

Culver Community Update

Save the Date!

Friday, January 19th	Last Day of Quarter 2
Monday, January 22nd	First Day of Quarter 3
Monday, January 22nd	High School Info Night - 6pm - Culver
Monday, January 22nd-Friday, January 26th	MAP Testing Grades 2-5
Friday, January 26th	Report Cards Go Home
Friday, January 26th	Early Release
Thursday, February 1st	2024-2025 Preschool Application Opens
Thursday, February 1st	2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration

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

Young Creatives Art Show

You are all invited to the Young Creatives Art Show at Niles West Wednesday, January 24th, at 6pm at Niles West. Please see the *attachment* for details.

Famished for Fiction

We hope to see many 4th-8th grade students at our next Famished for Fiction. Join Mrs. Masini, Miss Conklin, Mrs. Ross, Dr. Smolinski, and our local public librarians for a great time, discussing young adult and children's literature. Students can book talk a favorite title - or not. All attendees will receive a book of choice. We will meet Thursday, January 25th, from 3-4 in Mrs. Masini's room - 131. Students can take the activity bus home, if needed.

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.

NWEA MAP Assessments for Grades 2-5

Students in second through fifth grade will be taking the reading and math NWEA MAP assessments this week.

Vision/Hearing Information

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

Classroom Corner

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

In Case You Missed It...

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 14. We will send more information about graduation pictures later this month.

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.

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.

January Spirit Days

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

Culver School PTA!

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

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!