

## Culver Community Update

### Save the Date!

Monday, January 15th Day	No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Tuesday, January 16th-19th	K-5 CBM Testing
Wednesday, January 17th	ACCESS Testing Begins
Friday, January 19th	Last Day of Quarter 2
Monday, January 22nd	First Day of Quarter 3
Monday, January 22nd-Friday, January 26th	MAP Testing Grades 2-5
Friday, January 26th	Report Cards Go Home
Friday, January 26th	Early Release

### 8th Grade Graduation Pictures

8th grade graduation pictures are scheduled for Thursday, February 8th. Students will take one picture with cap and gown and one picture without. Students should dress up for these pictures. Picture retakes are scheduled for Thursday, March 14th. We will send more information about graduation pictures later this month.

### CBM Benchmark Assessments

Benchmark assessments will begin the week of January 8th for grades 6-8 students and the week of January 16th for students in grades K-5. Students will be administered Curriculum Based Measurements (CBMs) in reading and math. This information helps to determine placement into or exit from intervention as well as helps inform the teacher of differentiation needs in the classroom.

### 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.

### Classroom Corner

We are highlighting our Specials classes this quarter. Check out what is happening in [technology](#).

### From Our PTA

Everyone's favorite pizza fundraiser is back!!! The Lou Malnati's Pizza Coupon form was sent home with your children. You can also find it in this week's PTA Newsletter. Please use the form to sell pizza coupons to your friends and family and your Culver PTA gets a piece of the pie. The coupons are \$13.00 each and the deadline to return the form to the school office is Tuesday, January 23, 2024. Please don't forget to include

payment with the form.

Once all orders are turned into the office on 1/23/24, your Culver PTA will place the order with Lou Malnati's and (fingers crossed) have your coupons to you before Valentine's Day. Now that's a treat to share with the ones you love.....PIZZA!!!

Pizza coupons may be redeemed at any area Lou Malnati's location for one 9" FROZEN pizza (sausage, pepperoni, cheese, or spinach). Offer subject to restaurant availability. Coupons have no cash value and may not be used toward the purchase of any other items. Coupons will be delivered to the customer at a later date. Each coupon is valid for 6 months from the date the order is placed.

### **In Case You Missed It...**

#### **January Spirit Days**

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

#### **8th Grade Committee Fundraiser at Kappy's**

Head over to Kappy's from January 12-14th and contribute to our 8th grade parent committee fundraiser! Thanks for helping our 8th grade class make great end-of-year memories! Please see the *attached* flyer.

#### **Volleyball and Soccer Clinics**

We are excited to offer volleyball and soccer clinics to Culver students in January and February. The soccer clinics will be offered by Skomor Soccer Club and the volleyball clinics will be offered by our middle school volleyball coaches (Mr. Braceros and Miss Klauer). Please see the information and flyers below.

- Soccer Clinics - Available to all 4th and 5th grade students. Please see the program flier for additional information and cost. ([4th/5th Flier](#))
- Volleyball Clinics - Available to all 4th and 5th grade students. Please see the program flier for additional information and cost. ([4/5th Grade Flier](#))
- Volleyball Open Gym - Available to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Please see the program flier for additional information and cost. ([6th Grade Flier](#), [7/8th Grade Flier](#)).

#### **Principal's Bookshelf**

- Interested in this great book? Please email Dr. Smolinski at [esmolinski@niles71.org](mailto:esmolinski@niles71.org) to enter the raffle.
- [Wally Takes a Weather Walk](#) by Bree Sunshine Smith - Follow Wally as he learns about weather and all the fascinating science involved!

## **Culver School PTA!**

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

### **Morning Arrival**

As always, it's ideal to bring your children to school early so they can enjoy breakfast, starting at 7:40. During the winter months, we will open our doors at 7:50 each morning to allow students to remain warm until the 7:55 bell.

And a reminder, please pull all the way up when dropping off or picking up your child. Please do not park in the drive thru area; this is not part of the parking lot. It is a thoroughfare. Also, when you exit the front lot, you can only turn right. Turning left causes major delays and is not the safest route.

### **Student Cell Phone Use**

Students know their cell phones should be in lockers and turned off during school hours. It becomes challenging when students are texting parents and vice versa, as the office staff is not able to keep track of visitors and student needs. This can become a safety concern. This is particularly difficult if your child is sick and texts you rather than going through our school nurse. If your children need to reach out to you, they can use our school phone; this is an easy way for students to connect with home.

### **School Safety and Security**

Please see our updated information about Culver's safety and security program [here](#). This includes a draft of our new communications protocol for emergency situations.

### **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!**