

Culver Community Update

Save the Date!

Friday, January 26th

Report Cards Go Home

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Early Release

Thursday, February 1st

2024-2025 Preschool Application Opens

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2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration

Family Learning Night

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 13th from 5:30-7pm - Culver's annual Family Learning Night. Join us for engaging, valuable sessions for grades PreK-8. This evening is designed for families to attend with their children. Dinner and books provided!

Volunteer Training

Want to help in a Culver classroom? Chaperone a field trip? Come to our volunteer training. No need to RSVP. Just come to Culver for the training.

Two options:

1. Tuesday, January 30th - 2:30 - room 244
2. Thursday, February 15th - before Parent/Teacher Conferences - 10:30 - room 244

Secure and Teach Drill

On Tuesday, we will hold a secure and teach drill. Secure and teach is in place if something in the building or the community causes us to remain in classes but still continue instruction.

Reading Challenge Club

Students in grades 6-8 may create a team of 2-6 members and compete in the Reading Challenge, hosted by the Niles-Maine Public Library. The competitions will be held at the public library on Wednesday evenings in April. Practices/meetings will be held Wednesdays after school in room 131 from 3:00-4:00 starting on February 14 and ending on March 20. See [here](#) for more information. See [here](#) for the list of books in the challenge!

February Spirit Days

We love our Friday Spirit Days, sponsored by Student Council. Please see our February Spirit Day themes [here](#).

February Parent/Teacher Conferences

February conferences take place Thursday, February 15th, from 11-6pm. There is no school this day. Our February Parent/Teacher conferences are by teacher or parent

request. The portal for parent sign up opens at 4pm on Monday, February 5th. Please see sign up instructions [here](#). Please see conference locations [here](#).

8th Grade Pictures

8th Grade picture day is scheduled for Thursday, February 8th. Each child will take four different poses. Two poses will be taken in dress clothes and two poses in graduation cap and gown. All pictures will be 3/4 body shots or less. Students should wear suitable dress attire and should NOT wear up-do hairstyles or hair accessories that will interfere with the wearing of the graduation cap.

Send no money on picture day! About 2 weeks after the pictures are taken, we will send home a proof and order envelope for your approval. You may order pictures after seeing the proof. A variety of packages will be available. Picture retakes are scheduled for Thursday, March 14th.

In Case You Missed It...

New Student Preschool Application for the 2024-2025 School Year

Niles ESD 71 will be accepting new student applications for the 2024-2025 Preschool For All program from February 1st-March 21st. Any incomplete or new applications submitted following March 21st will be added to the waitlist. All preschool families must live in our Niles ESD 71 district boundaries and will have to complete the online application as well as the PFA Parent Form, consents and developmental questionnaires that are shared.

Kindergarten Registration for 2024-2025

Registration for incoming kindergarten students begins on Thursday, February 1st. All students who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2024, are kindergarten students.

If your child is currently enrolled in our preschool program, they are automatically enrolled for kindergarten. There is nothing you need to do at this time.

How do I register my child?

- Beginning Thursday, Feb. 1st, contact the front office at 847-966-9280 and provide the following:
 - Child's name and date of birth
 - Parents' name, email, phone number and address
- All incoming kindergarteners will participate in a kindergarten screening in late April.
- Parents will submit required registration paperwork, including:
 - Original birth certificate

- Required state paperwork
- Required district paperwork
- Required proof of residency documentation

Chess Class - Next Session

Culver Elementary 8-Week Winter 2024 Chess Class! Chess helps to develop a child's reading and math ability, critical thinking skills, as well as to build character and self-esteem. But most of all it's fun! Open to all students in grades K-8! The Culver Winter Chess Program starts on Thursday, February 1st!

Cost: \$125 for 8 Week Fall Chess Class that meets for 1 hour once a week on Thursdays, 3-4 pm for 8 weeks. Please send Zelle payment of \$125 to John at: chessteacher@comcast.net or phone: 773-414-2967. Also, please email John information about your child (name, grade, special needs, pickup yes or no, etc.) Please contact John at Chess Academy at chessteacher@comcast.net for any additional information! Remember to sign up early to ensure your child's registration! The Winter 2024 Chess Class dates are February 1, 8, 22, 29, March 7, 14, 21 and April 4.

Vision/Hearing Information

Please see the [note](#) about our annual vision/hearing screenings.

ACCESS Testing for English Learning Students

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade who are identified as English Learners will begin taking the ACCESS test, an English language proficiency assessment, in mid-January. All assessments will be completed in February.

Culver School PTA!

See the updated PTA newsletter *attached* for information and updates!

From the Health Office

Please see the [Monitoring for Illness](#) note as well as [information regarding health documents](#), from Mrs. Morrissey, our school nurse. Please also see the allergen free snack [information](#).

Hope you enjoy the weekend!