



Creswell Middle School

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Dear CMS Student/Family,

Welcome CMS Tigers to the 2022-2023 school year! Teachers and school staff have been preparing to provide your student with a strong academic program that includes structure, rigor, and fun. We are also providing amazing opportunities this year for our students through electives and interventions. We are starting the school year with two options for instruction: In-person Instruction and the Creswell Online Academy. Homeroom Class Lists will be posted on the CMS door September 2nd. Students will get their individual schedules at Back to School Night (those not in attendance will get in their homeroom on the first day of school). Please remember that if you are interested in enrolling your student in the Creswell Online Academy instead of in-person instruction, you must contact the CMS office or email jjohansen@creswell.k12.or.us by August 29, 2022.

Below you will find tasks and forms that need to be completed by students and families, as well as important dates and information as we prepare for the school year.

TO DO:

- Make sure parents/guardians and students are registered in Home Access.** Please take this opportunity to make sure that we have the correct phone number, email, and mailing address on file for parents/guardians and emergency contacts. **If your student was attending CMS or Creslane last year, you do NOT need to register or enroll your student. You just need to update your student's information by logging into your Home Access from last year and update your information on the "Update Registration" tab.** If you have forgotten your user name and password, you can either click the "I forgot button" or call the school and we can help you with your username and password. **If your student is new to our school and district, please enroll them online.** If parents/guardians have more than one student and you would like them linked together into one account for Home Access, please contact the CMS office and speak with Mrs. Strader. You can also email her at jstrader@creswell.k12.or.us. If you need additional help, staff will be available at Back to School Night to help you.
- Parent/Guardians create an account in ParentSquare and download the app if you have a Smart Phone.** As indicated in the information sent home from CSD recently, ParentSquare is a communications platform used to keep parents and guardians informed and connected to our schools. An invitation to join ParentSquare will be sent soon, but you can also download the app now and check out the "Getting Started" video at [Parents—Getting StartedVideo](#) Have questions? [Visit our website](#) for additional info.
- Parents/guardians and their CMS student(s) attend Back to School Night at Creswell Middle on September 1, 2022.** All attendees will begin in the CMS cafeteria and then break to grade-level classrooms. If you can not attend, don't worry! Your student will be taught all of the procedures on the first day of school that they need to be successful and information will be sent to parents/guardians about the upcoming year. Back to School Night times are as follows:
 - 6th grade 5:30-6:15 PM



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- 7th grade 6:15-7:00 PM
- 8th grade 7:00-7:45 PM

- ❑ **Read the 2022-2023 CMS Student Handbook** posted on the CMS website and sent in ParentSquare. If you need a paper copy, please contact the CMS office. **Please sign the form on ParentSquare indicating that you and your student understand and will abide by the expectations.**
- ❑ **Chromebook Checkout and Permission- Parents/Guardians review the document with your student and then sign the “Student Agreement for an Electronic Communications System Account” posted in Parent Square.** Students will be issued Chromebooks by their Homeroom Teachers. Students wishing to take home their devices to work, may do so with this teacher as well. We encourage parents/guardians to get insurance on their student’s device.
 - 6th grade students will check out their Chromebook on September 7th during their Orientation Day which is 8:20 AM-11:00 AM at CMS. Chromebooks will only go home with students when they are needed for work and will be checked out through the student’s homeroom teacher.
 - CMS COA students (6th-8th) will check out their Chromebook on September 7th anytime between 1PM-3:45 PM.
 - 7th and 8th grade students will check out their Chromebook on September 8th (the first day of school). Chromebooks will only go home with students when they are needed for work and will be checked out through the student’s homeroom teacher.
- ❑ **School Supplies-** If you need help getting supplies at home, please contact the Family Resource Center at kdumas@creswell.k12.or.us. A list of school supplies can be found on our school website https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NppQ-5Fb6GSrVOH8mlKMiyCpuhsSfrN_Cob9Z15krOo/edit?usp=sharing and was also posted in ParentSquare. Specific classes may also have additional supplies needed, and these will be discussed at Back to School Night.
- ❑ **Parents/Guardians of students with special services-** If your student receives special services and you have questions, please contact your student’s case manager via email or contact the main office. Case Managers include Kathi Holst and Heidi Rakas for Special Education, and Lauri Thomas for 504 plans. If your student has medical conditions that are new or that we may not be aware of, please contact the CMS office.
- ❑ **Parents/guardians who enroll their student in the CMS Creswell Online Academy should attend the CMS COA Orientation on Zoom Thursday, September 1, at 5:00 PM.**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89034258840?pwd=Sk5NRnhKQ213cFV0bTlwbmZYQy8yZz09>
- ❑ **6th Grade Student Welcome Orientation (in-person for students only) will be held on September 7th from 8:20 to 11:00 AM.** Attendance for 6th grade students is taken on this day, so please make sure your student attends. Transportation will be provided to those students who live in the bussing zone, if parents/guardians have set up service. Transportation information can be found on our website at <http://creswell.k12.or.us/departments/transportation/>.



