



*Building a Legacy of Greatness!*

For the parents, students, staff, and community of Clay Middle School

# CLAY NATION NEWS

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Heroes are ordinary people who make themselves extraordinary.**

Dear Clay Nation.

When I read the above quote about heroes, I am quickly reminded that heroes are all around each and every day. As a Clay school community, I have said it once and I will say it again, THANK YOU! Without your support I am confident that the start of this school year would not have gone as well as it has. As parents, you have shown a tremendous amount of support for your child throughout these first 32 days of school. This has definitely been an unusual start to the school year due to the COVID 19 global pandemic. Since the beginning of the school year we have emphasized to our students and staff that we are going to focus our energy on what we can control while we have our students with us. Our message has been all about "doing your part". Everyone has a part to play in how this school year has started and I could not be

prouder of our staff, students and families. You have been great! It has been amazing to see the effort on everyone's part to do what is necessary in terms of our new COVID 19 guidelines for reopening our schools. For example, the students and staff are doing a very good job of wearing their masks, social distancing as much as we can, routinely cleaning and disinfecting desks and chairs, and making sure that we are washing and sanitizing our hands as much as possible.

As I have reflected over this first month in session, as principal of Clay Middle School I have seen both students and staff going above and beyond to help each other. I have witnessed firsthand struggles that both students, teachers and administrators have had to get adjusted to this new way of going to school amid this global pandemic. None of us have ever dealt with something of this magnitude, so we are all learning how to adapt so that our children, parents and school staff feel supported from a social and emotional standpoint. Speaking of social and emotional well-being, this is an area that we are all learning that has to be balanced out with the academic expectations placed on our students.

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### ADMINISTRATION

Todd Crosby, Principal

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OUR COMMUNITY



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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE *continues...*

#### 10 Ways to Continue to Support Your Child's Social and Emotional Well Being

1. **Take care of yourself, even when it feels like the last thing you can do right now.**

In order to cultivate the social and emotional skills of young people, you must take care of your own mental, social and emotional wellness. Young children are sensitive to the stress of their caretakers. We must build in time, even if only 10 minutes a day, for our own wellness practices—journaling, going for a walk, meditating, exercising, for example.

2. **Establish routines and intentionality.**

Routines ground us and provide a sense of safety and security. They are especially important for young children and children who have experienced trauma. Right now, amid the uncertainty of COVID-19, all of us are experiencing trauma. Craft a daily routine for you and your children to stick to. Create intentional time and structure for social emotional learning. This would ideally be 5 to 10 minutes of dedicated practice every day.

3. **Presence is not the same as being present.**

Many parents may be more physically present than they ever have because they are now home. But that does not mean they are truly present due to increased work demands while supporting learning at home. Many of us are also stressed ourselves, making us less emotionally available. It is important to dedicate structured time to connection and not assume that it will happen organically because we are more “present” now than ever before. Be intentional about when you’re connecting with children and when you are working. Set daily times for playing together, reading books or singing songs.

4. **Commit acts of service or kindness for others.**

Practicing kindness for others helps us build an appreciation for our own lives and situations, in addition to improve our physical and mental health. Phone or write people you know who live alone or are on the frontlines to help them feel less isolated. Write a letter outlining the highlights of your day, or draw a picture of a joyful moment you’ve experienced or something you wish for someone else. Demonstrating kindness gives a more powerful message than just talking about it, and helps build gratitude during difficult times.

5. **Engage in creativity together.**

Being creative is an inherently vulnerable process, especially for older students and adults. By flexing our creative muscles, we can crack open pieces of ourselves that may otherwise be closed off, find opportunities to learn new things about ourselves and others, or learn new modalities to communicate. Examples of creativity in action include cooking or baking together, doing puzzles, coloring or art projects, playing board games, or writing a poem or a song together. Moving together is doubly powerful in getting our blood flowing and activating kinesthetic empathy, or the ability to experience empathy through the movement of another human being.

