

# Clark Middle School

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Learning.

Establishing High Expectations  
Through Rigor, Relevance and  
Relationship Building



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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

*Wednesday*

**October 26, 2022**

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**Conference 12:15-3:00pm**

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*Friday*

**October 28, 2022**

**No School For Students**

**Teachers PD Day**

**7:45am-11:30am**

**Teacher Dismissal 11:30pm**



## STUDENT CONFERENCES

You will soon be receiving information regarding scheduling your Student Led Conference. Student Led Conferences will be held:

**October 26<sup>th</sup> ~12:15 -3:00 & 4:00 -7:00p.m & October 27<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:15 -3:00**

**NOTE: We will be closed from 3:00-4:00 on October 26<sup>th</sup> for a brief STAFF DINNER Break.**

Conferences slots are approximately 20 minutes in length so your child can work with you through his/her portfolio. The core teachers will be available and will drop in throughout the conference. I encourage you to allow enough time to also visit the Math, elective and PE teachers before or after you scheduled Student Led Conference. If you would like more information regarding Student Led Conferences, there is a wealth of information on our middle school Web site called the Middle Link. The site is <http://www.asdk12.org/MiddleLink/SLC/>.

**We are well into this school year; please make sure you are working with your child towards success at Clark Middle School.** Nightly checks of schoolwork, looking over homework, having your student explain his/her assignments and contacting teachers are excellent ways to be included in your child's schooling. Students achieve far greater results when we establish team effort to help them along. From school as well as home.

**Currently we offer after-school tutoring on Monday through Friday.** If you are interested in having your child participate in the Extended Day Learning After School Program, there are still availabilities. Please have your student pick up an application form in the front office or see any one of the counselors. We definitely want our students to be successful at Clark, so we encourage all families to take advantage of these wonderful extra curricula enrichment programs that support student learning.

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Chekedia Rias 742-4715

Registrar: Mrs. Lillian Lopez 742-7765, Attendance Secretary: Ms. Shawna Alexander 742-7763,

Administrative Assistant of Finances and Procurement: Mrs. Christina Russell 742-4727

# STUDENT LED CONFERENCES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

The following schedule is for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Student Led Conference. Students will be dismissed at 11:45am on Wednesday and Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The additional time is provided for schools to utilize the Student-Led Conference model. Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> is an in-service day with the morning dedicated to an in-service to meet professional development needs of our school.

**Conferences Dates:** Wednesday, October 26, 2022 - Middle School Conferences  
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Friday, October 28, 2022 – **No School for Students** – In Service Day

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*In-Service Day **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS***

## Guidelines for Fines and Fees of Lost/Damaged Chromebooks

Lost/Missing Chromebook	\$299.00
Lost/Missing/Damaged (unusable) Charger	\$25.00

### Damage to Chromebook:

- Screen Replacement \$50.00
- Hinge-must replace device \$299.00
- LCD Top Cover \$25.00
- Front Screen Bezel (Frame around screen) \$20.00
- Bottom Cover \$25.00
- Keyboard \$50.00
- Missing keys-\$5.00 each key up to the price of a keyboard replacement
- Top Case \$75.00
- USB-C Ports/Input Ports \$150.00
- Camera/Microphone \$25.00



# STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

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Getting students to accept more responsibility for their learning and actions becomes more attainable when they take a pivotal role in the conferencing process. Student-led conferences shift the focus from talking about students to talking directly with them.

### The Role of the Student

In a student-led conference, the student tells the story of his/her learning. Using a portfolio representing work samples from the respective time period, a student describes his/her educational growth. This is an opportunity for students to make learning active, to self-reflect and evaluate performance, and to discover who they are as learners. In a student-led conference, the student showcases not only strengths but also set goals to improve in areas of weakness.

### The Role of the Parent

Parents should be active listeners and ask for clarification on things they do not understand

Parents are asked to provide feedback to their child

If you still have questions or concerns after the conference please contact your grade level counselor to set up an appointment with your student's teachers

### Suggested Questions for Parents to Ask During Student Led Conferences

- \* What are the main things you hope to accomplish this year?
- \* What are some things you cannot do now but hope to achieve soon?
- \* What is your favorite piece of work? Why?
- \* Describe your favorite activities or subjects?
- \* What activities or subjects are hard for you?
- \* What experiences at school do you find most satisfying?
- \* What experiences frustrate you the most?
- \* What are the most important things you are learning this year?
- \* What goals have you set, or do you want to set?
- \* What do you need to do at home to improve your learning environment?
- \* What do you need to do in class to improve your learning environment?





## ***Greetings Clark Students and Families,***

October is a month filled with exciting activities, events and learning! Students are eager to share their learning at the upcoming Student Led Conferences - October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

We encourage students to serve on the **Positive Behavior and Discipline Committee**.

Students provides valuable input and feedback into ways we can continue to keep Clark a safe and positive place to learn. We appreciate and value our Student Scholar Voices!

### **Here are some Clark pride points reported from past students:**

- Students are ready to learn
- Teachers are greeting students when they walk in the school and into classrooms
- Safety and Security Specialists help with lockers and greet students in the morning
- Students are transitioning quickly to their next classes
- Students follow staff directions
- Students can sit with friends in the MPR before school starts
- Students are kind and even hold the door open in the mornings
- Cafeteria staff and teachers greet students

The next ***Positive Behavior and Discipline meeting will be held October 7<sup>th</sup> in the library from 7:30 - 8:00 am.*** Students, staff and parents are welcome to join!



