



Trojan Weekly

Principal's Corner



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Good Evening,

On behalf of the District, I wanted to take this time to reiterate to our families the importance of school safety and early reporting. You will find on the main page of our school website, clps.k12.mi.us, Ok2Say. OK2SAY encourages confidential tips on criminal activities or potential harm directed at students, school employees, or schools. The District presented information on Ok2Say to grade 6-12 students last spring and has another planned event for students on October 30, 2023. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. You will also find helpful tips and steps on the use of Ok2Say reporting, on the link below.

Additionally, I would like to assure our families that the District and its employees take all threats of school violence seriously and have rigorous Board of Education Policy and Protocols in place, such as school designed Behavior Threat Assessment Management (BTAM) and individually designed School Safety Plan protocols. In this case, as in other cases that the District has investigated, and as part of the process, the student would only be allowed on school property during the investigative process for interviews and would be required to remain off school property until the conclusion and determination of the BTAM report is completed. Student safety is a PRIORITY for the students and families of Central Lake Public Schools.

The event that caused a delay in the start of the school day on Tuesday, September 13, 2023 was the result of a Snapchat message, "Tell everyone don't go to school". While this Snapchat message was not an overt threat to the school or students, it does rise to a high level of concern in today's climate of school violence and in turn a response on the part of law enforcement as well and the school system.

With this in mind, please be assured, the District followed its safety protocols and procedures parallel to the Antrim County Sheriff Department investigation, ensuring a high level of communication and shared decision-making during the investigation period. As always student safety is at the forefront of our decision-making process.

While this is never an easy topic to talk about, it is certainly a reality in today's society. I appreciate the conversations that I have been able to have with families this past week regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Monique Dean, Interim Superintendent
Central Lake Public Schools

[OK 2 Say Informational Brochure](#)

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Parent PowerSchool Information

Parents of students in grades 6-12 can login to PowerSchool to monitor their child's attendance and academics. If you need assistance with your PowerSchool account, please email Mrs. Rogers
[Parent PowerSchool Link](#)

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Trojan Wellness Program

Fall weather is quickly approaching and while many of our CLPS students are getting back into the swing of school and all that goes with it, some students are already struggling with feelings of worry, sadness, or something else that could be making everyday school activities more difficult.

The Trojan Wellness Center has current openings for mental health support for new or returning students. Services are available during the school day for students right at school, including individual or group sessions. Be watching your mail/email for more information about access to services or contact Kris Hoeksema, LMSW at 231-544-3141 ext 54407 or k.hoeksema@nwhealth.org.

The changing schedules also mean students tend to feel run down and tired. According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, "healthy sleep is critical for students to excel in schoolwork, sports and extracurricular activities". To help feel fully rested, students 6-12 years old should get 9-12 hours of sleep each night. Teenagers 13-18 should have 8-10 hours. Nightly relaxation routines and consistent schedules can ease the adjustment of new school year sleep habits.

If you or your student would like further help, please contact Jamie Klooster, school nurse at 231-544-3141 ext 54400 on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Early Childhood Programming

Our program still has Preschool openings in both classrooms for 3 to 5 year olds Please reach out to Anne at thornton@clps.k12.mi.us

Our playground is almost done!
Please stay tuned for a Fall Family
Playground Open House.



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Upcoming Bond Proposal Information	Building Contact Information
<p>On November 7th, our community will vote on a comprehensive school bond proposal.</p> <p>If approved by voters, it will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enhance student safety and school security ● Update and renovate instructional spaces for music, art, science, shop, and technology ● Finance athletic improvements, including renovating the restrooms and the concession stand at Herrick Sports Complex <p>Registered voters can vote on November 7th or after September 28th through Election Day by absentee ballot.</p> <p>For more information visit www.clps.k12.mi.us and click on Bond Election info. Your vote will help our school district now and well into the future. Thank you!</p>	<p>Larry Rager, K-12 Principal Athletic Director, rager@clps.k12.mi.us 231-544-3141 ext 54201</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Middle/High School</p> <p>Cindy Rogers, Secretary, rogers@clps.k12.mi.us 231-544-3141 ext 54200</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Elementary School</p> <p>Rebecca Moffat, Assistant Principal, Assistant Athletic Director, moffat@clps.k12.mi.us 231-544-3141 ext 54335</p> <p>Amanda Teal, Secretary, teal@clps.k12.mi.us 231-544-3141 ext 54300</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Early Childhood Program</p> <p>Anne Thornton, Director, thornton@clps.k12.mi.us 231-544-3141 ext 54331</p>