6. **Celebrate what you can.**

The days can seem long and hard to separate when they are often spent stuck inside. Try to find something small (or two or three things if you can!) to celebrate each day. Celebrate health, a new day, the sun shining. Journal three daily highlights or share them with each other. Research has indicated that when we stop to “savor the good stuff,” we develop resilience to the negative events that may be happening in our lives.

7. **Practice active listening.**

Do not assume that you know exactly what your child is feeling or is afraid of. Ask questions, listen actively and model eye contact, and then explain what you can in response to their questions. Validate that you see and acknowledge their feelings, fears, concerns, highlights of their day, etc.

8. **Help your child express and name emotions.**

This helps young people understand what it is that they’re feeling. If children are struggling to identify their feelings, ask them to express it through drawing, a facial expression, or through a movement in their body.

9. **Practice social emotional learning daily.**

Building important habits takes practice, and just as you brush your teeth every day, students and adults need daily opportunities to identify, express and manage their emotions. Our emotions and stressors change hour to hour and day to day, and it’s important that we check in with ourselves and those around us in order to understand what we all need in order to work through those feelings and move through them together.

### 10. Transition mindfully.

During times of stress and anxiety, it's easy to get pulled in by negative thoughts and emotions, and it is difficult to remain in the present moment. Transitions are already challenging for young children, so introduce mindful breathing as you transition between learning time, lunch time and play time. This could mean breathing in for a count of 4 and exhaling for a count of 4. You could also quietly stretch your bodies and follow the leader, de-escalating and bringing down your "emotional temperature" so that we can quiet our bodies and minds and move on to the next thing with more focus. It is a challenge we didn't expect, and the obstacles are shifting each and every day. We need social and emotional skills more than ever, and we can lean into this event as a learning opportunity in how we react to stressful, overwhelming circumstances while juggling multiple responsibilities. We will certainly not be perfect each moment of every day. But by opening an honest dialogue about our emotions and incorporating SEL into our days with intentionality, we are helping ourselves and our children now and for the future.

**These are all things that may help. As principal of Clay, I want you to know we are here to partner with you as parents and always try to help you the best we can. Please know that we understand these are challenging and demanding times on us all, but also please know that you are not alone. and we are here for you as a school. THIS IS THE CLAY WAY!**

### COVID 19 Information

For more Carmel Clay Schools reopening information please visit the following link:

<https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/about/covid19-information>

### School Calendars

Due to any confusion about the schedule, please find on the following link all 4 calendars for Clay Middle School:

<https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/clm/about/daily-schedule>

I challenge all of the Clay Nation to continue to help us **Build a Legacy of Greatness** that we can all be proud of. Once again, I thank you for everything you have done since we have started school back on August 19th, 2020 and please know that we are here to take care of your child.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Crosby, *Principal*

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**Audio Book Access-** request access to our Tales2Go audio book subscription.

**Place Books on Hold-** login to the Destiny Catalog to place holds on books that are currently unavailable. Books will be delivered to ELA classrooms or lobby pick up for virtual learners.

**Library Canvas Course-** access databases for research, book talks, trailers, tutorials and more through the school website or the menu of any of your classroom canvas courses!

**eBooks-** Through our partnership with the Carmel Clay Public Library all CCS students are entitled to a CCPL card to access eBooks. If your child needs a card please have them pick up a form from the media center and return it to us.

**We are extending our borrowing time to 4 weeks temporarily.** Please encourage return or renewal after that time. Students may login to the Destiny Catalog to see current checkouts, due dates and to create reviews.

**We still need volunteers in the media center** to fill our roster. If you, or someone you know, is interested please contact our volunteer coordinator Angela Frazier at [claymediavolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:claymediavolunteer@gmail.com).

Happy Reading!



