

# Incoming 6th Grade CMS Parent/Guardian Info. Night

June 5, 2023

5:30 PM-6:30 PM

CMS Cafeteria

Go Tigers!



# CMS 6th Grade Parent/Guardian Night - Agenda Items

- Intro/Welcome - Mrs. Johansen, CMS Principal
- Typical Day for a CMS 6th grader
- Course Offerings for 6th Graders (subject to change based on need)
- Adopted Curriculum
- General expectations in each class (teacher/subject specific) and on campus
- Electives and Elective Fees - General Information/School Pay
  - Choir - Mr. Telfer
  - Band - Ms. Green
  - FBLA/HOSA - Mrs. Anderson
- General CMS Information: Handbook, Parent Square, Student Help, Home Access, Recommended Supply List, Back to School Night, First Day of 2023-24 School Year for 6th graders
- Registering your student to attend CMS
- Time for Questions

# Introduction of 6th Grade Teachers/Staff

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**Elective teachers will vary by content. All staff emails are posted on the CMS website.**

## **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

*Zero Period Choir*

Homeroom (8 minutes)

WIN (35 minutes)

1st period

Break (8 minutes)

2nd Period

Lunch

3rd Period

4th Period

5th Period

Elective (35 minutes)

Homeroom (15 minutes) -- Dismiss at 3:20

## **Wednesday**

*Zero Period Choir*

Homeroom (8 minutes)

1st Period

Break (8 minutes)

2nd Period

3rd Period

Lunch

4th Period

5th Period

Advisory/HR -- (38 minutes) Dismiss at 1:50

# 2023-24 Course Offerings (6th)

## ZERO PERIOD CHOIR (7:30-8:10 AM)

### Math:

- Math 6
- Essential Math 6\*
- Accelerated Math 6\*
- Learning Center Math\*
- Math 7\*

### Science 6

### Social Studies:

- Social Studies 6
- Learning Center Reading 6-8\*

### PE/Health 6

## Language Arts:

- Language Arts 6
- Essential LA 6\*
- Accelerated LA 6\*
- Learning Center Reading\*
- Learning Center Writing\*

### WIN: "What I Need"

- LA Intervention 6\*
- Math Intervention 6\*
- Homework Help 6\*
- Beginning Band
- Soft Skills/SEL/Career Exploration/Typing

# 2023-24 Adopted Curriculum (6th)

## **Math:**

CMS will be in its first year of a new Math adoption using “Big Ideas.” The program is standards-aligned and meets the needs of our students.

## **Science:**

CMS uses STEMscopes. During the 2023-24 school year, CSD will begin the adoption process for new Science materials.

## **Social Studies:**

CMS uses *My World Interactive World Geography* by Pearson, with supplemental articles from Newsela; Daily Geography Practice by Evan-Moor, and local news sources.

*\*\*\*Please note supplemental material is used in all subject areas.*

## **PE/Health:**

CMS uses the ETR curriculum for health classes. This curriculum is available for parent/guardian review.

## **Language Arts:**

CMS is on its second year of using HMH. Last school year we adopted new LA programs K-12. The program is standards-aligned and meets the needs of our students. The program is used in addition to novel sets. We will also use the Accelerated Reader (AR) program for at home reading.

## **Other (District Benchmarks):**

CSD uses I-Ready Diagnostics and the I-Ready Library to monitor student progress in Reading and Math.

# 2023-24 General Expectations (6th)

**Math:** Students will have a spiral notebook for math notes and classwork. They will also have textbooks that stay in the classroom and access to an online textbook for use outside of class. Classwork will be graded using a stamp card and based on effort. Assessments will include quizzes and projects. Students will also be responsible for I-Ready weekly.

**Language Arts:** Students read and write every day. They need two composition notebooks for class. Every class begins with 10 minutes of iReady on their chromebook; students need a total of 45 minutes and pass two tests weekly. Students choose an Accelerated Reader (AR) book and keep a reading log until they finish and pass their AR test. They need a total of 8 points each quarter. Additionally, all students are required to speak in front of their peers.