### **Quarter 1 School Dance: October 14th, 3:00-4:30 pm**

Clark Scholars, our first quarter dance is just around the corner. Information regarding the dance will be provided during morning announcements and during PBIS lessons. Here is a preview of important information:

#### **Expectations for Appropriate Behaviors**

- Students must remain in the dance from 3:00-4:30 pm
- Cameras and phones should not be on during the dance - families do not want their students posted on social media so we are honoring our students and families.
- No Crowd Dancing

## Greetings Clark Students and Families ~ *continued*

- No Inappropriate Dancing
- No Dancing To Close
- No Sexually Inappropriate Dancing

### Appropriate Behaviors:

- Students are to show respect to other students and staff/chaperons.
- Have a fun, respectful time at the dance
- Do not circle around - student are expected NOT to circle around to observe students dancing
- Remain in designated areas - the center of the floor is designated for dancing
- Observing: the outer edge /against the wall is designated for observing
- Music - will be appropriate and in good taste
- Students do not need to change clothes for the dance - please follow our Clark dress code expectations

### Reminders:

- Students can only purchase one ticket per permission form
- Students will not be provided with warnings regarding behaviors
- All school rules in the ***Student Rights and Responsibility Handbook*** apply while attending the dance (before, during and after the dance)

### Concessions:

- Food and drink will be allowed in designated areas is only allowed around the outer area of the dance floor - (food and drink are not allowed on the dance floor)
- The School Store will sell food items if desired to purchase - such as Hot Dogs \$1.00 /Ice Cream \$1.00 / Slushes \$1.00 / Cup of Noodles \$1.00 / Popcorn \$1.00 /etc... most items are \$1.00 while a few are \$2.00... ·
- All students are responsible for maintaining a clean area while attending the dance. ·

### Purchasing Tickets:

- Students must have their purchased ticket along with their Signed Parent Permission Form attached in order to enter the dance.
- ***Students must present a Signed Parent Permission Form before the Financial Data Control Clerk (Christina Russell) will sell a ticket to them.***
- Students can only purchase one ticket per permission form.
- If you lose your ticket the school ***WILL NOT REPLACE IT***. It is your responsibility to keep your ticket in a safe place until it is time for the dance.
- Tickets are \$5 each



## News from The Academic Teams...

Greetings, Team McClintock Parent/Guardian!

It is hard to believe we are close to the end of Quarter 1 (10/28). We are looking forward to planning some exciting and enriching field trips for your students in these next few months, and we will be emailing to ask about chaperones for these events. At the end of October, please mark your calendar for student-led conferences, which will take place Wednesday 10/26 and Thursday 10/27. Your student will be calling home in the next few weeks to make an appointment for these conferences. The purpose of these conferences is for your student to show off the good work they've been doing in all their classes! We are so grateful for your support and look forward to meeting with you at the end of October.

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September brought us some amazing activities, especially with Deaf Awareness Week (Sept. 18 – 24, 2022)! We had events like our Deaf Jam (basketball game) and our Jr. National Association of the Deaf (Jr. NAD) Pizza Night where our students took on some amazing leadership roles. During the school day, our students have been actively learning and involved in all our discussions, including some of our students sharing about their cultures with others. This includes our students sharing their language with peers outside of our classroom to help with continuous access to communication. Our students utilize American Sign Language while in school and have taken it upon themselves to teach staff and peers a few basic signs. In the coming weeks, we are going to start working on self-advocacy and film making utilizing a variety of tools!

AKSDHH gear are available to order! We have hoodies, vests, t-shirts, hats and more! If you would like to order anything or see the inventory list, please contact Clara Baldwin (Assistant Director of AKSDHH) via email at [baldwin\\_clara@asdk12.org](mailto:baldwin_clara@asdk12.org).

Upcoming events for AKSDHH:

- Jr. NAD Pizza Night – October 20, 2022; 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Round Table Pizza

## News from The Academic Teams Continues...

**Socrates Team:** Jason Patterson [Patterson\\_jason@asdk12.org](mailto:Patterson_jason@asdk12.org) , Larry Moberly [Moberly\\_larry@asdk12.org](mailto:Moberly_larry@asdk12.org) , Scott McDonald [mcdonald\\_larry@asdk12.org](mailto:mcdonald_larry@asdk12.org) , Edward Kelkis [kelkis\\_edward@asdk12.org](mailto:kelkis_edward@asdk12.org)

The Socrates team is really looking forward to the end of the first quarter and meeting with families during student-led conferences. This upcoming month in Integrated Science 8 is full of invigorating student-centered, hands-on learning sessions. These sessions will begin to develop the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills students need to be successful in high school, college, and everyday life in general. For Social Studies, we will transition from the Historiography Unit into the Economics/Household Budgeting unit; students will be exploring careers and how to plan and implement household budgeting strategies. English Language Arts has just completed the first essential question essay and the second essential question is due 19 **October** on “What Defines a Hero?” During the month of **October**, students will focus on reading “The Odyssey” in and outside of class, with several projects and activities attached to the reading. In Writing, we will continue to look at how to find credible sources during research as we finish up our Informative Writing unit.

