

Marching On

Keep Up the Momentum this School Year.

Can you believe that this school year is almost over? The 3rd marking period ends March 14th and March 17th is the start of the 4th marking period. Spring Break is this month and when students return in April, they begin OST assessments. If you have a students in grades 3-8, then they must compelte their OST in person. It is mandatory and the state of Ohio determines that students must test in-person and onsite at school. Our school's administrative team will support families with transportation needs by ensuring that van transportation is available and through providing bus tickets. Our school will also host virtual programming to help support with testing. Be on the lookout for the future dates.



This Month

Spring Break March 24-28th

March is a shorter month because students will be out for a week for break. The last day of school before break is March 21st and they return to school March 31st.

Mandatory hearing screenings for students in grades K, 1, 3, 5 and 8 are on March 3rd. Bring your student to the school from

12-2 pm. The hearing test takes about 1 minute to complete. Screenings will take place in room 164.

OST Prep

March into OST's with Success!

Students in grades 3-8 are required to take their OST assessments. Students in grade 3 have already taken the ELA test earlier this school year and this Spring, this will be their second time. The stakes for third grade students are slightly higher than other students, because their ELA scores can impact promotion to the 4th grade.

It will be especially important for all parents and caregivers to support and prepare their students for the tests. Students will be tested in both ELA and Math, and 5th and 8th grade students will test in Science as well.

The Remote School faculty will hold virtual events to help get students prepared and excited for the tests. Programs for parents will be organized to help us understand the tests better.

Parents and caregivers can help support by encouraging scholars to complete their assignments. Those assignments help prepare students for the work on the test. Also, ensure that your scholar attends class everyday. Good attendance will yield better results and less anxiety on test day.

More OST News

How to lessen test anxiety for your scholar?

Test anxiety and stress are a real thing for kids today. I don't remember taking this many assessments when I was in grade school and the only tests that had higher stakes were the OGT (Ohio Graduation Test) and the 6th grade proficiency test.

Students today take more assessments and they seem to hold higher importance. Parents and caregivers

should understand this and try our hardest to support our scholars and doing well. Teachers will do their job in helping students understand the format of the test and how to earn higher scores by providing the best answers possible. Parents can help by talking to their children about their concerns and by validating their feelings. We can equip them positive self talk and affirmations so they know that they can do their best. Make sure that they are well rested and eat a good breakfast the morning of the test. Remind your child that the most important thing is that they try their best on the test and that failure is not something they should concern themselves with.



PAC



The Parent Advisory Committee

We are entering the second half of the school year. Please feel free to contact me about any questions you have about upcoming parent meetings and family engagement events. If you have any ideas about what our PAC can do for the remainder of year, email me at india.jones@clevelandmetroschools.org

COMMITTEE MISSION:

"WE ARE A GROUP OF VOLUNTEER PARENTS WHO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE A VALUABLE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE FAMILIES IT SERVES."

Thank you for
reading!