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- ❑ **Classes start for all grades (6th-8th) on September 8th at 8:20 AM. Students should not be on campus before 8:00 AM, as we do not have supervision prior to that. School on regular days ends at 3:20 PM. Your student is not to loiter on campus before or after school.**
- ❑ **Complete the 2022-2023 Free/Reduced Lunch Application.** Please fill out the forms online <http://creswell.k12.or.us/departments/nutrition-services/free-and-reduced-price-meals/>
 - Breakfast will be served on campus from 8:00-8:15 AM. Breakfast for students who are not free or reduced is \$1.65. Milk and juice can be purchased separately for \$.50. Students wishing to eat breakfast at school should go to the Tiger Terrace (entrance by the CMS track) during this time. The front door and Tiger Terrace door will open at 8:15 AM for students who are not eating breakfast so that they can head to their homeroom class for an 8:20 AM start time.
 - Lunch will be served on campus during the student's designated lunch time. Lunch for students who are not free or reduced is \$3.05. Milk and juice can be purchased separately for \$.50. Students **MUST** sign up for lunch during their homeroom class each day in order to receive a school lunch. Students will be given different school lunch options daily and must take what option they ordered.

Masks continue to be optional for students and staff as of now. If this rule changes, we will let parents/guardians know. Students should NOT bully/harass students or staff members who choose to wear masks. All students will continue to wash hands and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day.

- ❑ **Don't forget a refillable water bottle and snack for break. We do NOT have cups in the office for student use. Please make sure your name is on your water bottle.**
- ❑ **Social distancing is expected to the extent possible** when entering and exiting the building, visiting in the courtyard or classrooms, and transitioning in the hallways. Students should avoid loitering at their lockers and do their best to grab what they need and move to their class.
- ❑ **School pictures will be on Monday, September 19th.** Dorian picture packets will be sent home. Picture ordering is also available by going to www.dorianstudio.com and searching for Creswell Middle School.
- ❑ **Parents/Guardians should create an account on <https://www.schoolpay.com/> and pay their student's fees online.** Students will be given their elective schedules at Back to School Night. At that time, a parent/guardian should pay these elective fees. Parents/guardians can also pay sports fees, field trip fees, instrument rental fee(s), and athletic fees on this site. Fee amounts are listed in SchoolPay once you create an account and choose our school. **Help will be available at Back to School Night if you need it.** If you are unable to pay online, please contact the CMS office.
- ❑ **Register your student for CMS Sports on <https://creswell-ar.schooltoday.com>** In order to be eligible to participate, students must have a 2.0 GPA and no Fs in any class. Students must also submit a current physical and pay fees. See CMS Student Handbook for more information.



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- Students wishing to enroll in beginning band, intermediate band, or choir should contact the CMS office as soon as possible if they do NOT see their course listed on their schedule. Students/families will receive schedules at Back to School Night. If a student is already enrolled, you do not need to contact us.** For the 2022-2023 school year, Choir will be held before school from 7:30-8:15 AM. Beginning Band will be held from 2:40-3:20 PM (during Elective time on regular days) and Intermediate Band will be held from 1:56-2:36 PM (during WIN time on regular days).
- Sign Beginning of the Year Forms & Permissions sheets that are posted in your student's Parent Square.** If you need help, please come to our Back to School Night on September 1st to get help in the CMS Library during the designated time for your student's grade level.
- Once provided, please read over your student's class syllabus or information that was provided by his/her teachers.** Should you have any questions, please email your student's teacher(s) directly (email list on website).
- Once the school year starts, please check Home Access and Parent Square regularly.** Grades will continue to be updated on Tuesdays, which means Wednesdays are typically the best time to see if your student has missing work or low scores. If you need to contact your student's teacher(s) we encourage you to email them (email list posted on the CMS website).
- Once the school year starts, please make sure that you contact the CMS office if your student is (or will be absent).** While it is also helpful to email your student's teachers, you **MUST** call the CMS office in order for us to mark (and track) your student's attendance and reason for absence(s).

For students choosing to come in-person (and not be enrolled in COA), the schedule (on school days) for CMS students will be as follows:

CMS 2022-2023 BELL SCHEDULE

Regular Day 6th/8th grades:

Homeroom 8:20-8:39
Period 1 8:43-9:33
BREAK 9:33-9:41
Period 2 9:45-10:35
Period 3 10:39-11:29
Lunch 11:29-12:04
Period 4 12:08-12:58
Period 5 1:02-1:52
WIN (What I Need) 1:56-2:36
Elective 2:40-3:20



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Short Day 6th/8th grades:

Homeroom 8:20-8:39
Period 1 8:43-9:23
BREAK 9:23-9:31
Period 2 9:35-10:15
Period 3 10:19-10:59
Lunch 10:59-11:34
Period 4 11:38-12:18
Period 5 12:22-1:02
HR (SEL) 1:06-1:50

Regular Day 7th grade:

Homeroom 8:20-8:39
Period 1 8:43-9:33
Period 2 9:37-10:27
BREAK 10:27-10:35
Period 3 10:39-11:29
Period 4 11:33-12:23
Lunch 12:23-12:58
Period 5 1:02-1:52
WIN (What I Need) 1:56-2:36
Elective 2:40-3:20

Short Day 7th grade:

Homeroom 8:20-8:39
Period 1 8:43-9:23
Period 2 9:27-10:07
Break 10:07-10:15
Period 3 10:19-10:59
Period 4 11:03-11:43
Lunch 11:43-12:18
Period 5 12:22-1:02
HR (SEL) 1:06-1:50

Thank you for your time and support. As a reminder, we continue to limit the amount of visitors allowed inside of our campus due to COVID. If you need to speak with staff or must schedule an appointment, please contact the CMS office or email the person directly. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via phone or email. I look forward to seeing you on September 1st for Back to School Night.

Sincerely,
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