**Science:** Students will have a science notebook (composition book) where they will write many classroom assignments. This notebook will remain in the classroom. Students will monitor their grades through Home Access and will need to make up missing assignments (instructions for doing so will be in Home Access). Students are expected to follow the school expectations of being respectful, responsible, and safe.

# 2023-24 General Expectations (6th)

**PE/Health:** Students are graded on quality and timely completion of classwork and assignments, including project based learning opportunities. A variety of assessments will be given, to ensure comprehension and implementation of content. In PE, students will be allotted 4 points per day. You can lose points by not participating, not being dressed appropriately (includes safe shoes), and being unsafe and/or inappropriate behavior. Health lessons will constitute 25% of your grade with PE making up the remaining 75%. Students who are absent are expected to get a “PE/Health Make-up Form” to earn their participation points for the missed day.

**Social Studies:** Students will learn about basic Social Studies concepts and Geography. They need to have a composition notebook to use in class to take notes and for some assignments. Students need to read 4 points of historical fiction, nonfiction, or historical biographies.

**Homeroom:** This year, students worked on math facts, iReady, AR, typing and SEL (social emotional learning) lessons during this class. Content may change, depending on the need of our students. Students will receive points for filling out their planners.



# Tentative Elective Choices (2023 - 2024)\*

*Choir* Band Beginning Woodworking

Fitness and Strength STEAM Home Ec (sewing, cooking, etc)

OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books) Photography

Financial Literacy Mock Trials Careers TAG Coding/Robotics

Leadership and Service Drama and Theater FBLA HOSA

Art Makers Space Yearbook Agriculture Fitness

**\*Students who consistently demonstrate unsafe/disruptive behavior during their elective period will be assigned an online elective course that they will complete while on campus.**

All electives are \$15 per quarter or \$60 for the year. Each family is also responsible for paying \$30 at the beginning of the year for a Student Body Fee (which covers their students planner and some general activities). Please pay on SchoolPay.com or send a check to the CMS office.

Please note that some electives may have special trips/experiences that will cost additional funds.

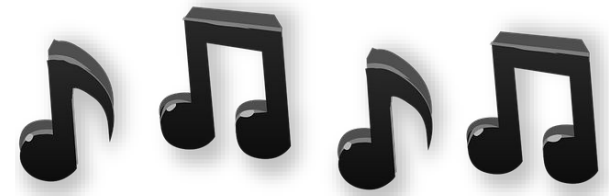
# CMS Choir (7:30-8:10 AM) in Music Room



This course is considered a “Zero Period” because it is before school. It does not replace a student’s elective during the school day at CMS. This is held in the CMS Music Room. Students use the side door by the gym to enter. The door is open from 7:20 AM-7:45 AM. Students who are late must “buzz in” at the front office (the door is kept locked for safety and supervision).



# CMS Band in Music Room-Ms.Green



Beginning Band: Held during the school day during HR and “WIN” time (8:25-9:07 AM) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Intermediate Band: Held during the school day during “Elective” and Advisory time (2:26-3:20 PM) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.



# CMS HOSA Club

## Mrs. Anderson



Creswell Middle School has a HOSA Future Health Professionals club. This is a club that was started last school year and is in its second year of existence at CMS. Last school year we had 8 students qualify and compete at the State Competition! Creswell High School also has a HOSA Chapter and has had several state and national qualifying teams over the past few years. HOSA helps students prepare for careers in health related fields through academic competitions, leadership development, and educational programs. In addition, HOSA participants demonstrate their leadership skills through community service projects, fundraising activities, and chapter officer positions.

\*\*\*Fundraising/fees are associated with this club

# CMS FBLA Club

## Mrs. Anderson



Creswell Middle School has an FBLA Club, which stands for Future Business Leaders of America. This is a club that was started last school year and is in its second year of existence at CMS. In the Spring, we had 20 students qualify and compete at the State Competition! Numerous students were eligible to compete at the National Level too! Creswell High School also has an FBLA Chapter and has had several state and national qualifying teams over the past few years. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) helps students prepare for careers in business through academic competitions, leadership development, and educational programs. FBLA members also demonstrate their leadership skills through community service projects, fundraising activities, and chapter officer positions.