## Attendance

Please remember to call the school's Main Office (317-844-7251) or our Attendance Line (317-571-4450) for **ALL** attendance issues before 8:30 am on the day of the occurrence:

### Full Day Absences

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Here are some reminders to start our year:

- The USDA waiver allowing all students free meals is in effect until Dec. 31, 2020 or until funding runs out. Please have your student take advantage of this amazing program! In order for the breakfast or lunch meal to be free of charge, it must be "complete". For Breakfast this means a fruit juice and/or fruit must be purchased along with the Entrée of choice and for Lunch this means a fruit and/or 1-2 veggies must be purchased along with the Entrée of choice. A complete meal has always been the better value and the best choice nutritionally. Please encourage your student to purchase a complete Breakfast or Lunch meal every day!
- We are encouraging ALL payments be done through EZSchoolPay.com. We will only accept cash payments through one serving line (Line 3). Our goal is to become paperless, thus avoiding any unnecessary contact.
- The Clay Cafeteria Staff remains determined to daily provide the safest meal service possible. Masks, hand-washing, cleaning high-contact surfaces multiple times daily, serving food covered, encouraging our students to social distance while they're waiting in line...these are all things that are practiced on a daily basis. Keeping our staff and students healthy is our goal!

As always, please don't hesitate to call or email with any questions or concerns!

Amy Glover, *Café Manager*  
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aglover@ccs.k12.in.us

## NEW TO THE DISTRICT? OR MOVED RECENTLY?

If you are new to the district, or you recently moved and have not submitted your second proof of residency, please scan & email a copy of your most recent GAS or ELECTRIC bill (ie: Duke, Vectren or IPL) to Kaleesha Thompson at [kthompson@ccs.k12.in.us](mailto:kthompson@ccs.k12.in.us) to verify your residence.

## THE GREEN SCENE

### WE NEED YOUR GENTLY USED ATHLETIC SHOES!

The Team Atlas Green Team will begin their 4th annual **GENTLY USED ATHLETIC SHOE DRIVE** on Monday, September 21st. The drive will run until fall break.



Collection boxes can be found outside of the main office. Please tie the laces together and place them in the boxes.

Here is a link to the MORE Foundation Group explaining what happens to the profits of these recycled shoes. It is a fantastic program. Please consider donating.

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## COLLEGE GO WEEK

Clay celebrated College Go Week September 21st - 25th. The purpose behind College Go Week is simple: to encourage students to plan for college and their futures. We will be promoting college exploration through themed activities throughout the week!

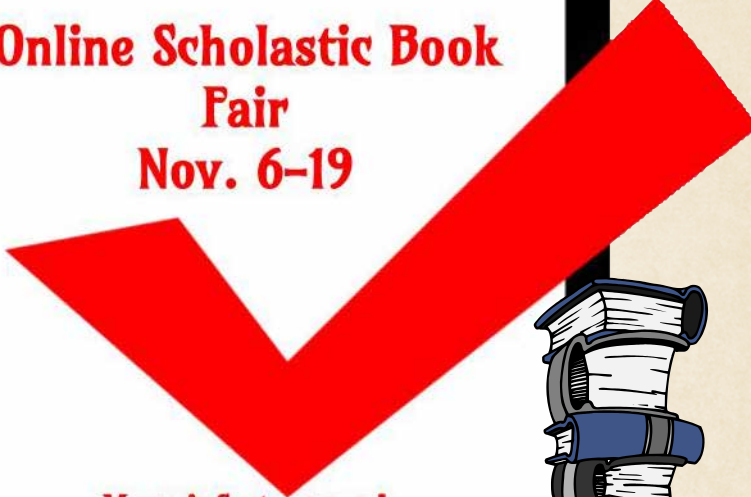
Parents of middle school students are encouraged to discuss college and post-secondary opportunities with their children. Visit Indiana's college and career connection at [Learn More Indiana](#) to research information related to college preparation including resources related to costs, savings, scholarships and financial aid. It's never too early to start preparing for the future!