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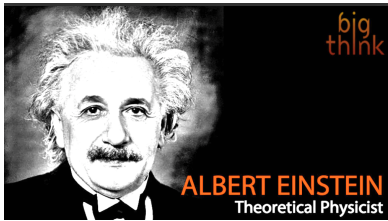
**Writing Department:** Carol Smith [smith\\_carol01@asdk12.org](mailto:smith_carol01@asdk12.org) , Stephanie Mellott [Mellott\\_stephanie@asdk12.org](mailto:Mellott_stephanie@asdk12.org) , Yuan Bank [yuan-bank@asdk12.org](mailto:yuan-bank@asdk12.org) , Scott McDonald [mcdonald\\_scott@asdk12.org](mailto:mcdonald_scott@asdk12.org) ,

Throughout September, writing classes have focused on building a foundation for students to write an informative essay following Modern Language Association (MLA) format. Their knowledge of how to cite their research according to a professional style will help students not only throughout this year, but throughout their entire academic careers. Students will be building upon this foundation as they learn more about how to present information with their own voice throughout the rest of the first quarter. In the second quarter, students will begin to learn argumentative writing and how to create and support a claim that will be convincing to their audience.

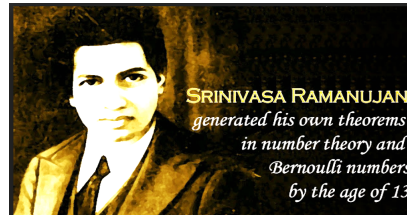
As we finish our informative unit, one great way for students to continue to grow as informative writers is for them to read more informative texts. When students are exposed to more informative writing, they are also exposed to different styles of presenting information. Encouraging your children to read magazines, newspapers, and other periodicals can help further expose them to the variety of ways authors present information in daily life.

## More News from The Academic Teams...

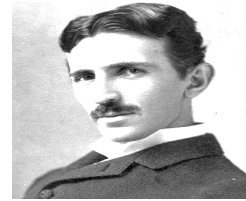
(6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math)



(7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math)



(8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math)



In the month of **October**, the math department will be focusing on students passing their classes for quarter 1 and continuing to grow their students' confidence in their math skills. Most teachers are focusing on their student's quick math skills such as adding negatives, multiplication or division for warm-ups.

**Geometry** will be diving into proofs and understanding how logic plays a big part in their ability to explain how something works in a clear manner.

**Algebra I** will be diving into how to write and solve both equations and inequalities.

**Pre-Algebra** will be working on Integer Operations and Solving Equations.

**Math 8** will be learning about angle relationships and starting the algebra units. The algebra units are the hardest units in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, so extra help during lunch or after school is advised for students.

**Math 7** will be continuing their proportions unit. This is the hardest unit in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, so extra help during lunch or after school is advised for students.

**Math 6** will be continuing their expressions and equations unit.

**Note:** If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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### Newton Newsletter

Newton team is working together to ensure our students' success. They are making fantastic strides this quarter. We have completed our first round of MAP testing and are looking forward to making gains this semester to increase scores on the January MAP test. All of the classes are really diving into the material and activities. Please keep up on your students' grades in Q and encourage them to get that work completed. Can't wait to see you during our student led conferences! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us: Kevin Neyhard [neyhard\\_kevin@ask12.org](mailto:neyhard_kevin@ask12.org), David Holmes [holmes\\_david@asdk12.org](mailto:holmes_david@asdk12.org), Stephanie Mellott [Mellott\\_stephanie@asdk12.org](mailto:Mellott_stephanie@asdk12.org), or Rita Shannon [Shannon\\_rita@asdk12.org](mailto:Shannon_rita@asdk12.org)



## Electives Corner...

### Spanish: Sra. Jade [Leónleon jade@asdk12.org](mailto:jade@asdk12.org)

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15th-Oct 15th)! October is an amazing month for our Spanish classes! The main event of the month is learning about el Día de los Muertos (Nov 1st & 2nd). Students in all classes will be deepening their understanding of the celebration, and 8th grade classes will actually get to participate by creating *offends* to honor loved ones who has passed away. We will also be having our class *fiesta* on Nov 1st and 2nd. ¡Olé!

### Art- Heather Doncaster [Doncaster heather@asdk12.org](mailto:Doncaster_heather@asdk12.org)

In class we are creating all different types of art, getting ready to show off our talents for Student Led Conferences! We are currently creating different Cartoons and creating a Cartoon Self-portrait! Swing by the art room to see all sorts of student Art decorating the walls!

### FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (FACS) – Mrs. Ramona Rivers

[Rivers ramona@asdk12.org](mailto:Rivers_ramona@asdk12.org)

**Busy, engaged, and productive** are words to describe the Family and Consumer Sciences students. The F.A.C.S. program is moving swiftly to complete the First Quarter with rigor.

Hand Sewing and Sewing machines will soon be in motion as students are engaged in “Taming the Sewing Machine” to produce excellent decorative and apparel projects.

Students know that the ingredients to F.A.C.S. success (attendance, participation, cooperation, and responsibility) must be practiced daily in order to ensure desired academic outcomes.

Combine the following ingredients, and make a cool, smooth drink for your family and friends.

