

# Kirk Middle School

*Week of Dec. 11th*



## Interim Reports 12/14 on HAC

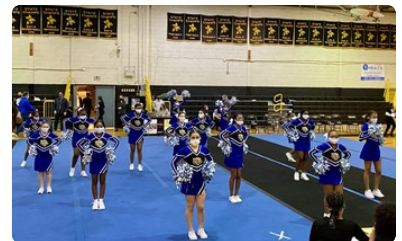
It is hard to believe but we are approaching the midpoint of the 2nd marking period. Interims or progress reports will be available on Home Access Center at 3:00 pm on Dec. 14th.

## Middle School Sports

Basketball Schedule:

12/11 Girls Basketball 3:45 pm & Boys Basketball at Bayard 5:00 pm

12/13 Boys Basketball at Kirk vs Bayard 3:30 pm & Girls Basketball at 4:45



Tickets must be purchased at [Kirkmiddlesports.com](http://Kirkmiddlesports.com) through msb (located in the schedule). Tickets are not sold at the door. Students must be accompanied by a parent to attend.



## Spirit Week - 12/18 to 12/21

Spirit week will be held the week of 12/18. Students will be able to cash out at lunches this week to participate in our theme days.

Monday: PJ Pant Day -students will wear grade level polo

Tuesday: Twin Day

Wednesday: Decade Day

Thursday: Blue/White Day

## Winter Concerts This week

Congratulations to all our performing arts students for putting together two fabulous winter concerts for us this past week. Mr. Dotson, Mrs. Holdsplat and our students really shined as they performed for families and friends during these concerts.



## Hispanic Heritage Night at Kirk

Thank you to everyone who helped organize, prepare, cook, and came out for our Hispanic Heritage Night last Wednesday. The evening was a great success and everyone had a great time celebrating the culture. We really have some amazingly talented families and staff!



**Hispanic**



**Heritage**



**Night**

## Jurdy Visit at Kirk

Jurdy and his friends, the Special Effects Dancers, visited Kirk this past Friday to speak about being kind to one another and stopping bullying and the students loved the positive message. Students learned lessons about choosing to be kind to one another and how to deal with bullying both in person and online.



By speaking to children in their own “language”, Jurdy is able to grab their attention and strongly impact their daily decisions to make healthy choices, like FAM—Friends Always Motivate, BFF—Bullies Fizzle Fast, ‘SUP—Speak Up and CHILL—Choose Happy. It’s Loving Life. With warm-hearted, energizing pep rallies and community events, children are quickly adopting the Jurdy philosophy of happy-ness

## Kirk Middle School in the News!

Congratulations to Brader Elementary, Gallaher Elementary, Keene Elementary, Kirk Middle, and Shue-Medill Middle Schools!

Five Christina School District schools have been recognized by the Delaware Positive Behavior Support Project (DE-PBS) for their achievements during the 2022-2023 school year.

Join us in congratulating the following schools for their efforts and success in working to create safe and caring learning environments that promote the social-emotional and academic



development of all children.

- Kirk Middle School - Phase 1 School-Wide Implementation
- Brader Elementary School - Phase 4 Tier 2-Targeted Team (Systems Conversion)
- Gallaher Elementary School - Phase 4 Tier 2-Targeted Team (Systems Conversion)
- Keene Elementary School - Phase 4 Tier 2-Targeted Team (Systems Conversion)

- Shue-Medill Middle School - Phase 4 Tier 2-Targeted Team (Systems Conversion)

**Congratulations, Brader, Gallaher, Keene, Kirk and Shue-Medill!**

<https://patch.com/delaware/wilmington-de/five-christina-schools-achieve-school-wide-pbs-recognition>

## Title I - Parents Right To Know Letter

In accordance with Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)/ PARENTS' RIGHT-TO-KNOW, this is a notification from Kirk Middle School to every parent of a student in a Title I school that you have the right to request and receive in a timely manner: a) information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers and/or paraprofessionals.

### Kirk Parents Right to Know letter in English-Spanish.docx (1).pdf

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### 2023-24-Christina-School-District-Academic-Calendar-FINAL.pdf

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## School Uniforms

In many public school districts where uniform dress codes have been established, school officials have found that school uniforms:

- enhance school safety
- improve the learning environment
- bridged socioeconomic differences between children
- promoted good behavior
- improved children's self-respect and self-esteem
- produced cost savings for participating families



The decision to implement a uniform code is about equity and high standards of achievement. In order for our students to reach the high standards we have set for them, we must create environments where they receive challenging instruction and are held accountable for their dress, behavior, and personal success.



