# Cougar News May 2023

Clay-Chalkville Middle School

#### Important Dates

May 1-4: i-Ready Spring Reading Diagnostic

May 5: e-Learning Day

May 8-12: i-Ready Spring Math Diagnostic

May 19: CCMS Honors Day

May 25: Last Day of School (for students)

#### Chromebook Collection

The week of May 8th, we will begin taking up and checking in Chromebooks. Please make sure your child brings their Chromebook AND charger with them to school.

Monday 5/8- 6th graders
Tuesday 5/9- 7th graders
Wednesday 5/10 - 8th graders

#### ACAP Success ~Thank you Parents!

Our ACAP testing was finished on April 27th.

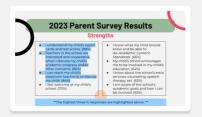
We had 98.6% of our students complete testing! We could not have done it without you.

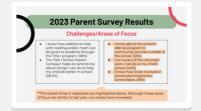
#### Parent Survey

We welcome you to assist us in getting a better understanding of school climate and culture. This 5-minute survey can be completed by any family member. No names will be collected and it is voluntary. NO FAMILY NAMES OR IDS GO ON THIS SURVEY SO IT IS ANONYMOUS

#### Spring 2023 Parent Surveys--THANK YOU!!!

We received 369 responses to the 2023 Spring Parent Survey!! We exceeded our goal of 20% with a final total of 36%. We appreciate YOU and your feedback!! The survey results will be used to improve next year's Parent and Family Engagement program. Please review the summary of responses below (click on the tile to see the image in full screen).







### **CCMS Honors Day**

CCMS will hold its annual Honors Day ceremonies on **Friday, May 19, 2023**. Grade level ceremonies will be held at the **CCHS auditorium**. This year's ceremonies are invitation only. If your student is being recognized you will receive an invitation to attend.

The 6th grade ceremony will begin at 8:30 am, the 7th grade ceremony will begin at 10:30 am, and the 8th grade ceremony will begin at 12:30 pm.

Students invited to attend the honors day ceremony will receive more information as details are finalized.

#### Yearbook Deadline

The Yearbook is on sale until May 1st. Ordering information is below AND direct links can be found on the <u>school's website</u>, <u>under Resources</u>.

Delivery for the yearbook will be around May 22, 2023



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#### CCMS Parent Resource Room: Summer Reading Kits

\*New to the Parent Resource Room: CCMS Summer Reading Kits\* Each kit includes 3-4 for books (some fiction, some nonfiction, some with both) and a family guide to reading and discussing the texts. Book kits are available for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

The Parent Resource Room is located in the CCMS Media center. It is open during the school day (7:30-3:15) and before/after parent meetings, conferences, or events. Please check out the resources available for CCMS parents and students.

#### Spring Band Updates

Our band students have had a very exciting spring so far. Our 7th and 8th Grade students (and a couple of 6th graders) performed at State Music Performance Assessment in March. Advanced Band earned Superior Ratings and Intermediate Band earned Excellent Ratings. We are so proud of our students for this great accomplishment!

7th and 8th Grade students traveled to Orlando, FL in April to participate in a Disney Imagination Campus workshop with a professional musician in a recording studio setting. They were also able to visit the parks at the Walt Disney World Resort.

Our students have also been able to attend concerts this spring. In March, 6th and 7th Grade band students traveled to Auburn University to attend a "Jazz at Lincoln Center" concert with musicians from New York City. In April, 7th and 8th Grade band students attended an Alabama A&M University Wind Ensemble Concert and saw some of our former Clay-Chalkville students who are now performing with that group.

We will finish up the year with several more events. Select students will perform in small groups or individually at Solo & Ensemble Festival on May 13 at Bumpus Middle School. Our Spring Concert featuring all band students will be held at CCHS on Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 pm. Our Advanced Band students will perform for the 5th Grade ceremonies at our elementary schools, and our 8th Grade students will participate in a Spring Marching Band Camp at CCHS.

If your student would like to be a part of these exciting events but is not currently in band class, please email Mr. Calvert at <a href="mailto:jcalvert@jefcoed.com">jcalvert@jefcoed.com</a> to sign up for next school year!

### Summer Reading Opportunities

School is almost out, but you can make plans now.

Clay Library - Calendar of Events https://claylibrary.com/monthly-library-calendars.htm

Center Point Library - Summer Reading Program -2023 link <a href="https://centerpointlibrary.org/summer-reading-2022/">https://centerpointlibrary.org/summer-reading-2022/</a>

Pinson Library - Summer Reading Program -2023 link <a href="http://www.pinsonlibrary.com/summer-reading-program.html">http://www.pinsonlibrary.com/summer-reading-program.html</a>

Trussville Library - Calendar of Events
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#### Bus Info and Remind Codes

You can get a remind update for CCHS/CCMS buses.

#### **CLICK HERE**

- 1. A note is needed from parents for students to ride a bus other than their assigned bus.
- 2. A note is needed from parents for students to disembark/be picked-up at a bus stop other than their assigned stop.
- 3. Notes should be given to the grade-level AP, who will coordinate with the bus driver.

#### **UAB's Girl Talk**

Girl Talk at UAB is here to listen and answer your questions. Bring your mom (or a trusted female adult) and have some fun learning about growing up! (For girls 8-12 years old)

Click HERE to see flyer for Dates

#### CCMS Counselor's Site

Parents, please check the counselor's website for academic and mental health resources.







## April Students of the Month

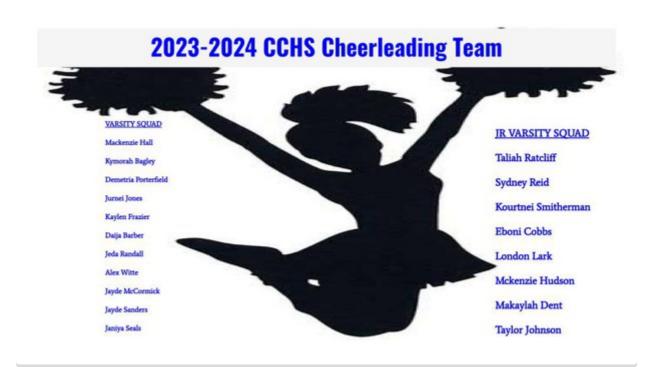
Teachers recognized these students for demonstrating CCMS Pride.

Anthony Burton
Charity Johnson
Deja'ray King
Jeriah Echols
Kaileb Howard
Kerrington Smith
Layla Bonner
Markel Hill
Mia Pierce
Saniya Curtis

Congratulations to these students!



Congratulations to our new CCHS Cheerleaders!



Congratulations to our new CCMS Cheerleaders!

## 2023-2024 CCMS Cheerleading Team







Alabama law requires children between the ages of 6 and 17 to attend school. The parent of a child who is 6 may opt out of enrolling the child in school by written notification to the local school board that the child will not be enrolling until age 7.





#### Permissible Absences: Excuses must be submitted

within 3 days of return.

Absences may be excused for the following reasons:

- Student illness;
- Inclement weather which makes it dangerous to attend school;
- Legal quarantine;
- Death in the immediate family:
- Emergency conditions as determined by the principal or superintendent;
- Observance of a traditional religious holiday of local, national, or international origin when verified by the student's minister or religious leader



A parent can only excuse 7 days per year with a parent note. In addition, a parent note can also be used to excuse a total of 7 checkins/outs per year.

#### Truancy vs. Chronic Absence



7 or more unexcused absences counts as Truancy and can be referred to the court.

18 or more total absences counts the School Report Card