#### Orange Smoothie

**Put the following ingredients into an electric blender and blend until smooth.**

**8 ounces Frozen Orange Juice Concentrate**

**10 Ice Cubes**

**1 Cup Milk**

**1 Cup Water**

**2 Tablespoons Sugar**

**1 Teaspoon vanilla extract**

Remember to follow safety guidelines!



Welcome to Clark Middle School! My name is Yani Morley and I am your Indian Education Community Counselor. I was born in Washington State and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. I am Tlingit and Tsimshian Indian. My birth mother is from Wrangell, Alaska.

I have worked for Anchorage School District since 2014. I accepted the Title VI Indian Education Community Counselor position in February 2022.

I enjoy providing support and advocacy for students and families.

As your Indian Education Community Counselor, I will provide in class assistance support, connect families to the community to address students' social, cultural and academic needs, coordinate cultural activities and help students and families with middle school and high school transitions.

I also enjoy coaching Girls' JV Basketball at Clark.

In this August newsletter, you will find information about Johnson O'Malley Grant (JOM), Open House invitation and information as well as the link to fill out an electronic copy of the 506 Form for enrollment to the federally funded Title VI Indian Education Services at ASD.

My office hours are Monday - Friday 8AM - 3PM. Please feel free to give me a call at (907) 742- 7731 or e-mail at [Morley\\_yani@asdk12.org](mailto:Morley_yani@asdk12.org) for any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to meeting you and your family!

If it isn't possible, below is some information from Title VI:

### **CITC-JOM Grant Program:**

Who is eligible? Alaska Native and American Indian students attending classes at ASD schools are eligible!

Students and Parents,

The CITC-JOM Native Student Activities Grant Program provides funding assistance to meet specialized and unique educational needs and enrich the educational experiences of Alaska Native and American Indian students enrolled full-time in grades Kindergarten - twelve (12) in the Anchorage School District (ASD).

The amount available per student is not to exceed \$300.00 during a school year (Aug 1-July 31).

Cap of \$150 on sports gear and gym clothing requests.

technology requests require a letter of support from the teacher stating how the technology item will benefit the child. Technology requests (laptops, iPads, etc.) will be approved once every three years per student.

Submit application and proof of Indian blood to : CITC-JOM Native Student Activities Program, CITC, YES Department - 3880 San Jeronimo Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508 - [jomprograms@citci.org](mailto:jomprograms@citci.org).

For more information contact Diane Stone at (907) 793-3327

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **OCTOBER 10, 2022-Monday - INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY -**

Clark's Indigenous Students will celebrate INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY by wearing your Cultural Regalia to School on Monday, October 10th, 2022!

#### **OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - AFN (Alaska Federation of Natives)**

39th Annual Statewide Elders & Youth Conference October 16-19, 2022. Dena'ina Center, Anchorage, Alaska · Announcements · Get Involved! visit [www.firstalaskans.org](http://www.firstalaskans.org) for more AFN Elders and Youth Conference information.



## TITLE VI INDIAN EDUCATION

**OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022** - The Alaska Federation of Natives Convention will be held on **October 20-22, 2022** at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage, Alaska. For more information please visit: [www.nativefederation.org](http://www.nativefederation.org)



### [Home - First Alaskans Institute](http://www.firstalaskans.org)

Spring 2022 edition available now! First Alaskans Magazine is pleased to offer you this free edition focusing on climate change, birth workers, Alaska Native women leadership, land claims, land acknowledgement, Koyukon man, ANCSA Regional Association, poems and a book review! To increase readership and access, we are currently offering the magazine free of [...]

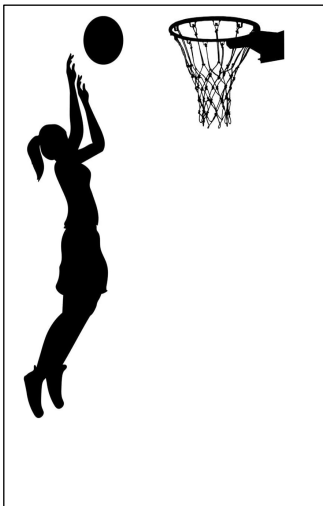
[www.firstalaskans.org](http://www.firstalaskans.org)



Thank you,

Ms. Yani Morley

## Girls **Basketball**



The season will end with C-team's last game on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and JV/Varsity's last games through the Jamboree on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, with an end-of-season celebration on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> where each student will be given a Certificate of Achievement as well as recognition of various team contributions. Each team has accomplished many feats. Our girls learned skills that are useful not only on the court but within the classroom. Mrs. Jones the C-team coach, instilled into the girls the importance of communication, cooperation, and good sportsmanship. Although they have not won all their games, they hold their heads up high. The JV team started the season with amazing wins. With each game the girls had an opportunity to show their strengths and build on those skills that needed improvement. The Varsity coach girls

brought their A game for the season by continuing the Clark Varsity legacy. I would like to thank parents, teachers, and who support our girls through the season. Ms. **Swisher** (coach)

[swisher\\_ashshanta@asdk12.org](mailto:swisher_ashshanta@asdk12.org)

## **Anchorage School Based Health Center Clark Middle School Clinical Services**

- Medical Services and Counseling services available.
- Common issues for counseling: disruptive behavior, trauma and grief, anxiety, depression and other mood related issues.
- With parent permission, an assessment will be done to determine what, if any treatment is appropriate for your student
- Counseling services provided in partnership with Alaska Behavioral Health, not by ASD staff
- Enrollment in these services is NOT required by Clark Middle School, but it is a convenient option to get the care your student may need to succeed.
- Services are not free, but insurance can be billed and fees can be based on family size/ income.
- For more information, please call Alaska Behavioral Health at 907-561-0954 or 907-742-9727
- Registration forms can be completed in person or online:  
<https://alaskabehavioralhealth.org/forms-for-new-clients/>

Wrestling and Girls' Volleyball start in October. All student athletes must have a physical exam to participate. If you are unable to take your student to a doctor's office, the Clark Clinic can help! Use the QR code to request an appointment. Or call 907-742-7782.

