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Upcoming Events

- ◆ CCMS Powder Puff Football
- ◆ CCMS Goes Pink
- ◆ CCMS Parent Pep Rally

Principal's News

We have almost completed a fourth of this school year. I can't believe how quickly time is passing. Continually, staff members have commented on how smooth this year has gone and how well behaved the majority of the students are.

Please know that we are here to educate your child. If there are problems socially or academically, a good place to start is with your child's counselor. If your child is having problems with another student, please report the incident to the assistant principal of the grade level.

For the past two years, I have moved my assistant principals and counselors with the grade level in hopes that your child will have a consistent person that they can go to should a problem arise.

I have listed the names again for your information and know that you are welcome to call me anytime 379-3100 ext. 24. My email address is mowilliams@jefcoed.com.

Website Information

Currently we have two websites in operation. Our old website at www.ccmscougars.org still has up to date announcements and our new website is under construction at <http://clay-chalkville.jefcoed.com>. Mrs. Stacy Freeman will attend a workshop on how to update teacher web pages that are connected to our website on Oct. 8th. As you look at our website during October, you will begin to see many changes. Thank you for your patience.

EIGHTH GRADE

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Red Ribbon Week

OCTOBER 26-30

CCMS is "PAWS"-itively Drug Free

Monday- Guest Speakers
7th and 8th grade-Dr. Calvin Starlin
6th grade-Micah Andrews from the Foundry

Tuesday-Wear Red Day

Wednesday- "Brush Off" Drugs
students donate toothbrushes/
Toothpaste, hair brushes/ shampoo etc.
Donations will go to the Jimmy Hail Mission and the Foundry

Thursday- "Sock" It to Drugs- Wear fun socks

The Assistant to the District Attorney will speak to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders about juvenile court matters

Friday- I'm a "Jean"-ious I'm Drug Free
Everyone wear blue jeans....

Important Dates

10/5-7- Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tryouts
 10/8- Powder Puff Game
 10/9- CCMS wears Pink
 10/10- Mini Paws Dance Camp
 10/ 11- CCMS vs. Berry Make-up Game
 10/14- Nine Weeks Tests
 English, Social Studies, and P.E.
 10/15- Nine Weeks Tests
 Math, Science, Electives
 10/19- Parent Pep Rally 6:00p.m. gym
 10/20- Homecoming CCMS vs. HMS
 10/26-10/30 Red Ribbon Week
 10/27- Band Halloween Party
REPORT CARDS GO HOME WITH STUDENT
 10/30- Halloween Dance
 Students who have not been in trouble will be invited.

Thank You to Mr. Terrell Ray and Sunbelt Rentals for donating scaffolding so we could wire our building!

Pink and Powder Puff

The next opportunity to give to the Race for the Cure will be at our powder puff game. We will have teachers with pink cans that will take donations. Bring your lawn chair, money for snacks, and \$2.00 admission. Thursday, October 8th we will be having our second annual powder puff game on the field behind the middle school. Last year, we had a blast. CCMS families turned out in record numbers to support their powder puff participant. You will definitely be surprised at the girls' abilities to play football and the eighth grade football players' ability to perform at half time. Please join us.....

Construction Construction Construction

The construction project is scheduled to be completed by the end of March. The good news is that they are ahead of schedule. If we had not had so much rain in September, they were trying to finish by the end of December. Now it looks like the project will be complete in January. They are ahead of schedule and have been working hard to complete the project.

When the project is complete, the band

will move into their new space leaving a large room for our growing choir. The computer lab will be moved into the choir room so it will have a larger space for computers. We will receive brand new computers from Jefferson County Technical Program so the existing computer lab will be used for teachers who would like to bring their students into a computer lab. We are so excited!!!!

The CCMS Bank

When you send your child to school with money, please have them take it immediately into the media center. Teachers no longer have to worry about receipt books and parents can direct their child to the media center so we can have all money taken up in one area. Your child will bring home a receipt the following day. Make sure they understand the importance of the receipt. The only way we can refund money is if you keep your receipt. It is a good idea to send a check unless cash is required. Make sure you include your

child's name on the check and student ID number and what the check is for. Unfortunately, one of our students didn't make it to the CCMS bank first thing in the morning. The student's cash went through the shredder in the lunchroom because he/she forgot to take it off the tray. OOPS.... Please remind them to drop off YOUR money before they go anywhere else in the school.

We Are Wired

A sixth grader walked by Coach Adams as he had his head sticking through the ceiling tile. The sixth grader commented to his friend, "I didn't know Coach Adams is an electrician."

Coach Adams has not changed professions. He continues to be our technology teacher.

Coach Chadwick, Coach Adams, and Ms. Irwin, our media specialist, spent the

past two days running wires through our main building so we can have a wireless network. You can imagine the coaches thought it was their lucky day when I asked them to stick their heads into the ceiling area and run the wires for our wireless network. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to improving our building. We also thank our substitutes, Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Songer. We couldn't have done it without their support!

