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Educating Students Today to Become Leaders of Tomorrow

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Upcoming Events

Back-to-School Night	July 28
Late Start for Students	August 10
PTSA Meeting	August 15
Picture Day	August 15
School Board Meeting	August 17
Healthy Smiles	Aug. 25 & 26



Simmons Says...

Welcome back! It's an exciting time of year to see all our Creston Intermediate Academy students return or enter the building for the first time. Seeing everyone at registration reminded me how lucky I am to serve as your principal. I am so thankful for your support of your child's education and school. Our staff has been involved in many professional development activities over the summer to prepare our students to be the leaders of tomorrow. Throughout the next few weeks, students will be practicing procedures and positive behavior supports to prepare them for a productive beginning and understanding of our school expectations and procedures. I am excited about this school year and look forward to accomplishing great things together!

Your Principal,
Mrs. Jina Simmons

2016-2017 District Calendar
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MSD Warren Students Rights & Responsibilities Handbook
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Food Service Parent Portal Access
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2016-17 LATE START DATES FOR STUDENTS

To allow you time to plan, we wanted to bring to your attention that we will have eight late-start days built into our school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. The dates and start times are :

- August 10th** January 11, 2017
- September 14th February 8th
- November 9th March 8th
- December 14th April 12th

Elementary Start Time: 9:50
Intermediate / Middle School Start Time: 8:30
High School Start Time: 8:20

This does not impact our dismissal time.

START OF SCHOOL VISITATION NOTICE: We ask that during the first two weeks of school, plans are not made to have lunch with your child or visit the classroom. This gives our students and staff time to get familiar with classroom and lunchroom procedures. We appreciate your cooperation regarding this.



Universal Breakfast Program

All fifth and sixth grade students at CIA may participate in the Universal Breakfast program. This program offers breakfast free to students regardless of income. Breakfast will be provided from 7:20-7:40 a.m. in the classroom rather than the cafeteria.

Lunch Prices

School lunch prices for grade 5 & 6 academy students will be the following for the 2016-17 school year:

Universal Breakfast ~ no charge
Lunch ~ \$2.20, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.45



Financial Assistance Information

Households approved for free or reduced meal and textbook assistance in the 2015-16 school year, have through August 31, 2016 to complete a new application for 2016-17.

YMCA Before & After School Care

Did you know the YMCA is one of the largest, most trusted providers of School-Age Childcare? The Youth Development Before and After School programs are committed to developing programs that give children the support they need to become successful adults. We have a program located right here in your child's school. We use the YMCA of the USA's School-Age Curriculum that focuses on the following core content: Arts and Humanities, Character Development, Health, Wellness and Fitness, Homework Support, Literacy, and more.

Please call [\(317\)226-9122](tel:3172269122) if you have questions. Visit us at indymca.org/youthdevelopment to register today!

Textbook Rental Fees

Grade 5 \$130.00

Grade 6 \$116.00

Lost Textbooks

Students assume full responsibility for the security of their own textbooks. Should books be lost, damaged, or defaced after issuance to a student, that student will be required to pay for the cost of the book before a new one is issued. Accountability checks will be done periodically throughout the school year for lost or damaged books. Lost textbooks must be found or paid for within five days after the parent has been notified.

CIA COUGAR PRINT

Do we have your e-mail address? Our school newsletter and parent announcements are sent out electronically unless we receive a note stating you would like a hard copy. The **Cougar Print** will be e-mailed bi-weekly and will be posted to the Creston Intermediate Academy's website. The newsletter is viewable on Facebook and Twitter. If you would like to receive the Cougar Print electronically, please e-mail Cheryl Colbert at ccolbert1@warren.k12.in.us with the e-mail address you would like it sent to. Please include your student's name and grade level. If you are currently receiving the Parent Announcements electronically (last year's fifth graders), you are already signed up to receive our school information via e-mail.

Release of Information for Publication

The occasion may arise when the school district wants to recognize your child or your child's school. This may include your child's photo, your child's name or your child's work in district publications, newsletters, on school district websites, and in electronic/social media or in staff training videos. We may also want to tell the media (including newspapers, television and radio) about your child's achievements. We never knowingly release information about a student to anyone who wants to use it for commercial/political purposes. However, we will honor your request to not include your child in these types of recognitions if you notify your child's school. office **in writing** that you do not want this type of information released.

NOTES! NOTES! NOTES!



Communication is important, especially if it concerns the safety of your child. Please send a note to your child's teacher whenever his/her end of the day transportation is different from the normal routine. If the child does not have a note, **the teacher will follow the child's normal routine for dismissal.** The same policy applies to after-school activities. A note giving permission from the parent/guardian must be on file in order to stay for an activity. Phone calls giving permission for these activities will not be allowed. E-mails may be directed to our school's spam filter and may not get to the teacher, so please do not send e-mails for these changes.

Cell phones and other electronics must be turned off and kept in lockets at all times. With only 180 school days built in to the school calendar, every instructional minute needs to be free of disruption that can be caused by these devices. These items may be confiscated and will require a parent or guardian to pick-up. The MSD of Warren Township Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook addresses electronic devices with *Code of Misconduct 10-32. A student may not use or possess unauthorized electronic devices on school property during the school hours.* **The district, school, and staff are not responsible for electronic items brought to school by students.**

End of Day Transportation Changes

Security is our top priority when it comes to our students. We ask that changes (transportation, early release, etc.) on any given school day be made in writing, signed by the parent/guardian and given to your child's teacher the morning of the change. Since it is becoming more and more difficult to identify the telephone caller making the change; we ask, if at all possible, phone calls are not made for these changes. If an emergency arises after your child has left for school which results in a change, we ask that the office be notified no later than 2:00 p.m. If the change is for your child to become a car rider and notification can not be made by 2:00 p.m., it is asked that the parent/guardian arrive by 2:30p.m., come in to the school office and with proper ID sign the student out. As stated in our student handbook and to avoid missing instruction time, please do not ask that your child be pulled from the classroom to wait for your arrival. We

REMINDERS:

- ⇒ If you did not come to our Back-to-School Registration, return by Friday updated demographic sheet, emergency information sheet, and green enrollment card.
- ⇒ Return *Student Rights & Responsibilities* acknowledgement form signed by parent **and** student.
- ⇒ Send in lunch money and textbook rental fees or complete a financial assistance form.
- ⇒ Inform school nurse of medical concerns your child may have.
- ⇒ Notify the school office (in writing) of alternate transportation needs. Changes in transportation must be made 48 hours prior to the change taking effect and it must be for 5 or more consecutive school days.