## AVID GOES TO COLLEGE!


The week of September 21-25 was College Go Week. Many AVID students enjoyed the opportunity to research a college in Indiana that may fit their needs. Students used an online school finder tool to narrow down the list of Indiana colleges that may be right for them. After selecting one from the list, students spent time researching information on the college that would be important for them to know in making their college choice one day. Students explored the college websites, and many were able to take a virtual tour of the college campus! The AVID program strives to prepare students for college and career readiness. AVID continues to build skills and develop student behaviors that will prepare them for postsecondary experiences and lead them to success!

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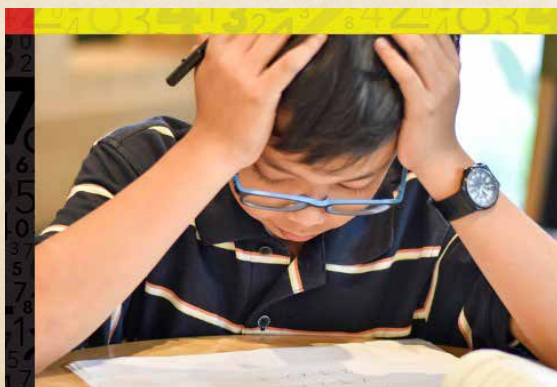
## 21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS

The 21st Century Scholars Program provides income-eligible students the opportunity to earn a scholarship that covers up to four years of tuition and regularly assessed fees. 21st Century Scholars supports eligible students and parents with the tools they need to prepare for college, graduate on time and begin a successful career.

Indiana's 7th and 8th grade students can apply for the 21st Century Scholars Program if their families meet the eligibility guidelines. All students must apply by June 30 of their 8th grade year. Please visit <http://scholars.in.gov/> to learn more and apply!



**If you have any questions** please contact Gina Potter, LSW, MSW at [gpotter@ccs.k12.in.us](mailto:gpotter@ccs.k12.in.us).



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**Mrs. Coats & Mrs. Potter**

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The Hamilton County Kids Coats Drive is in need of new or gently used and clean coats, mittens, hats and boots for kids. All sizes Infant to 5XL. To donate items, please attend the drive-thru event at Carmel Middle School on September 26th from 10am-2pm.

Carmel Kids Coats Giveaways will take place on November 6th from 5pm-8pm, and Saturday November 7th from 9am-12 noon at Carmel United Methodist Church. To register for a time-slot, please visit <https://kidscoats.org/appointments>. Registration ends October 15th.

Holiday assistance is offered through the Good Samaritan Network. Please call them at (317) 842-2603, x 200, or visit [www.gsnlive.org/holiday-assistance](http://www.gsnlive.org/holiday-assistance) for more information and to apply. Deadline is November 8th for Thanksgiving assistance, and November 29th for Christmas assistance.



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## STUDENT SERVICES CANVAS PAGE



Clay Middle School's Student Services Canvas page serves to provide social emotional lessons, resources, and department contact information. Students wishing to sign up to meet with a counselor

or social worker should do so through the [CONTACT US](#) link. Lessons can be found under [MODULES](#) including [VIRTUAL STUDENT EXPECTATIONS](#) geared toward providing tips to help students navigate online learning. Finally, we provide links to [RESOURCES](#) including a variety of community links under [FAMILY RESOURCES](#).

Students should have accepted an invitation to the Clay Student Services Canvas page at the start of the year. Parents set to be observers can then view the page. If a student needs a new invitation, please email Mrs. Naas at [enaas@ccs.k12.in.us](mailto:enaas@ccs.k12.in.us).



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## RED RIBBON WEEK

Clay Middle School will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week the week of October 26th.



Red Ribbon Week is an opportunity for students to celebrate and recognize the importance of making positive, healthy choices and staying drug and alcohol free. This year's theme is "Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free". Our school will be participating in theme days during that week to promote the Red Ribbon Week message.



