



## Announcements for Creston Middle School

February 19, 2016

### CORE



CORE stands for Civility.Order.Respect.Excellence, and it is now at the center of our Culturally Responsive-Positive Behavior Intervention System. We reward our students for demonstrating these positive characteristics with verbal recognition, “Creston Cash,” and monthly reward events.

This system focuses on what the positive behaviors should look like instead of focusing on the negative behaviors first creating a more positive climate.

### ISTEP

The first round of ISTEP testing will be held March 1-3 between 7:45-10:00 a.m. Students will be taking no more than two tests per day. CMS will be providing a universal breakfast to all middle school students on these testing days. ISTEP is extremely important to students as it affects the future courses they are able to select, and it determines the overall school letter grade assigned by the Indiana Department of Education. Please help your child have the best opportunity for success by making sure he/she gets plenty of sleep the night before, and try to make those mornings as stress-free as possible for him/her. Please also try to schedule any appointments around those dates to avoid having your child pulled from their other classes for make-up testing.

### DC Parent Meeting

The DC Parent meeting will be Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:30 in the LGI. Each student attending should be represented by an adult. Students who are going on the trip are welcome as well.

### Yearbook Sales

The cost of a paperback yearbook is \$20 or the hardback cover is \$25. You can pay online between now and March 18th, 2016. <http://ybpay.lifetouch.com/>

We are in the season of the year that could cause school to be called off or dismissed early. Parents should take time to talk to students regarding contingency plans if such an occurrence presents itself. If school is closed early because of inclement weather, we want our students and parents to be comfortable knowing that they have a plan in place. Your assistance is greatly needed to insure that students have a sense of awareness of their responsibilities if these kinds of situations were to occur.

If Warren Township Schools are on a 2 hour delay, it means that school will start 2 hours later than normal (9:30 instead of 7:30)

The bus will pick your child up at the bus stop 2 hours later than normal time.

### **Please Support Pennies for Patients**

Creston Middle School students will be taking part in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Pennies for Patients program from April 11 – April 22.

During this program, students will collect money to support LLS's mission: to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients. Students will learn about service, leadership, philanthropy and how they can make a difference by changing patients' lives.

Creston Middle School has its own online giving page that students, parents and faculty can share with friends and family:

<http://events.lls.org/pages/in/CrestonMiddleSchool>

Thank you in advance for helping LLS to create a world without blood cancers!

For more information on the Pennies for Patients program, please visit

<http://www.studentseries.org/>

### **\$\$Money for College \$\$ \*If you qualify**

Indiana started the 21st Century Scholars Program in 1990 to ensure that every student can afford a college education. Income-eligible students who enroll in the program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship will receive money toward tuition for up to four years of undergraduate schooling at any participating public college or university in Indiana. If you have questions please visit: [www.scholars.in.gov](http://www.scholars.in.gov)

(\*If you have qualified for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program, you will likely qualify for a 21st Century Scholarship. BUT first you must apply!) Students and their parents must complete an online application or a paper application through the middle school counselor ASAP.

The ABSOLUTE deadline is June 30th of the 8th grade year.

### **8th Grade Celebration Dance - 2016**

The 2016 Creston Middle School Celebration Dance will be held on Friday, May 13th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at CMS. Tickets for the event will cost between \$10-\$15 and will be sold during lunches the week of the dance (Tuesday, May 10 - Thursday, May 12). Students that are eligible to purchase tickets or attend the 8th Grade Celebration Dance must meet the following criteria as of February 1st, 2016:

(from Feb. 1 - May 13)

You must be enrolled as an 8th grader at Creston Middle School

You must not exceed 5 unexcused absences

You must not have a referral resulting in out of school suspension or 3+ days of In-school Reassignment

You must not have received two or more referrals for tardiness to class

You must not have received two or more referrals for dress code violation

You must not have received two or more referrals resulting in administrative disciplinary action

You must not have received more than 5 classroom timeouts

You must not have received more than two F's on your Term 4 Midterm report card

### **Sports**

2/27 – Wrestling MIIC Championships @ Lawrence Central H S 9:00am

2/29 – Girls Basketball (7/8) @ CMS 5:00

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Spring sports are just around the corner. Below are the start dates for spring sports.

Boys and Girls Track (5-8): Monday, March 7

Baseball (7-8): Tuesday, March 8

Softball (7-8): Monday, March 14

All athletes must have a physical dated after April 1, 2015 to be eligible for all sports. Please contact the athletic director Taylor Treesh at 532-6808 with any questions.

### **Dress Code Standards**

We want to send out a friendly reminder to our students to dress appropriately as outside temperatures get colder. Outer wear, which includes hooded or full-length zippered sweatshirts are not to be worn in the classroom and must be kept in the student's locker.

### **Parent Portal**

As a parent or guardian of a student attending a Warren school, you have online access to your child or children's courses, grades, attendance, discipline, and academic history. This information can be viewed from any location as long as you have a computer and Internet Explorer. You must obtain a username and password through your child's school in order to access your child's information. Sign up forms can be picked up in the main office.

### **Lobby Guard Visitor Management System**

Last school year the Creston office started signing visitors in and out using Lobby Guard. Please remember to have a valid I.D. with you to gain entrance to our school. After you scan your I.D. at the Lobby Guard kiosk located at the main entrance, a visitor's badge will be generated.

### **School District Publications/News Media Use**

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.

### **Fresh Ideas For Education**

Please enroll your Marsh Fresh Idea Card to support our school. Once enrolled, each time you shop from now through March 29, 2016, our school will earn credit towards free educational equipment and supplies!

To register your Marsh Fresh Idea Card go to [www.marsh.net](http://www.marsh.net) or stop by any Marsh Customer Service Desk. When registering, please use our school code: 36589

Car Rider Safety: Please be vigilant and watch your speed in the car rider line. All students should be dropped off on the curb and never have to cross any traffic to enter or exit the building. Patience along with awareness will help to keep our students safe.

### **Ways to help Creston Middle School students:**

Collect Coke points and donate them to Creston Middle School....check it out at [www.mycokerewards.com](http://www.mycokerewards.com). Thank you to everyone who has donated points to Creston. Remember that you can still drop them off in the office!!

Please continue to look for Box Tops on your favorite foods!! Remember that each box top means .10 cents to Creston Middle School....you would be surprised how fast these add up!! Thanks for helping!!

Remember that our paper recycling bins are always available 24/7 for donations of: magazines, junk mail, newspapers, flyers, old school papers, notebook paper, used cards and wrapping paper, advertisements, old envelopes, shreds from your shredder (please donate in a closed trash bag).....paper bags, receipts, pharmacy bags and information inserts.

We have several "lost and found" items....please have your student check the clothes rack outside the café for larger items and the Media Center for smaller or more valuable items.