Sports for Fifth & Sixth Graders

Creston Intermediate Academy students are eligible to participate in certain athletic activities. Should a student choose to participate in athletics, he/she will fall under the direction of the Creston Middle School Athletic Department. Students participating in sports must have a current sports physical on file with Creston's Athletic Director. Forms for physicals can be picked up in the office or downloaded from the Creston MS website at: <http://creston.warren.k12.in.us> School sports available for Creston Academy students to participate in are:

Cross Country (boys and girls)	Golf (boys and girls)
Tennis (boys and girls)	Wrestling
Boys and girls swimming	Track (boys and girls)

Related Arts Schedule

Related arts classes (art, music, physical education, and S.T.E.M.) are on a three-week rotation schedule. Students are expected to come to classes prepared with materials and supplies as requested by Mrs. Horan, Ms. Pelto, Ms. Schurger, and Mr. Webb. All students, for safety reasons, are required to wear tennis shoes for physical education classes. Gym shoes are not furnished by the school for students.

CIA's Parent Teacher Student Association

Our CIA Parent/Teacher/Student Association (PTSA) exists as a means of providing programs and services necessary to meet the needs and interests of students at Creston Intermediate Academy. Parent, staff, and student membership is vital to the PTSA existence. We would encourage both you and your C.I.A. student to become a member of the PTSA. Your membership fee will allow you to be a member of a very worthwhile organization, which works at the local, state, and national level for children of today and of the future. PTSA meetings are held monthly. Check our CIA calendar for dates & times. Students are allowed and encouraged to join. Look for more information coming home soon from our PTSA

Box Top for Education

Can you imagine a fund-raiser that's as easy as eating a bowl of cereal or having a snack? With General Mills Box Tops for Education, it's just that simple. You can help by saving General Mills Box Tops for Education logos. All you need to do is clip the Box Top logos from participating General Mills products and send them to school with your child. Our school gets 10 cents for each Box Top we collect! The more we collect, the more cash we earn for Creston Intermediate Academy.



COMMUNICATION and CIA HAPPENINGS

We are pleased that we have many modes of communication to help keep our families informed of important events and activities throughout the school year.

- ◆ The CIA newsletter, *the Cougar Print*, is sent bi-weekly via e-mail. Hard copies are also available in the office.
- ◆ CIA Parent Announcements are sent via e-mail on alternating weeks of the newsletter.
- ◆ Visit our web homepage at: **www.warren.k12.in.us**
- ◆ Facebook: **www.facebook.com/Creston Intermediate Academy**
- ◆ Many times a community connect call is made from the school to inform CIA parents of upcoming events.

It is very important that phone numbers and e-mail addresses are kept up to date.

OTHER RESOURCES

Warren Township Homepage (www.warren.k12.in.us)

Find links to schools, information regarding registration, calendars, district maps, transportation, foodservice, news, and much, much more.

Food Service Parent Portal

The Warren Township food service department offers online access of their child's food service account through internet access from any computer. This portal allows parents to view their child's account balance, meal history as well as place payment to their child's account. The parent portal access address is <https://foodservice.warren.k12.in.us>. This website is designated only to the food service department and will not allow you to view any other information, such as grades, attendance or textbook rental charges. Please call Barb Smith (869-4381) or Mason Gallmeyer (869-4389) if you have questions or need your user ID and password to gain access.

Transportation

You may view your student's bus stop information on-line via the ***Versa Trans e-link system***. You may also find your home school based on your address via this system. This site is found on the Transportation webpage on the Warren Township homepage

Versa Trans Instructions: (1)User Name—GUEST (2) Password—GUEST (3) Click *Advance Search* (4) Select child's grade (5) Select school (for bus information) or leave blank if determining school (6) Enter house number, street name, and zip code (7)Click "Find Transportation Info Button"
For additional questions or information, please call the Warren Transportation Department at 532-2820.

MSD Warren Township Student Rights and Responsibility Handbook

The purpose of this booklet is to emphasize the fact that everyone in the school community has rights and with those rights are the responsibilities of all to maintain a safe school where each person is encouraged to be a life-long learner. This handbook is approved by the Superintendent and the School Board and is in concert with the Metropolitan School District of Warren Township School Board Policy.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view MSD Warren Students Rights & Responsibilities Handbook

MSD of Warren Township District Framework



MEDIA NEWS

Do you wonder about the apps, websites, and individuals your children are making connections with? Do they understand the implications of using apps or websites that claim to be anonymous, or the digital footprint they are creating?

Next Thursday, August 11, Creston Middle School will have a speaker from the State Police on Internet/Cyber Safety for students. This will be at 6:30 PM.

pm at the end of our Back to School Night. Anyone is welcome to attend, parents and students. This will be held in the Large Group Instruction room at Creston, 10925 E Prospect, right inside the main entrance at door 1. If you have any questions, please contact Susie Highley, Media Specialist for CMS/CIA at 532-6800x6806

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