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# School Sports Offered For All 6th Graders

## Fall:

Cross Country (Starts beginning of September)-\$75 Fee

## Winter:

Wrestling (Starts end of October)-\$100 Fee

## Spring:

Track and Field (Starts beginning of March)-\$75



Check out [creswellathletics.com](https://www.creswellathletics.com) to register your athlete, and CMS Facebook for updates on when registration is open and information as the season gets closer! Go to **SchoolPay.com** to pay your fees.

# 2023-24 CMS General Information (6th)

**All subjects:** Students will be graded 5% in all classes for filling out their planners (counted as a daily assignment). This is to instill organizational skills and habits that will help them in high school and beyond. The first two minutes of each class will be designated time to fill this out. When a student is absent, he/she is responsible for asking a peer what was written, and then writing it in their planner. Students will also be graded 5% in all classes for having their materials ready to use in class. This includes their assigned Chromebook which should be charged and ready for learning.

**Hall pass information:** Students are given a hall pass at the beginning of every quarter. If a student needs to use class time to use the restroom, go to their locker, or something else of the sort, they are expected to have their hall pass signed by the teacher. Students who use their passing period, nutrition break, and lunch time wisely should have spaces left on their pass which will earn them a fun activity or treat at the end of each quarter. The hall pass is to help students learn to use their time wisely. It is also to help students not miss core instruction and learning by missing class.

**Chromebook information:** Each student is assigned a Chromebook at the beginning of the school year. Students are expected to take care of their device, or they (and they family) will be responsible for its damage. Students are NOT allowed to take home their Chromebooks, unless they have checked them out with their homeroom teacher that day (sign-out sheet). In addition, students should follow the technology agreement and use their device and email account appropriately (even off campus). Students should NEVER touch another student's device.

# 2023-24 General Information (6th)

**Tardy policy:** Students are expected to be in their seats with materials out when the bell rings each period. If a student is tardy to three different classes in one day, they are assigned a lunch recess detention. Similarly, if a student is tardy three times to one class in a week, they are assigned a lunch recess detention.

**Locker/backpack information:** Because middle school bodies are busy and our classrooms are relatively small, students are to store their backpacks in their lockers during the school day. Students are expected to grab the materials they need for each class before school, during passing period, nutrition break, and the end of the lunch period.

**Behavior expectations:** Students are expected to follow school rules: Be safe. Be Responsible. Be Respectful. We encourage you to review the student handbook with your student at the beginning of the school year. Students who can't follow school rules repeatedly will have progressive discipline.

**Attendance expectations:** Students are expected to be at school in order to make gains on grade level standards. If a student's attendance falls below 90% at any time during the school year, even if the absences are excused, parents will be notified. Students who end the year meeting the 90% state attendance rate expectation will earn a fun incentive.



# 2023-24 General Information (6th)

**Personal cell phones:** It is highly recommended that your student does not bring their cell phone to school. Middle schoolers have a hard time in the moment and are often tempted to text, go onto social media, etc. during the school day, which often leads to a disruption. If you feel your student needs to bring their cell phone to school, the expectation is that it is locked in their locker, and turned completely off until they leave campus at the end of the day. Students who are caught with their cell phones during the day (or on their cell phones) will have consequences outlined in the student handbook. We are not responsible for lost or damaged cell phones (or ear buds). \*\*Please note that we allow students to use the office phone if they are sick or need to contact their parent. Parents/guardians can also call the office if a message must get to their student during the school day. With that, unless it is an emergency, we will not have students call their parents during instructional time. Students are not allowed to use the office phone to make/confirm social plans.