*Please note that students will not be permitted to wear hoodies in school. Students may wear crew neck sweatshirts, sweaters & cardigans in their grade-level colors.*

*Also, if you have any old uniform items and would like to donate them to our clothes closet please drop off any donations to our main office.*

### Kirk Uniform Policy 22-23.docx

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## School Supplies

There might be additional items for individual courses that are not on the list. Teachers will inform students of these items (if any) once school begins.

Through the course of the school year, students will need to replenish some of the supplies (pencils, lined paper).

### School Supplies

- Mouse (USB) – to use with Chromebook
- Combination lock or key lock – for classroom locker
- Earbuds to use with Chromebook
- 2 packs of loose-leaf paper
- 2, 12-count pack of pencils
- 4 composition notebooks
- Erasers
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils, individual pack of markers
- Ruler
- 1, 3-inch 3-ring binder **or** a zipper binder to carry during the school day
- 8, 2-pocket folders (hole punched to click into a binder)

**Extra Items that are Greatly Appreciated for School Usage (drop off in the main office once school begins).**

- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Tissues

**Students may not carry book bags or drawstring bags** during the school day. They must remain in the locker if brought to school.



### Kirk Middle School Supply List 2023-2024 July.docx

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## Online Attendance Form

Greetings Kirk Families and Friends,

Christina School District is delighted to announce the launch of a new and improved online attendance form for Christina students. The new form will simplify—and speed up—the absence reporting process for all.

Submitting a student absence has never been easier, thanks to our new online attendance form! With our new website comes a new absence form that allows parents/guardians to submit absences online and upload documents, notes, etc.

If your child is absent for any reason, it is important that you let your child's school know the reason for the absence. Parents/guardians have up to five (5) days to provide proper documentation for excusable absences. When your child returns to school, you must do one of the following or the absence may be marked as "unexcused."

- Complete the [Online Form](#), which will be emailed to the school office **OR**
- Send a dated and signed excuse note to the school office stating the reason for the absence  
[Submit an Absence Using our Online Form](#)

Thank you,

Mr. DeLillio  
Principal

## Bus Transportation News

Dear Christina Families,

Christina School District values the welfare and safety of our students. Christina and surrounding school districts are experiencing severe bus driver shortages due to a national and regional driver shortage. Our Transportation staff will make every effort to arrive timely, and we appreciate your patience as we work to adjust schedules to ensure students are transported safely.



**What does this mean for you and your family?** Christina will need to increase "double back" bus runs. This means that a bus is required to run multiple scheduled routes back-to-back that would normally have been covered by separate buses. These "double backs" may impact delivery time to schools or bus stops. We encourage parents to sign up for [WheretheBus](#), as we continually strive to provide the best possible transportation service.

**How can I get updates?** Christina School District school buses are equipped with GPS technology - [WheresTheBus](#) app, a user-friendly school bus tracking system that will precisely identify where the student's assigned bus is and when it will arrive at his/her assigned bus stop.

Use [WheretheBus](#)! [Click here](#) to learn how to [sign up](#) and download the app.

We understand that any transportation delay is frustrating and impacts the entire family. We will

make every attempt to notify parents of delays. Thank you for your flexibility as we work through some of our challenges with transportation. Our goal is to serve every one of our students and our families with safe, efficient transportation.

**Please be assured that we are working hard to recruit qualified bus drivers and to plan transportation that will be as efficient as possible.**

If you experience significant delays or have concerns, please contact 302-454-2281. We greatly appreciate your cooperation as we work through these operational challenges with transportation.

#### KIRK MIDDLE SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE 2022 - 2023

Time	Block
7:05 - 7:20	Lockers/Breakfast
7:20 – 8:05	Enrichment (45 minutes)
8:09 – 9:08	Block 1 (59 minutes)
9:12 – 10:11	Block 2 (59 minutes)
10:15 – 11:58	Block 3 (69 minutes of instruction)
Lunch:	Class:
10:15 – 10:45	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
10:50 – 11:20	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
11:25 – 11:55	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
12:02 – 1:01	Block 4 (59 minutes)
1:01 – 1:06	Lockers
1:06 – 2:05	Block 5 (59 minutes)

#### KIRK CSDVA MIDDLE SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE 2022 - 2023

Time	Block
7:05 - 7:45	Enrichment
7:50 - 8:40	Block 1
8:45 - 9:40	Block 2
9:45 - 10:40	Block 3
10:45 - 11:15	Lunch (All Grades)
11:20 - 12:15	Block 4
12:20 - 1:15	Block 5
1:20 - 2:05	Academic Advisory



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