This year, in collaboration with Alaska Behavioral Health, therapeutic counseling services are now available at Clark. For more information, please call Alaska Behavioral Health at 907-561-0954 or 907-742-9727

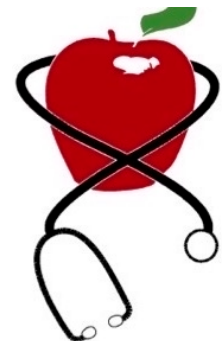
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QR Code to request  
Based Health Centers



Alaska Behavioral Health



Anchorage School  
Medical Appointment





The poster features a header with four icons: a flask with a planet, a circuit board, a gear, and a pi symbol with a formula. The text 'STEM DAY' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. To the right of 'DAY' is a box containing the words 'SCIENCE', 'TECHNOLOGY', 'ENGINEERING', and 'MATHEMATICS' stacked vertically, with the UAA logo below them. The event date and time are listed as 'Sat, Oct. 1st, 2022 // 10am-4pm'. The location is 'ConocoPhillips Integrated Science Building (3301 Science Cir)'. A teal banner lists the fields: 'ENGINEERING, BIOLOGY, PHYSICS, HEALTH, ASTRONOMY & MORE'. A central teal cloud-shaped box contains the text 'K-12 students & families can participate in:' followed by a list of activities: 'Fun & engaging hands-on activities', 'Tours of research facilities', 'Science, health & engineering demos', and 'Planetarium showings'. Below this is the text 'FREE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY' and 'Learn more & view the full schedule at www.uaa.alaska.edu/stem'. A QR code is provided for more information. The UAA logo and 'UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE.' are at the bottom of the cloud. A stylized orange heartbeat line is at the bottom of the poster.

**STEM DAY**

SCIENCE  
TECHNOLOGY  
ENGINEERING  
MATHEMATICS  
**UAA**

**Sat, Oct. 1st, 2022 // 10am-4pm**

**ConocoPhillips Integrated Science Building (3301 Science Cir)**

**ENGINEERING, BIOLOGY, PHYSICS, HEALTH, ASTRONOMY & MORE**

**K-12 students & families  
can participate in:**

- Fun & engaging hands-on activities
- Tours of research facilities
- Science, health & engineering demos
- Planetarium showings

**FREE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**Learn more & view the full schedule at  
[www.uaa.alaska.edu/stem](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/stem)**



**UAA** UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE.

AA/EO employer and educational institution and prohibits illegal discrimination  
ny individual: [www.alaska.edu/nondiscrimination](http://www.alaska.edu/nondiscrimination).

The Anchorage School District does not endorse these n  
the viewpoints express



## Some friendly reminders regarding our school-wide expectations:



### No Cell Phone Policy

This is a friendly reminder regarding our **Clark Middle School Cell Phone Policy**. Cell phones are to be shut off and stored away throughout the day from 8:00-2:45 pm. Students may use cell phones before and after school, unless participating in the afterschool program as this is an extension of the school day.

Phones are available in every classroom throughout the building, and students need to simply ask to use the phone.

Reminder to students and families, the cell phone policy is intentionally designed to reduce distractions throughout the school day, honor family and student requests not to be filmed during school, and more efficiently ensure cell phones are not lost or damaged.



**Week-At-A-Glance** Teachers are providing the Week-At-A-Glance information so students and families may plan ahead and know what the focus of learning will be. Please make sure you have access to this helpful information and know where to locate it! If you are unsure, please contact your student's teacher.

### **Sports Update: Wrestling and Volleyball (October to December)**

Students may complete a **Sports Packet** to participate in upcoming sporting activities - additional copies are available during lunch, at **The Welcome Desk** and in the front office. We encourage all students to participate in at least one sport or activity to build new skills and experience teamwork. Clark is proud to offer our students access to the student health clinic which offers comprehensive physicals for students throughout the school year. This is always an option if families are unable to schedule physicals outside of school. **Information on fee waivers is included in the sports packet.**

### **Extended Day Afterschool Program**

Remember, Clark Middle School continues to offer the Extended Day Afterschool Program. Students will be allowed to enroll in our free, Extended Day After School Program. From 3:00 to 5:00 pm students will be placed with teachers where they will be completing missing classwork, homework, and provided with academic support from teachers. If students are signed up for sports or drumline, practice takes place from 3:00-4:30 pm. Transportation will be provided for students that take the school bus to and from school at 5:00 pm.

This is a great opportunity for students to join extracurricular activities, build relationships with other students/staff, and fully immerse themselves in our school community. We look forward to having your scholar in our program. Applications are still available in the front office and The Welcome Desk.