Parent Pep Rally

You are invited to our Clay-Chalkville Middle School's Parent pep rally. The pep rally will begin at 6:00 p.m. You will have the opportunity to experience the thrill of the pep rally. The dancers will dance, cheerleaders will cheer, the band will play, and the football players will be recognized. Following the pep rally, we will provide food for the students who participated in the pep rally while the parents have the opportunity to hear Donna Funderburke-

McKinley. Mrs. Funderburke-McKinley has kept up with student trends and can give you the latest information about what teens are getting involved in. The parents who attended last year were very impressed with the information and wanted to hear more. If you would like to visit her website, please go to www.thesafeharbor.org. We hope you will commit time to come to the parent pep rally. We have a lot to cheer about!!!



School Cast and STI

School Cast is an efficient way to contact parents regarding school events or school closings. It is so important for you to have correct cell phone and home phone numbers. Please also make sure you have your emails listed so I can email you copies of newsletters and any other important information. With a school of more than 1,000 students, less than two hundred parents have listed their emails. At the end of last year, we sent home copies of password information to our current seventh and eighth grade students. If you need to update your information and do not know how, please contact, please email dtripplett@jefcoed.com or stinsley@jefcoed.com.

STI is our electronic student management system. We take information from your child's registration sheet and load it into STI. If your child has a problem at school, we use the phone numbers you wrote down on the registration sheet to call you. If your numbers have changed, please call and let us know.

Counselors' Corner

Tania Wilson from Gateway came to talk to our students about Conflict Resolution. When the counselors had the students complete a needs assessment, students indicated they needed assistance with their problems with peers. Dr. Payne, director of Educational Talent Search at Jefferson State Community College, talked to students about Educational Talent Search. Several students have signed up and indicated a need for tutorial services.

The Career Fair for seventh and eighth graders will be held November 17th. If you would like to talk to students about your career, please contact fwillingham@jefcoed.com. So far, we have a hair stylist, a dentist, an attorney, a fireman, a physical therapist, a pharmacist, an author, a realtor, an X-ray technician, a hospital administrator, and the director of Educational Talent Search. We certainly can use more than one person in a field. Also, there are many careers that are not represented. Please help our students see the possibilities of their future.

We have begun our Big Brother/Big Sister program for this year. We have thirty students signed up to participate and many students from Clay-Chalkville High School have signed up to be their mentor.

Student small groups have begun. We have a girls' group called "Butterflies", an anger management group, and several small tutoring groups. If your child needs assistance, please contact the counselors.

The Importance of Attendance and AYP



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For the past four years, we have made AYP. AYP stands for Annual Yearly Progress monitoring. One of the areas the state monitors is our attendance. For the first forty days after Labor Day, the state looks at a snapshot of our attendance. If we maintain an average of 95%, we make AYP. Please make sure your child, attends school. Students fall behind quickly when they do not receive instruction from their teacher. This year, the swine flu and the flu have prevented

our students from attending. Certainly, if your child is sick and is running a fever, he/she needs to remain at home until they are fever free. Please understand that in no way am I asking you to send a sick child to school. The State Board of Education is considering concessions for schools this year due to the swine flu. Fortunately, our attendance has not been significantly impacted. We have averaged 95.6.

CCMS GOES PINK

Cougar P.R.I.D.E.
Personal
Responsibility in a
Disciplined
Environment

Don't panic! Pink will not be our permanent color, but we will all dress in pink on October 9th. Our goal is to have as many students and faculty to wear pink in an effort to support our CCMS staff who will represent our school in the race for the cure. The logo on our pink t-shirts describes our efforts : "Cougars for the Cure."

Mrs. Cagle, an energetic seventh grade teacher, came up with the idea and started recruiting CCMS staff members. We have had a couple of our teachers and retired teachers who have battled with breast cancer. Mrs. Cagle's enthusiasm has spilled over into the student body. By collecting change, the student body has raised \$856.87.

Sixth Grade-\$381.34
Seventh Grade- \$425.49
Eighth Grade- \$43.56
Top Homerooms:
1st place- Mrs. Leake \$160.11
2nd place- Mrs. Tompkins \$128.31
3rd place- Mrs. Hamrick \$127.64

The Cougars for the Cure Team has twenty-nine members and is growing. The total money raised by contributions to the team website, registration fees, and t-shirt money is \$2,140.75. If you are interested in donating, you can go to the teams' website and donate.

<http://alabamaraceforthecure.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=304893&lis=1&kntae304893=140F342B11DA420EBCAC9FC14DE25921&team=3492356>

Reading and Math Assistance

Counselors and students from CCHS are working with students in reading. Please make sure your student is reading at home.

CCMS has access to a math tutorial program called aleks math. This program can be used to help your child remediate or advance in math. The program is online and would cost @35.00 for seven months. If you wanted to purchase the tutorial as an individual the price would be much higher. Although we cannot afford to pay the price per student, if you would like to purchase this web based tutorial for your child, you can write a check to CCMS for the amount and we will access the program for your child. The online tutorial goes through twelfth grade math. It is online and can be used whenever your child logs in. When your child says they don't have any homework, you can have them improve their math skills. Let me know if you're interested.