**Concern/complaint procedure:** If you have a concern with a staff person, please go to them directly with your concern (phone/email) prior to reporting to administration. We want to help your student and meet your needs and in order to do this we all need to be given the opportunity to hear your concerns first. The district does have formal complaint procedure on the District website if you feel your needs haven't been met/addressed after speaking with the staff person about your concerns.

# 2023-24 General Information (6th)

- Google classroom is a tool used in many classrooms to post assignments and materials. Official grades are not posted on Google Classroom.
  - Home Access is the best place to check for missing work, work that needs to be re-done, or assignments missed from absences.
- If a student misses school they are required to make up the work they missed in each class in a timely manner. Homework assignments vary by teacher. See CMS Handbook and/or your teacher's syllabus.
- The penalty for late work varies by teacher. Students should aim to turn assignments in on time and may need to complete them as homework if not finished in class. As the year progresses, late assignments may not be accepted.

# Communication - Parent Square & Email

## ParentSquare:

Parent Square is used district-wide as a general communication tool. It is a way for families to get information about school and school events. The CMS principal uses Parent Square to send a monthly newsletter to families. Some school forms (permission slips, etc), especially at the beginning of the school year, will be signed through ParentSquare. Sometimes school staff will use Parent Square to send parents individual or group emails/messages.

**Parents already signed up at Creslane for Parent Square do not need to re-enroll. New CSD parents will get Parent Square Information when they register their student. We recommend all parents check their settings in Parent Square to make sure they are receiving information at the time that works best for them (compiled at end of day or immediate).**

## Email/communication:

CMS Teachers and Staff prefer that parents/guardians email them directly (not using parent square, but rather by using their direct emails) when concerns or questions arise. Direct emails can be found on the school website <https://creswell.k12.or.us/cms/> You can also call the CMS office and leave a voicemail at the teacher's extension. Email is the best way to get in touch with the staff member. Staff are responsible for instructing and monitoring students during the school day. They are not always able to respond to emails or calls immediately. Staff will do their best to get back to you within 24 hours whenever possible. Please note that staff is not expected to check or reply to emails outside of their work hours. Most staff work 7:45 AM- 3:45 PM Monday-Friday.

# Home Access & Student Information

The place CMS parents/guardians and students can monitor grades, behavior, and attendance. We encourage you to check this at least weekly (best to check on Thursday).

Late/missing work is typically updated on Wednesday nights.

In the Fall, you'll get more specifics on how Home Access works at Back to School Night. Your student will be taught how to check their grades in Home Access as well.

\*Please note students will get a paper copy of their progress reports on **Thursdays**. This is done to help students become more responsible and accountable for their grades and education. Please do NOT write notes to your student's teachers on them. If you need to get ahold of your student's teacher(s) or have questions, please email them directly.

\*\*Please note that while we try and contact parents/guardians when there is a behavior issue with their student, we can't always do that (depending on what happens that day and our staffing level). Home Access is a great place for you to check if there was an issue with your student. We also suggest talking with your student daily about their day.

# Where/How can my student get help next year?

- If your student needs help with an assignment, or more time to finish work, please encourage them to go to “Lunch Study Table” during their lunch time. This is held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (unless we are short-staffed).
- If your student needs a quiet place to do homework, he/she can stay on Wednesdays from 2-3 PM for After School Homework Help in the Library. Please note that we do NOT take official attendance at this time because it is “drop in” format, so we will not call you if your student does/doesn’t show for help.
- Encourage your student to email his/her teacher, or ask at an appropriate time for help/support. The sooner the student does this, the sooner they can get help.
- SST Process-The Student Study Team Process is used to create an action plan for student’s when they are struggling with attendance, grades, and/or behavior. A meeting can be requested by a parent, staff member, or student. Please reach out to our school counselor Mrs. Thomas if you’d like to schedule one for your students.
- Special Programs- If your student has a 504 and you have questions/concerns, please contact Mrs. Thomas. If your student has an IEP and you have questions/concerns, please contact their case manager.

