



Thanksgiving Week Update for Clare Middle School



November 25, 2024

Photo of the Week



Art created for the 'Beyond the Border' series by a 7th Grade student in Mrs. Croft's class.

Teacher Grade Level Meetings

6th Grade: Friday, December 6 @ 9:15am
Non-Core: Tuesday, December 10 @ 7:50am
5th Grade: Tuesday, January 7 @ 1:15pm
7th Grade: Wednesday, January 8 @ 10:15am
8th Grade: TBD

Flex Work Day: December 23

Monday, December 23rd is a 'flex work day' that was built into teacher's contracts. You are welcome to come into the building that day and work on your Semester 1 grading. However, you do not have to come in on that day. Every Middle School teacher has the flexibility to work where and when they want during break as long as grades are finalized by 8:00am on January 6, 2025.

Happy Birthday!

- December 21: **Danielle Haring**
- December 27: **Aimee McKown**
- December 30: **Penny Kleinhardt**
- January 5: **Sarah Koch**
- January 13: **Andy Schoenborn**
- January 20: **Lois Linton**
- January 25: **Amanda Cooper**

Calendar

- **November 25-26:** PT Conf.
- **December 6-7:** MS Play
- **December 10:** Staff Meeting
- **December 19:** Parent Feedback
- **December 23:** Flex Work Day
- **April 21-25:** Science 7 STEM Trip to CMU
- **May 13:** 7th Grade to Loons



Parent Teacher Conferences

25 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Evening Only, 4:30-7:30 p.m. (PS,
MS)

26 Half Day Students (11:39
release), Parent/Teacher Conferences
(PS, MS, HS) 12:30-3:30
(PS, MS) 4:30-7:30 p.m.

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Tips for conferences....

1. If a student has a poor grade, make sure his/her parents are aware of that prior to walking in the door.
2. Clearly express that you want to help their child succeed. It is more effective to work with parents than against them.
3. Dress professionally.
4. Listen to parents. While you are the expert, parents want to feel that you value their input.
5. Provide every parent with a document that provides relevant information and can be used as a guide for the conference. For example:
 - a. Contact Information (voicemail, email)
 - b. Grading Scale/Late Work Policy
 - c. Classroom Expectations
 - d. Tentative Pacing Guide
 - e. Suggestions/Tips to improve a grade in _____ class.

Pashak's Weekly Schedule

Monday (11/25). PT Conferences 4:30-7:30

Tuesday (11/26) PT Conferences 12:30-3:30, 4:30-7:30

CMS Fitness Challenge



**Starts: November 19th
Ends: December 18th**

Any staff member who works at Clare Middle School is eligible to compete.

\$10 entry fee. 100% will go to Clare Business Gift Cards for Prizes.

All prizes will be awarded through a raffle on December 19th at noon.

For every 10,000 steps you acquire, you earn a raffle tickets.

Everyone will be placed in a random 2 person team. The team with the most steps will earn 10 bonus tickets.

Anyone interested should add their name to the spread sheet linked below

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