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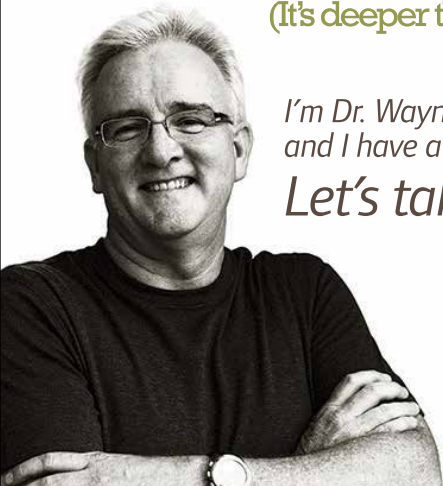
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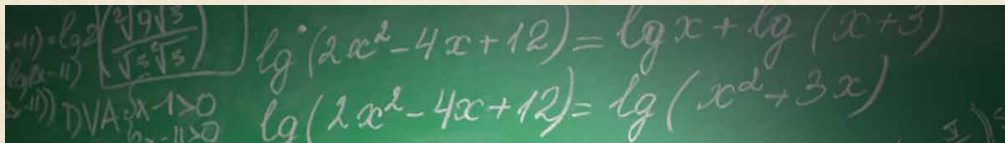
- Write an essay focused on the theme "Thank you for always being there".
- Essays should be approximately 300 words in length and must include student's name, grade, school, parent/guardian phone number, and email address.
- Entries are due by Wednesday, October 7th into your child's Social Studies teacher's Canvas course.
- Classroom winners will be chosen and finalists will receive \$100 courtesy of Indiana Members Credit Union and will be asked to read their essay for the virtual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2020 at noon.

Questions should be directed to your child's Social Studies teacher.

## MATHCOUNTS®

**Attention all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders: MATHCOUNTS is Back Virtually!** MathCounts is a club for anyone and all interested in MATH! This club will let you practice interesting math problems and learn new math tricks through December. Starting in January, the top 15 students will continue to practice and compete against other students in the area and state. **If you are interested in joining MathCounts, please click on the link below, complete the form, and we will send you a Canvas invite to join our meetings through Zoom starting October 7!** We will meet virtually through ZOOM from the comfort of your own home on most Wednesdays. Since this is a new format, we will post a calendar of meeting dates and communicate with members through the MathCounts Canvas course as we go.

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## PTO NEWS

Hello Clay Nation!

Thank you for your support during the spring and as we have started this school year. As you are aware, ALL parents of Clay students are automatically part of the PTO. We are adjusting our efforts this year with the intent to focus more of our expenditures on staff / student needs during this pandemic. We will be helping to fund necessary items such as technology needs, basic essentials, and incentives for our students. At this point, some after school clubs will still be available, and we hope to assist with things like the Clay Challenge and others. We are excited to partner with you to help make this school year a success - from school or from home!

### TOP OF THE NEWS



**Champions of Clay**

- Provides Team enrichment funds
- Helps fund Clay Challenge, After School Study Hall, Technology for Teachers, 8<sup>th</sup> grade special events
- Funds the many after school student clubs
- Provides added support for Nurses Office, Media Center & Guidance/Student services
- Support of Professional Development
- Provides teacher & staff appreciation
- Funding teacher grant requests.... and more!

**Annual Fundraiser for Clay Middle:**  
100% of your donation goes straight to school, every student directly benefits!

Donate today at <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/pto-clm/fundraising>  
Thank you!



The Champions of Clay is our **only** PTO fundraiser of the year. **We need your help! We are only 40% of the way to our goal for this school year.** These funds are used to enhance the experience of every child at Clay by funding things such as after school clubs, technology enhancements for virtual learning, building needs for the staff and students, water bottle filling stations in the hallways, leadership breakfasts, staff appreciation, and more.