Kiersten's Ride & Yellow Ribbon Event



On Monday, September 25, 2023 a presentation of the Yellow Ribbon suicide prevention program will be presented to Central Lake Middle & High School students, grades 7-12. There will be a one-hour presentation for 7th/8th grade (9:00 am) and 9th-12th grader (12:45 pm). Families with a child in grades 7-12 will be receiving a letter about the presentation and an [opt-out form](#) if you wish your child not to attend. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend, please contact Mrs. Rogers at the MSHS to let her know you if you'd like to be present. [Parent Opt Out Form](#)

Lisa Clavier, kierstensride@outlook.com Barb Smith, Barb.smith@srrn.net

Michigan Post-Graduate Opportunities

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has partnered with the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) to enhance the Michigan Career Pathfinder (mitalent.org) Resources page with organized resources that will help students and their families review college information, find financial aid information, get a job, serve their community or country, assess their skills if unsure of their path, and explore opportunities to earn college credit or receive training in high school.

Please see the following resources below, or contact Mrs. Spyhalski: spyhalski@clps.k12.mi.us

[Parent Check List](#)

[Pathfinder Link](#)

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Upcoming School & Athletic Events

09/18

- a. MSHS Spirit Day: PJ Day
- b. Elementary Spirit Day: Crazy Sock Day
- c. MS Volleyball vs Pellston @ Pellston 6:00 PM Bus: 4:00 PM

09/19

- a. MSHS Spirit Day: Twin Day / Look-Alike Day
- b. Elementary Spirit Day: Class Color Day
 - PreSchool: Rainbow, K: Yellow, 1st: Green, 2nd: Blue, 3rd: Purple, 4th: Orange, 5th: Red
- c. JV and Volleyball vs Mancelona @ Home 6:00 PM

09/20

- a. MSHS Spirit Day: Sports Day
- b. Elementary Spirit Day: Sports Day
- c. MS Volleyball vs Inland Lakes @ Inland Lakes 6:00 PM Bus: 4:15 PM
- d. Powder Puff Game @ Football Field 6:30 PM, Bonfire to follow until 9:00 PM

09/21

- a. MSHS Spirit Day: Beach Day
- b. Elementary Spirit Day: Mismatch Day
- c. JV and Volleyball vs Inland Lakes @ Home 6:00 PM
- d. JV Football vs Alcona @ Alcona 6:00 PM Bus: 3:00 PM (Departs from Ellsworth)

09/22

- a. MSHS Spirit Day: Orange & Blue Day
- b. Elementary Spirit Day: Orange & Blue Day
- c. Homecoming Parade 5:00PM starting at the Blue Pelican and heading south
- d. Varsity Football vs Bellaire @ Home 7:00 PM (Homecoming)

09/23

- a. Varsity Volleyball Tournament @ Kalkaska Bus:TBD
- b. Homecoming Dance
 - MS: 5:00 - 7:30 , MSHS: 7:30 - 10:00

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Central Lake Elementary Homecoming Week 2023



Monday: Crazy Sock Day

Tuesday: Class Color Day

PreSchool: Rainbow

Kindergarten: Yellow

1st Grade: Green

2nd Grade: Blue

3rd Grade: Purple

4th Grade: Orange

5th Grade: Red

Wednesday: Sports Day (Wear your exercise gear or favorite sports team)

Thursday: Mismatch Day

Friday: Orange & Blue Day