

## Culver Community Update

### Save the Date!

Monday, February 19th

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### Culver Yearbooks

Yearbooks are now on sale. If interested, please use our [website pay portal](#). Under Payment Type, Registration, you will see a yearbook option. Yearbooks are \$16.00 and will be delivered in the spring. For eighth graders, there will be a yearbook signing gathering on May 17.

Please order your yearbooks by Wednesday, March 6th. Orders will close on this date. If you would like to purchase a yearbook after March 6, it will be at the end of the year. We will order some extra yearbooks, and sell them on a first come, first served basis, until we sell out.

### In Case You Missed It...

#### ParentSquare

You should have received a signup email for our new communication platform, ParentSquare. Although it is not required, we encourage every parent to login, review the platform, and establish language and notification preferences. There is also a free ParentSquare app available in all app stores.

ParentSquare gives you more control over how you receive and send messages with school staff. Choose from email, text, or in-app messaging to fit your preferences. Plus, stay informed in your own language – ParentSquare supports over 100 languages!

Setting up a ParentSquare account allows you to:

- Quickly view recent school updates.
- Stay informed with a detailed school calendar.
- Set your language preferences.
- Set your notification and communication preferences

Training for ParentSquare will be available during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 15th.

We're excited to launch ParentSquare and hope you'll be early adopters!

#### 5Essentials

There will be an opportunity to take the 5Essentials survey during parent/teacher conferences next Thursday, January 15th.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey is a tool that measures five key areas linked to student

success: effective leadership, collaborative teachers, involved families, supportive environments, and ambitious instruction. By taking the survey, our school can gain valuable insights into our school's strengths and weaknesses in these areas. It will also help us develop targeted strategies to create a more positive learning environment for all students.

The survey is now open and will close on Friday, March 29th.

Link for parents to take the survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

### **Niles Teen Center**

Please see the *attached* chess tournament information ad from the Niles Teen Center.

### **Absence Reporting and Tardiness**

As a reminder, if you need to report a student absence, please call our attendance line at 847-966-9280 ext 1118. As a matter of safety, please notify the school of absences in advance of the school day. If a student is absent and we are not aware of the reason for the absence, our school nurse, Mrs. Morrissey, will be contacting the parent(s) and/or guardian(s).

Additionally, please make every attempt to have your child to school on time. Student late arrivals to the classroom are disruptive and delays the educational process. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

### **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

### **February Spirit Days**

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

### **Vision/Hearing Information**

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

### **Culver School PTA!**

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

**Hope you enjoy the weekend!**