Please consider donating to help your student and others at Clay. To donate online, please visit the Clay PTO website at <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/pto-clm/fundraising>. Select the Donate button under the PayPal link to secure your donation. You may also send a check to school with your child addressed to "Clay PTO". Suggested amount is \$50 per family, or any amount your family can donate. Your family's participation is critical to our success - **thank you for your support!**

*\*If your employer matches nonprofit contributions, please email [claypto.16@gmail.com](mailto:claypto.16@gmail.com) for more details.*

### TUESDAY TREATS

Please join us in treating the Teachers & Staff of Clay Middle! Sign ups now open for September and October:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e49adac23a13-clay10>

### PTO OPEN POSITIONS

Please reply to this email if you are interested in joining the PTO team for the following OPEN positions: **Bookstore Director, Co-Hospitality Director, 7th Grade Leadership Breakfast Director, 8th Grade Leadership Breakfast Director, and New Families Director.** It's a short term commitment (some positions only require a few hours), with long term rewards. See website for details, click on link below then click on "Job Descriptions" tab:

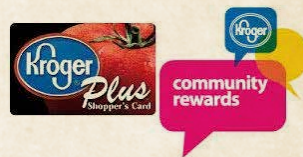
<https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/pto-clm/about>

### MEDIA CENTER

Media Center Volunteers Needed! Please contact Angela Frazier at [claymediavolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:claymediavolunteer@gmail.com) for more info and available dates/times. *Hybrid flexibility available!*

### ACTIVITIES ON HOLD

Some activities supported by PTO are currently on hold for this Semester: After School Study Hall, Bookstore, and a few others. We appreciate the volunteers who signed up to help and we will notify you as soon as we hear any updates.



### SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL, TEACHERS & STUDENTS!

**FREE and EASY way to raise money for our school:** By signing up with the following link, Kroger will donate a portion

of your shopping trips (when you use your Kroger Rewards card) directly to Clay Middle.

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

School code is **#RK877** for '**Clay Middle School**'. Sign up now!

Clay Middle participates in **AmazonSmile donation program!** A portion of your purchases will be directly donated back to Clay Middle at no cost to you. Please click on the unique link below to be taken to smile.amazon.com where you will be automatically asked to support "Clay Junior High School Parent Teachers Organization". Our unique charity link is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7374823>.



## PTO NEWS

### CCS COMMUNITY

Hamilton County Kids Coats will again be giving coats to our neighbors in need, but 2020 will bring some changes to our volunteer needs! Your help is needed at our warehouse to sort coats, fill orders, and get things ready to distribute to families. Please check out the list of dates & times on the link below and sign up for a slot (or two). **Volunteers will be required to wear masks and to sign a waiver in order to participate.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545aaa723a4fb6-2020>

### COMMUNICATIONS

Please forward this email to other parents you know and encourage them to sign up for PTO email updates at <https://goo.gl/FQ5ue6>.

Also, follow us on Facebook at 'Clay Middle PTO' and on Twitter at '@ClayPTO'.

More information about Clay Middle PTO can be found at:

<http://www1.ccs.k12.in.us/clm/pto>

## AVID

With the growth of Clay's AVID program, we were happy to add Mr. Ryan Newman to our AVID teaching team this year. Mr. Newman brings a wealth of experience, a true love for education, and a skill for connecting with and motivating students.

Throughout the year our AVID students will be challenged to further grow in the WICOR strategies--Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading. Research shows that growth in these key areas further prepare a student for post-secondary opportunities and provides them with a strong foundation.

AVID continues to be an important part of what we do at Clay Middle School and is embedded in our school improvement plan. As a site team we will continue to help ensure these key strategies are being shared in classrooms throughout the school.

## CLAY ATHLETICS

WOW! Let me start by saying, "THANK YOU" to all our student-athletes, coaches, parents, event workers, and custodial crew for providing a safe environment for the kids to participate in the activities they love. Things have looked a little different this fall but everyone has come together in an effort to provide our student-athletes a safe platform to perform. One of the many changes this fall included the new process of digital ticketing at all Clay Athletic events.

The Clay Athletic Department has transitioned to digital, mobile only ticketing for all athletic events. On gamedays, fans will now gain entry into Clay Athletics venues by utilizing digital tickets from their mobile device, eliminating the need for a printed or physical ticket. The move to digital ticketing provides the safest, easiest and most convenient option for access into events. Pre-purchasing on the digital platform will be the only method for purchasing an event ticket. Paper money will no longer be accepted at entry points as we transition to a safer environment for all in these changing times. The GoFan ticketing platform will be used as the source for digital tickets, All-Sports Passes and Parent Booster donations.

