

Kirk Middle School

Week of Nov. 14th

Fall Conferences

Good Evening Kirk Family and Friends,

This year Middle School Conferences for Kirk Middle School will be held during the evenings of November 14th, 15th, and 16th. Conferences will be held on Zoom. Conferences invitations have been/will be emailed to families that requested conferences.

Please check your email for your scheduled time and Zoom link

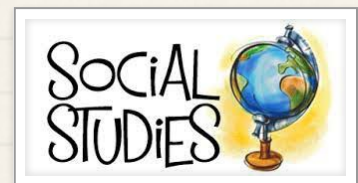
for both our in-person families and our CSDVA families. If you need assistance getting into your conference please email the Kirk Support team at:

Kirkstudentsupport@christina.k12.de.us

Our Student Support Team will be monitoring email during conference hours to assist families that need help getting into their conference.



6th and 8th Grade Social Studies State Testing



Social Studies testing for all students in grades 6 and 8 will occur next week for both our in-person students and our CSDVA

Students. This year Social Studies State Testing will be administered 3 times throughout the school year. This has been done to break the 60-question exam into 3 smaller 20-question sections. Our in-person students will be taking the test during the school day with their SS teacher from 11/15-11/18.

Our CSDVA students will be taking their test at the Eden Support Services Center, 925 Bear-Corbitt Road, Bear, DE 19701. For the families that requested transportation that has been arranged. Other families may drop their child off at the Eden Center after 8:30 for testing.

CSDVA SS Testing Dates, Grades

November 17, 2022 - Grade 6 from 9:00 -11:00

November 18, 2022 - Grade 8 from 9:00 -11:00



Free Turkey & Thanksgiving Box of Hope

On Saturday, Nov. 19th, Delaware Regional Dream Center will be giving away Turkeys from 8:00 AM until supplies last. One frozen turkey per vehicle. The recipient must be from Delaware/NCC and be present.

310 Ruthar Drive - Unit 11 & 10
Newark, DE 19711



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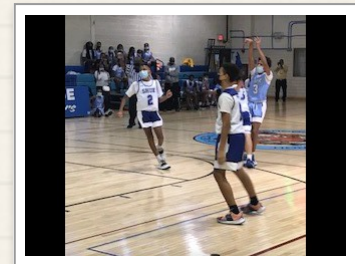
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Middle School Sports

Cheerleading tryouts will be held on Wednesday, November 16th.

Students trying out for Winter Sports must have their DIAA physical forms turned in by the morning of tryouts to stay after school. A copy of the DIAA physical form can be found on our Kirk Middle Sports website. kirkmiddlesports.com



Nov. 14th will be an alternate try-out date for boys and girls that do not have a physical turned in on time.



1st Marking Period Ends November 4th

Report Cards will be available on HAC on Nov. 18th.



CSDVA 7th Grade Health Screening letter-Oct2022.docx

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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

Lights On Afterschool - Oct. 20th

Launched in October 2000, *Lights On Afterschool* is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities.

The effort has become a hallmark of the afterschool movement and generates media coverage across the country each year. On Thursday, Our 4H program celebrated its participation in Lights On Afterschool with our 4H students.



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.

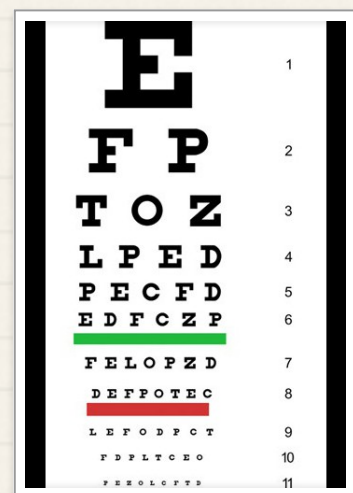
Please be assured that we are working hard to recruit qualified bus drivers and to plan transportation that will be as efficient as possible.

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.

Free Vision to Learn Program

Kirk Middle School is participating in the Vision to Learn Program which is a free program to provide eye exams and eyeglasses to students. If you are interested in having your child receive an eye exam please contact Nurse B.

laura.bubacz@christina.k12.de.us



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

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*](mailto:jennifer.page@christina.k12.de.us)



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School Meals Are Free

All students will receive free breakfast and lunch again this school year. Meal benefit forms are not required.

See the Child Nutrition Services newsletters attached below for additional information.



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.



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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
10:50 - 11:20	7 th Grade
11:25 - 11:55	8 th Grade
	10:49 - 11:58
	10:15 - 10:50 & 11:24 - 11:58
	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)