**Mark your Calendars for Picture Retakes**

Clark Middle School Picture Retake Day will take place **October 18<sup>th</sup>**, here at Clark Middle School.

Fliers will be sent home with students to remind them of retakes - please return your picture packet on this day, so the photographers will know how to improve.

Remember, Lifetouch is offering affordable picture packages starting at \$16.99. If you are still interested in ordering online, please use Clark ID code: EVTHP7Z2F at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com).

Student ID cards will be distributed during Parent Teacher Conferences. Also, if students are interested in pre-ordering a Clark Memory Book for \$20, order forms are available in the front office.

***Note: Girls' Volleyball and Wrestling sports pictures (individual and group) will be taken on November 9th starting at 3:30 pm.***



We look forward to an awesome second quarter at Clark Middle School, where Every Day is a Great Day for Learning!  
The Clark Administrative Team is here to support and assist.

# Picture Dates for Clark....



Order before Picture Day on [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)  
with your Student's ID or Picture Day ID

## **Upcoming Photo Dates:**

- ✓ Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Fall Picture Retakes
- ✓ Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> Wrestling/Volleyball
- ✓ Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> X-Country Ski / Boys Basketball
- ✓ Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cap & Gown Pics
- ✓ Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> Track & Field

2022-2023

# SPORTS PROGRAM

## INTRAMURAL AND INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

**Intramural** activities are done within the school. Students do not compete against other schools.

**Interscholastic** activities are district wide, and students compete against other middle schools during the season.

## PHYSICALS/PARTICIPATION FORMS AND FEES

- Students must have a current physical on file at school in order to participate in interscholastic and intramural activities. Parents must sign a participation form for each sport.
- A **\$110 fee** will be charged per interscholastic sport. We are moving from a family cap to a student cap system for tracking sports fees. We are leveling the cost of student fees to a standard rate for Middle School (\$110). We are moving from a waiver application to relying on a student's EDS program status in Q for waiving fees.
- The completed "**Middle School Activity Participation Form**", "**Health Examination Form**", "**Sports Fee Remittance Form**", and fees must be handed in together before the student will be allowed to practice. If forms are turned in to the office **after noon**, the student will begin practice on the **next practice day**.  
*Contact: Healthier Ireland, Executive Director, Anchorage School Based Health Center 907-742-0479*

## DATES OF SEASONS

### INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES:

1. GIRLS BASKETBALL	Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Oct. 8th
2. CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING	Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Oct. 6th
3. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	Oct. 17th – Dec. 10th
4. COED WRESTLING	Oct 17th - Dec 8th
5. COED CROSS COUNTRY SKIING	Jan 12th – Mar.. 2 <sup>nd</sup>
6. BOYS BASKETBALL	Jan 10th - Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>
7. COED TRACK AND FIELD	Mar. 6th – May 8 <sup>th</sup>
8. BASEBALL	Fall
9. SOFTBALL	Spring

*Note: Coed = both boys and girls participates together*

***Physicals can be scheduled through Clark Middle School Based Health Center.***

The Clark Clinic will be providing physicals to students during the 2022-23 school year. This will allow them to participate in sports. Parental consent is required and can be given through online registration or with signed paper forms. If you have a primary care doctor in the community, please consider making an appointment for a physical exam before school begins. The school clinic accepts private insurance, Denali Kid Care, and has a sliding fee scale for those who cannot afford care elsewhere. If you have questions, please call the clinic at 742-7782.



## **Fragrance Sensitivity: Impact to Learning & Working**

### **Did you know....**

- Exposure to scented products can trigger nausea, respiratory anaphylaxis, asthma, headaches, neurological symptoms, and tissue damage.
- Some people require days to recover. The damage can be irreparable and the person's condition deteriorates with each exposure.
- Perfumes and colognes are no longer the main culprits. Scented personal products and cleaning supplies produce the same reaction.
- Products with labels that contain words "fragrance free" or "unscented" do not guarantee they do not contain fragrance chemicals.
- Most tests that have been conducted are related to skin sensitivities; very little testing has been done on the respiratory effects.
- Materials used in fragrance are not required to be disclosed on labels, making it difficult to identify the ingredient or product that is responsible for the sensitivity.

### **How You Can Help:**

- Educate students and staff about fragrance sensitivity.
- Avoid using perfume and cologne and other scented personal care products.
- Look for natural and safe products.
- Don't buy personal products that lists "fragrance", "perfume", or "partum" as an ingredient.
- Look for products labeled "fragrance-free".



## Clark Middle School

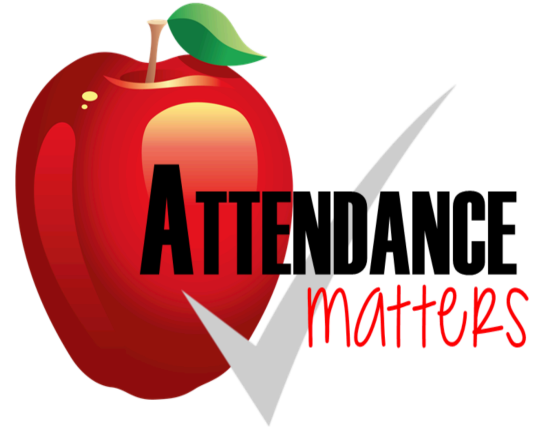
# IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

## Hello Clark Families!

My name is Shawna Alexander and I am the Attendance Secretary here at Clark Middle School.