Clay Middle School GoFan platform can be found by clicking the GoFan logo or scanning the QR code.



### Winter Athletics

Any student interested in participating on a winter sporting team at Clay must have all required forms on file with the main office one week prior to start of their sporting season. Click the link provided for more information on required forms <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/clm/athletics/required-forms>.

The winter sporting season offers a variety of opportunities for students to get involved with our athletics program. Are you curious when your winter sporting season begins? You can find a full list of sporting opportunities offered at Clay along with their start dates by clicking this link - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FwG6uasmM8bqGq4fZpK4bErEPbr3ehwh--5Gr4n\\_rpo/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FwG6uasmM8bqGq4fZpK4bErEPbr3ehwh--5Gr4n_rpo/edit).

Anyone interested in a winter sport at Clay should complete the appropriate google form linked below:

- **7th & 8th Boys Basketball**- <https://forms.gle/DfStsT5wzVtgn4VDA>
- **7th & 8th Winter Cheerleading**- <https://forms.gle/wDGhvZvFt9rGSDFs6>
- **7th & 8th Girls Basketball**- <https://forms.gle/F5Snqhu7Qgdzz5ag8>
- **6th, 7th & 8th Wrestling**- <https://forms.gle/zB1cVMwgtQzvu7VB9>



FINDING THE POWER OF OUR... STUDENTS... STAFF... & COMMUNITY



## IMPORTANT DATES

- October 7, 2020.....Late Start  
New Staff Breakfast
- October 15-18 .....Fall Break  
National Boss Day
- October 14, 2020 .....1st Quarter Ends
- October 21, 2020 .....Late Start
- October 23, 2020 .....PTO Meeting
- October 22, 2020 .....Grades Due
- October 19-23 .....Bus Driver Appreciation  
Week
- October 24, 2020 .....Ghost & Goblins
- October 26-30 .....Red Ribbon Week
- NOVEMBER**
- November 16-20.....Late Start  
IA Appreciation Day
- November 12-14.....Spell Bowl Competition
- November 20, 2020 .....Late Start
- November 25-29, 2020 ...Book Fair (*ONLINE ONLY*)  
Thanksgiving Break
- DECEMBER**
- December 11, 2020 .....Late Start
- December 18, 2020 .....Winter Break  
End of 2nd Quarter

## NEW FACES TO CLAY

### WELCOME TO CLAY!!

- Mr. Dan Cousineau** 6th Grade Wellness
- Mr. Matthew Olejnik** 7th Grade Math
- Mrs. Caroline Shrieve** 8th Grade Math
- Mr. Paul Brown** Digital Learning

## STUDENT SERVICES

Clay Middle School Student Services Department promotes the academic, social, emotional, and career development of all students. The counseling program is preventive, proactive, and reactive. Our Student Services staff serve as advocates for the students while collaborating with parents, staff, and the community to assist students in reaching their full potential. Each student has a school counselor and school social worker assigned to them.


### 2020 - 2021 Student Services Staff

<b>Kaleesha Thompson</b> Administrative Assistant	<b>Kelli Grogg</b> School Psychologist
<b>Michelle Janson</b> Counselor All 6th Grade 8th Grade Team 8-2	<b>Erin Naas</b> Counselor All 7th Grade 8th Grade Teams 8-1 & 8-3
<b>Gina Potter, MSW, LSW</b> Social Worker All 6th Grade 8th Grade Team 8-2	<b>Britney Coats, MSW, LCSW</b> Social Worker All 7th Grade 8th Grade Teams 8-1 & 8-3

## STAY UP TO DATE

For up to date information, announcements, events and school happenings, please view the Weekly Announcements on our website or at the link below. Also, follow us on twitter @claytrojans.

[Weekly Announcements](#)



Heroes are ordinary people who make themselves extraordinary.