# General Creswell Middle Information

- CMS Back to School Night for Parents and Students is tentatively scheduled for **August 30, 2023**
- The CMS Student Handbook will be available on our website. Please make sure you go over this with your student so that he/she is aware of the rules and expectations.
- Students must have at least a 90% attendance rate for the school year, or they are considered truant. If you know your student will be out for an appointment, or need to request a “planned absence”, please contact the CMS office as soon as possible.
- Moving from elementary to middle school is a HUGE transition for most students. Middle school is the time when students begin to be held more accountable for their choices. Although you will receive correspondence from our school and your student’s teachers, it is typically less than when he/she was at the elementary level. We encourage you to make sure your email and telephone numbers are up-to-date in the office, and that you frequently check our school’s website for information. Please make sure you have a Parent Square account, as a lot of information will come through that system.
- Students are moving from standards-based report cards to grades. It is important for families to understand that not all students will earn an “A” in each course or make Honor Roll. Please talk as a family about your expectations and keep in mind that a “C” is average.

# CMS 6th Grade Recommended Supply List 2023-2024

- **Backpack**
- 3 ring **binder** and 1 package of **dividers (with pockets)** for binder, notebook **paper**, **pencils**, **pencil pouch**, **pens**, **personal pencil sharpener**
- 1 package of **colored pencils**, **highlighters** (social studies and language arts)
- **Earbuds** (needed daily) (prefer cheap ones and not airpods) \*Students can also purchase a pair in the office for \$1.
- 2 **spiral notebooks** (math), **ruler** (math)
- 4 **composition notebooks** (science, language arts, and social studies)
- Scissors (optional and only if students can use safely as a tool)
- Refillable **water bottle**
- 2 boxes **Kleenex** tissues (for homeroom teacher)
- **\*PE shoes (and attire appropriate for movement)**
- **Students will be provided a planner (as part of their paid Student Body Fee)**
- **Students will be provided 2 pencils each quarter as part of their paid Student Body Fee. Students can purchase extra pencils from the Student Store during the year.**

# 6th Grade First Day of School at CMS for 2023-2024

- Only CMS 6th graders (no 7th/8th graders except brand new students)
- Held on 9/6/23 from 8:20 AM-11:00 AM. We do not have supervision before 8:00 AM that day so students should not be dropped off early. Doors do not open before 8:00 AM even in inclement weather. Students will enter and exit building using the front door. Breakfast will be available from 8:00-8:20 AM in the cafeteria.
- Please send your student with a lunch (or have your student order a school lunch that morning).
- Students will spend most of the day with their Homeroom teacher. They should bring their school supplies with them that day.
- Students will learn about CMS, their schedule, where their classes are, and have some practice with their lockers.
- Students will have some forms for parents/guardians to fill out and return to school. They will also have forms sent out on Parent Square.
- Students will be taught how to login to Home Access. Please have them show you how when they get home.



# All incoming families need to register their student for CMS. You can do so now until June 29. After that date, you will have to wait until August 8.

## How to register your student:

- If your student attended Creslane in 5th grade, you will click on this link:  
<https://creswell.k12.or.us/about-csd/registration-information/update-current-student-information/>
- If your student did not attend Creslane you will need to create an account. To create an account in Home Access: You will click on "[Click Here to register for HAC](#)". You will then choose a username and password. Once that is completed, you will be able to update information about your child (email, address, phone numbers) and you will also answer a series of questions. Once completed you will click on submit and your child is registered for school. You will keep your username and password to log in during the school year to check on your child's grades, attendance and classwork.

## How to help your student before the Fall

- Register your student online to attend CMS before June 29.
  - Make sure you have created a Parent Square Account.
- Please make sure your student knows your phone number(s) and their address. Since kids are NOT allowed to use their cellphones at school, students may need this to use the school phone. It is also for their safety.
- Make sure your student does some reading and writing this summer.

Any questions? Please ask.

**Thank you! We look forward to having your 6th grader in the Fall!  
Back to School Night is tentatively scheduled for August 30th.**