I would like to share with our Clark families about student absence and tardy procedures. Your child's attendance in school can and will affect their grades. When a student misses too much school, they are missing out on a lot of important information and class time they need to help them on their journey to becoming successful students.

We all know and understand that sometimes life just happens, but it is very important you call our attendance line and let us know.



**\*Please keep in mind that when your child misses one full day it will show up as EIGHT absences, one absence for**



**each class, excused, unexcused, as well as pre-approved absences.**

## STUDENT TARDY:

- The doors open at 7:00 am for students to come in and have breakfast.
- The first bell rings at 8:10 am and the tardy bell rings at 8:15 am. If your student is late please call, walk them in, or send a note with your student that includes your contact information.
- ALL late students must sign in at the front desk.
- After ten (10) minutes of class start time, the student will be considered absent and it will not be changed on their attendance record. This is due to a loss of important instruction per the districts new expectations.
- Excessive tardies may result in detention and/or In-school suspensions.
- Automated calls and/or emails will be sent out from the Anchorage School District if your student has missed one or more classes that were unexcused.
- If you receive an automated call/email and you believe it was in error, do not hesitate to call and we can take a look at the attendance for that day and get it corrected.



## PICKING UP STUDENTS EARLY:

- When you need to pick up your child early, please keep in mind that depending what time of day or which class your child is in, it may take us a few extra minutes to get them out of their class.
- Please, call ahead and allow yourself a few extra minutes when coming to pick up your child.
- If you know ahead of time that your student will need to leave school early, please call first thing in the morning or send in a detailed note with your name, contact information, your students name, reason for leaving, and what time you would like them ready for you and we can get them a pass to be able to leave class with out you having to wait for us to call them down.

**\*ALL STUDENTS MUST BE SIGNED OUT OF THE BUILDING. WE CANNOT ALLOW THEM TO WAIT OUTSIDE OR ALLOW THEM TO JUST WALK OUT OF THE BUILDING UNACCOMPANIED.**

# **IMPORTANT** **ATTENDANCE INFORMATION**

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## **GETTING MESSAGES OR DROPPING OFF ITEMS TO STUDENTS:**

- Getting messages to students requires notice. We do our best to get messages to your child as quickly as possible, but it can take us a little extra time to do so.
- Please, try not to call or come in at the end of the day (after 2:20) for messages, item drop off, or pick-ups unless it is an emergency, you have called ahead, or gotten a blue pass, because at that point, with everything going on at the end of the day, we cannot promise that we can catch your child before they get on a bus or walk out the door.
- Items such as (but not limited to) electronics and money CANNOT be left with office staff, and we need you to please wait until your student can come get it from you.



## **PRE-APPROVED ABSENCE FORM:**

- If your student is going to be gone for more than three (3) days, we have a form at the attendance desk called a pre-approved absence form. You or your student can pick up this form.
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will need to fill out the information and sign it.
- The student will then need to bring it to school and have each of their teachers sign off on it.
- Once each teacher signs off on it, please bring it back to the front office, where I will submit it to our principal for approval.
- It is important to give as much notice as possible so that the teachers have enough time to gather any needed work for the student which will help your child not fall behind. Having too much work to make up after returning from a long absence can be overwhelming for your child.
- If you are requesting work due to an unplanned extended absence, it is required that we give the teachers a MINIMUM OF 24 HOURS notice to gather the work.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance or anything else, please, do not hesitate to call. Students may also come see me as well to help correct or ask questions about their attendance. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) can also track attendance and grades on the Anchorage School District website at [asdk12.org](http://asdk12.org) and look for the Parent Connect on the main home page. If you are unsure of your pin and password, we can help you with that as well.

**We look forward to another great year here at Clark Middle School! ~ Shawna Alexander, Attendance Secretary~**

## DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MEETING

*Elizabeth Hermanson, Assistant Principal, Contact: 907-742-4724*

If you are interested in serving on the school **Discipline Committee** Team or attending any of the discipline meetings, please let me know. The committee meets at 7:30am each month in the Clark Library during the school year. The meetings last thirty minutes and is a great way to provide input to the Administrative Team.

Friday, September 2, 2022

**Friday, October 7, 2022**

Friday November 4, 2022

Friday December 2, 2022

Friday, January 13, 2023

Friday, February 3, 2023

Friday, March 3, 2023

Friday, April 7, 2023

Friday, May 5, 2023



## SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

*Carl Snider, Assistant Principal, Contact: 907-742-7724*

If you are interested in serving on the school **Safety Committee** Team or attending any of the discipline meetings, please let me know. The committee meets at 7:30am each month during the school year. The meetings last thirty minutes and is a great way to provide input to the Administrative Team.

Thursday, September 1, 2022

**Thursday, October 6, 2022**

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Thursday, May 4, 2023





## Come join us for a day of STEMulating activities!

STEM Day is an interactive event hosted at UAA to promote the exciting careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. All are welcome to this free event!

**Saturday October 1, 2022, 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

At the UAA ConocoPhillips Integrated Sciences Building  
3101 Science Circle, Anchorage, AK 99508.

