

# Kirk Middle School

Week of April 3rd



## Virtual Academy Testing at Kirk April 3, 4, 5 & 6

This week Virtual Academy students will be taking their State Test at Kirk Middle School. Testing is for all 3 grades. Students should arrive at Kirk at 9:00 and testing will officially start at 9:30 am each morning. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for students each day. Testing will conclude each day at 1:00 pm. We will have additional Chromebooks available for students as we know many of our students use personal devices. We are asking if students could bring a book or magazine to read if they finish a testing session early.

Also, as a reminder, there are no classes for our virtual students this week since we are testing, so they do not need to log in for ENR or block 1 before testing.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me [vincent.delillio@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:vincent.delillio@christina.k12.de.us)

## Upcoming Dates

- CSDVA State Testing April 3rd- 6th (6th, 7th & 8th Grade)
- Spring Break begins this Friday, April 7th, and classes resume on April 17th.
- Report Cards available on HAC April 20th
- State Testing April 24th -28th for in-person students



## Voicemail Issues

We have recently discovered that some of our phones are not playing voice messages left. We have placed a technology ticket to have this addressed as soon as possible. I have included

the link to the staff directory so that if you leave a voice message and do not hear back you are able to follow up with that staff member with an email.

<https://www.christinak12.org/Page/573>

## Spring Pictures

Spring Pictures will be held at Kirk on Wednesday, April 19th. Lifetouch will stay until 4:00 pm to accommodate our virtual students.



To order picture packets online go to [www.mylifetouch.com](http://www.mylifetouch.com)

School Picture ID: EVTPBXC9X

## State Testing Schedule

April							2023
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2	CSDVA Testing ELA CAT All Grades	3 CSDVA Testing ELA PT All Grades	4 CSDVA Testing Math CAT All Grades	5 CSDVA Testing Math PT All Grades	6 Spring Break	7 8	
9	Spring Break	10 Spring Break	11 Spring Break	12 Spring Break	13 Spring Break	14 15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	Kirk State Testing ELA CAT – All Grades B4, B1, B2, B3	24 Kirk State Testing ELA PT – All Grades B4, W1, W2, W3	25 Kirk State Testing Math CAT – All Grades B4, B4, B5, B1	26 Kirk State Testing Math PT – All Grades B4, W4, W5, W1	27 Makeup Testing Begins	28 29	
30	The week of May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sci Testing 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Makeups cont.	The Week of May 8 <sup>th</sup> SS 3 <sup>rd</sup> round. Grades 6-8					

## 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

## 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/>

Girls Soccer 3/28/23 Home vs Bayard

Track 4/3/23 Glasgow High School



## 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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## 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 [childnutrion@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:childnutrion@christina.k12.de.us) or (302) 454-2400, ext. 43200.

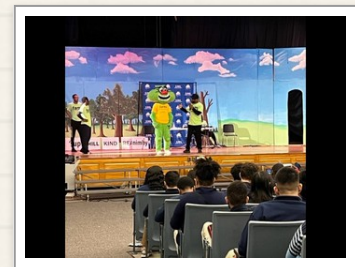


Halal Breakfast - Lunch - January 2023 Final Menu.pdf

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## 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

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

Yearbook-



### 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](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](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](mailto: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 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10:49 - 11:58
10:50 - 11:20      7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10:15 - 10:50 & 11:24 - 11:58
11:25 - 11:55      8 <sup>th</sup> 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)