu shot (available starting **October 1st**), we have a School Based Health Center. Check out the webpage by clicking on the QR code:



Meet Ms. McCaffrey, RN!
This is her 2nd year at CLMS; however, she's been a school nurse for ten years and an RN for 30 years! Wow!

Her favorite season is the fall.

Her favorite color is **orange**.



Does she prefer cake or pie, you wonder?

PIE!



UCFS Healthcare

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER
at Waterford Public Schools

Technology News

Literally connecting us all...

September 2023

Reminders



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:



Middle School students will build on their elementary experiences. Through exposure to diverse digital learning experiences and purposeful technology integration, students at each grade level will develop proficiency and independence in the use of varied applications. Authentic learning experiences that encourage students to problem solve and develop the skills necessary to be responsible users of technology will be provided. Students will explore the use of technology to interact with a global community.

FYI: There are Paper-cut printers at school. Students may use these printers to print school-related work.



Enrollment for WPS Device Protection MUST be made between August 30th - October 15th in order to participate in device protection for the 2023-24 school year.



Protection Plan Coverage

What's Covered - 2 claims per year	What's Not Covered
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accidental damage - including but not limited to broken screen, liquid spillage, dropped device Unavoidable Theft - police report must be submitted within 72 hours of theft Mechanical failure or defect Fire, flood, natural disaster Power surge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A lost or stolen device if the assigned user cannot supply the IT Dept. with a police report Excessive scratches/wear to Chromebook's exterior. Intentional marking, defacing, breaking of a screen and/or abusing the Chromebook. Removal/popping off of keys from keyboard. Damage caused by tampering with hardware components or operating system (i.e. jailbreaking) to alter District configurations.

The policy will become void for the term if: more than two (2) claims are made or if the school makes a determination that the damage to the Chromebook was intentional or caused by abuse. Families would be responsible for repair part costs after the two claims.

Repair Cost With Device Protection	Repair Cost Without Device Protection

MY SCHOOL BUCKS



NOTE: Mrs. McKenna is available for tech support at CLMS on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Connecting with Staff

September 2023



Clark Lane Middle School has welcomed many new faces to our staff this school year. We're hoping to highlight our new staff in the upcoming CL Connects. *Stay tuned!*



Did you know...

the team names at Clark Lane were changed a few years ago from simple colors to animals that represent our region of Connecticut?

One of the teams was called the **Kingfishers**. Belted kingfishers can be found year-round in Connecticut, wherever there is open water.



This month's **STAFF** spotlight



**Mrs.
Heller**

School
Psychologist
M110

"This is my 10th year as a School Psychologist in Waterford. I was in Haddam Killingworth for 10 years prior. Before that, when I was finishing my graduate degree, I was Waterford's first School Psych Intern in 2003-2004."

Mrs. Heller's hobbies include:

"spending time at the beach, collecting unique shells and rocks, dance and running after my kids with their many extra curricular activities!"

Some of her favorites:

Favorite Day of the Week: Saturday

Favorite Candy: CADBURY CREAM EGGS AND SKY BARS

Favorite Season: Fall



Favorite Book: "Into thin Air" by John Krakauer

Favorite Food: *My Mom's baked stuffed lobster* 😊

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This month's

STAFF
spotlight



Ms. Sutman

7th grade,
Social Studies
M106

Ms. Sutman has been in WPS 26 years, teaching and coaching. She grew up in East Lyme, CT and enjoys reading, doing crossword puzzles, exercising, attending sporting events and spending time with her 4 year old mini Goldendoodle, Champ.

Some of her favorites:

Favorite Holiday? *Thanksgiving*

Favorite hot beverage? **Coffee**



Favorite Subject in Middle School?

Social Studies, of course!

Favorite Day of the Week? **Friday**

Favorite candy? For Ms. Sutman, it's a tie between Swedish fish and Twix!



This month's

STAFF
spotlight



**Mr.
Ghiglia**

6th grade,
Math
C103

This is Mr. Ghiglia's 27th year teaching in WPS. When asked what he does for fun, Mr. Ghiglia shared: "I love coaching the Waterford High girls varsity soccer team, watching soccer, and spending time on the beach." In fact, Mr. Ghiglia spent the summer at the beach in New London and *traveling in Italy!* Mr. Ghiglia grew up in Bristol, CT and has two dogs: Leo and Kerry.

Some of his favorites:

Favorite Food: **Fettuccine Bolognese**

Favorite Season: Summer 

Favorite Holiday: **Thanksgiving**



Favorite Subject in Middle School:

Algebra...no surprise there!

Looking forward to this school

year: *Seeing my students grow and loving to learn math* 

Join the CLMS PTO

Connect with us!

September 2023



The Executive Officers for 2023-2024:

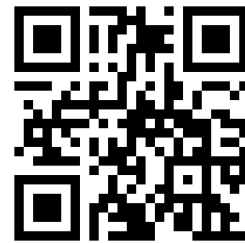
Kate McDonald - President
kste78@hotmail.com

Jen Juliani - Secretary

Paula June - Treasurer



For more information about upcoming events & fundraisers or to get involved, click here:



Our first fundraiser will be Lyman Orchard Pies & Cookie Dough. Information will be sent out in the next few weeks. The sale will begin on 9/29 and run through 10/19. All items will be delivered to CLMS for pick up on Monday 11/20.



SEPTEMBER
CLMS PTO
MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

CLMS Library & Zoom
5:00pm - 6:00pm