

Kirk Middle School

Week of March 13th



Virtual Academy Testing Information

This information is for our Virtual Academy Students. State Testing for our Virtual Students only will begin on April 3rd. Testing will be held for all grade levels on the 3rd through the 6th of April. Students are to arrive between 8:30 and 9:00 am for testing. If you need transportation please use the link below.

Please complete this form by March 21st if you will need transportation to Kirk Middle School on those dates.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyHAcDrswjmaY-BFnCnSwjBE_I0bAIUkmhGhSMD62YdINQtQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Spring Spirit Shop is Now open

Our online spirit wear shop is now open for the Spring Season. The online store will close on March 27th so get your orders in!

Student Store Link:

<https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/VDYopQzrNu>





Upcoming March Events

- March 6th Girls Soccer Tryouts/ Girls Track Tryouts
- March 7th Boys Track Tryouts
- March 17th Dress Green Day
- March 17th Lucky Grams delivered to friends
- March 24th PBIS "Alice in Wonderland" First showing of our play
- March 30th 2nd Annual March Madness Tournament

End of the Year Dates

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- June 9th - 8th grade Formal
- June 12th - 8th grade Move Up Drive-thru
- June 13th - 6th/7th grade Awards



3rd MP INTERIMS - Now on HAC

The 3rd MP Interim Reports are now available on Home Access Center. The 3rd MP is critical for students that are in danger of promotion. If your child is not working to their potential in a class please encourage them to put the extra effort into that class this 2nd half of the 3rd MP. There is still plenty of time for improvement this marking period.

Middle School Sports

The Track and Girls' Soccer Season is now underway check the Kirk Sports website for information on game and meet dates and times. <https://www.kirkmiddlesports.com/>



E-Cigarettes and Vaping

Parents a recent CDC survey has shown that 1 out of 5 high school students have used a vape or e-cigarette in the past 30 days. That number is 1 out of 20 for middle school students. We have unfortunately started to see this trend as well. I have included information on Vaping that

includes tips on how to talk to your child about the harm of vaping. This is becoming more common so I do encourage all families of all ages to have a talk with your child about the harms of this trend.



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Theatre is Back at Kirk!

After a long, unplanned hiatus, Kirk Middle School Theatre is back with a production of Alice in Wonderland! Follow the White Rabbit down the rabbit hole with Alice to meet the colorful characters of Wonderland including the Caterpillar, the Cheshire Cat, the Queen of Hearts, and the Mad Hatter. Shows will open to the public at 7pm on March 23 and March 24. Tickets will be available in March using ShowTix4U.

Halal Meals Now Being Offered at Kirk



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Christina School District is excited to announce that beginning on January 9, we will offer menu items that include halal-certified and halal-suitable meal options for our students at the following schools:

- Gallaher Elementary
- Marshall Elementary
- Kirk Middle School
- Middle School Honors Academy at CHS
- Christiana High School

In preparation for the launch of the new Halal meal options, we are asking parents to let us know if their child(ren) may be interested in participating by completing the [Halal Meal Options Interest Form](#). Students can request Halal-approved entrees upon entering the serving line.

For students who attend the schools mentioned above, a separate halal menu will be available so that students and parents know exactly what meal options are available every month. [Click here to view the January 2023 Halal Breakfast and Lunch Menu](#).

Halal is Arabic for permissible. For meat to be considered Halal, the animal from which the meat is sourced must have been prepared and handled according to Islamic law.

If you have any questions, please contact our Child Nutrition Services department at childnutrition@christina.k12.de.us or (302) 454-2400, ext. 43200.



Jurdy at Kirk



Jurdy and his friends came to Kirk Middle School to spread his message of happiness and promote positive student interactions. Students learned lessons about choosing to be kind to one another and how to deal with bullying both in person and online. During the assembly, students were asked how many students spend 1 -3 hours a day on social media sites and almost every hand was up showing the importance of teaching our students how to be kind both in person and online. The students really enjoyed this presentation and we were glad to bring Jurdy and his friends to Kirk Middle School.

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

Congratulations to our 1st Marking Period Honor Students!





Christina Goes Cashless for Athletic Tickets

Effective Friday, December 2, Christina School District middle and high schools are moving to an online payment system for tickets to athletic events. This currently only pertains to girls' and boys' basketball games. Wrestling, swimming, and diving will not require a ticket. The new online ticketing program, MSB Tickets, allows patrons to buy event tickets in advance. Tickets will no longer be sold at the door. Please keep this in mind as you invite family and friends.

ALL TICKETS must be purchased online. You may print your ticket and present it upon entry or use the QR Code on your cell phones as tickets, which will be sent after purchase. No sign-in is required to use the ticket system.

Ticket sales will close at 12:00 pm the day of the game.

The move to cashless ticket sales does not apply to the concession stands. All concession stands will continue to accept cash at this time.

More information, including the websites for purchasing tickets for upcoming events, is coming soon.

Thank you for supporting Christina School District athletics.

New 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. **It will be available on Monday, October 24.**

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 [WheresTheBus](#), 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 [WherestheBus!](#) [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.

Yearbook News

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Cover Contest

Attention 8th Grade Students!

Are you creative? Love to draw? Good with Graphic Design? Well, it is that time again! Kirk's yearbook cover art contest. If you are interested in submitting an original piece of art that will be featured on the front or back cover of the yearbook then please see Ms. Page in M107 for the details. All submissions must be turned in to Ms. Page by Oct. 1.

Yearbooks on Sale

Yearbooks are now on Sale. Pre-order yours now for only \$20. After January 1st the price of the yearbooks will be \$25. Reserve your copy before we sell out. You can pick up an order form from Ms. Page in room M107 or in the Main Office.

Yearbook Pages

Attention 8th grade parents, the yearbook team will be creating some special feature pages for our graduates. If you are interested in your son/daughter being included then click on the links that are provided.

1. *Our Graduates-*

Submit a photo of your child that is current(by themselves) and one of them beginning their school career(kindergarten) or a baby picture. Then complete the attached google form about your child.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Jk_4BAziN6XRr0C28VHnJtJDa9oyD38mXE_GXgMtLGs/edit

2. *Parent Messages*

If you would like to send a message to your son or daughter in the yearbook wishing them well or how proud you are of them, please click here on the google form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZLMHw7p3VHI7DVqhaYOLW69kMijfXm-IC-hkCw5vdeA/edit>

3. *Thank-you and Goodbye Messages*

If your student would like to say thank you or goodbye to a staff member please click on the google form to submit their message. If they have a picture with that staff member and would like to submit it with their message that would be great.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SF5G50e1xqhFWinn0JKJ8PkgwzOd9IEQxDs5T4_EcAk/edit

Submitting Pictures:

If you are having issues attaching the photos in the google doc then please send them to my email.

Please be sure to put your student's full name and grade

jennifer.page@christina.k12.de.us



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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.



Kirk Uniform Policy 22-23.docx

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Kirk Middle School Supply List 2022.pdf

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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 th Grade	10:49 - 11:58
10:50 - 11:20 7 th Grade	10:15 - 10:50 & 11:24 - 11:58
11:25 - 11:55 8 th Grade	10:15 - 11:24
12:02 - 1:01	Block 4 (59 minutes)
1:01 - 1:06	Lockers
1:06 - 2:05	Block 5 (59 minutes)