**Parking is free!**

We will host a variety of activities including:

- **Interactive Activities & Presentations**
- **Science Demonstration Shows**
- **Free Planetarium Shows**
- **Building Tours**






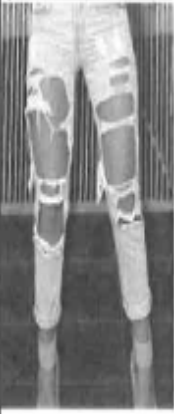


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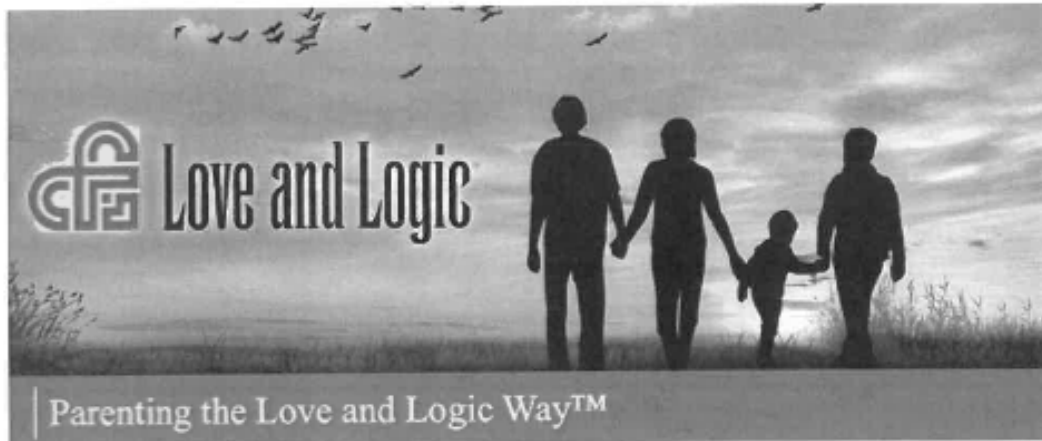
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**The following is intended to clarify the Clark Middle School dress Expectations and should be used as a guide.**

<b>HEAD</b> No caps, visors, hoods, bandanas, sunglasses or other head gear, except with administrative permission.	<b>ACCEPTABLE</b> 	<b>NOT ACCEPTABLE</b> 	
<b>UPPER GARMENTS</b> All garments must cover shoulder to shoulder.  All garments must be long enough to clearly overlap the beltline or stay tucked.  <b>NO</b> halter tops, tanks tops, spaghetti straps or muscle shirts.	<b>ACCEPTABLE</b> 	<b>NOT ACCEPTABLE</b> 	
<b>LOWER GARMENTS</b> Undergarments and the buttocks <b>MUST</b> remain entirely covered even while seated.  Dresses, skirts and shorts must be at least mid-thigh or below in length.	<b>ACCEPTABLE</b> 	<b>NOT ACCEPTABLE</b> 	



**Hosted by: Anchorage School District, Title I**

Led by Love and Logic  
Trained Facilitator  
Meg'n Gall

**Dates: Every Thursday (10/6,10/13,10/20,10/27,11/3,11/10)**

**Time: 5:00-7:00 PM**

**Location: Zoom link will be provided weekly.**

**How to Register: Name**

Child's school  
Email address  
Mailing address  
Phone number

**Questions and to register: Meg'n Gall**

[gall\\_megn@asdk12.org](mailto:gall_megn@asdk12.org)

**Cost: Free**

**\*\*\*\*Limited seats available**

**\*\*\*\*\* This is a class series. Registration is for all six weeks.**



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# Building Hours

*In an effort to continue to provide our students with the best learning environment and middle school experience possible, we are implementing two new practices this year starting October 3, 2022.*

- **The front entry door will remain locked until 6:45a.m. each morning.** This will ensure we have the appropriate staff in place to provide great customer service to parents and students, as well as ensure the safety of students after arrival.
- **Students who are picked up or walking home after school will exit through the North exit.** This allows office staff to answer phones and clearly hear conversations and messages.

We deeply care about our students, parents and community and continually look for ways to keep Clark Middle School great!

## *Dates to Remember*

### October

10/1 Girls Basketball Jamboree  
10/3 Girls Basketball Celebration  
10/6 Safety Committee Meeting  
10/6 X-Country Running End of season Celebration  
10/6 X-Country Running Championships  
10/7 Discipline Committee Meeting 7:30am  
10/7 X-Country Running Meet  
10/8 Girls Basketball Jamboree  
10/10 Indigenous Peoples Day  
10/10-14 University Week  
10/14 Dance 3-4:30pm  
10/17 Wrestling Starts  
10/17 Volleyball Practice Begins 4:00  
10/18 Fall Picture Day Retakes  
10/21 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (**No School for Students**)  
10/24 Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
10/26 Student Led Conferences ½ day for students  
10/27 Student Led Conferences ½ day for students  
10/28 Inservice – (**No School for Students**)  
10/31-11/4 Red Ribbon Week

## *Dates to Remember*

### November

11/3 Safety Meeting  
11/4 Discipline Committee Meeting  
11/10 Wrestling Meet 5:00pm  
11/11 Veterans Day  
11/11 State Release Professional Development (**No School for students**)  
11/15 Wrestling Meet @5:00pm  
11/22 Wrestling Meet@ 5:00pm  
11/24 Thanksgiving Holiday  
11/25 Thanksgiving Holiday  
11/29 Wrestling Meet@ 5:00pm

