



Cleveland Metro Remote School K8

Welcoming December



Monthly Parent Ambassador Message

India Jones Parent Ambassador

The cold weather has finally arrived and we even experienced our first snow day of the school year. I hope you and kiddos got to play in the snow.

Last month, every family should have received their child's report card. No matter what the results were from the grade reports, make sure that you are continuing to encourage your scholar and motivate them to do their best with assignments. If you still have had a conference with any of your child's teachers, please reach out to them so that you can discuss your child's academic strengths and weaknesses. This month, we will be hosting a family engagement event at John Adams. This is the reschedule for our event last month that was canceled.

High School Choice starts this month. Parents of 8th grade students can start to learn more about CMSD's high school choices. Students and families can attend choice fairs, where our district's high schools will have informational tables and faculty will be available to answer questions. I will provide the dates, times and locations of these events.

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What to do Over Winter Break.

Family Fun this Winter Break

A much needed break is coming up soon and we will have to figure out how to keep our kids entertained. There's plenty that you can do at home and I will also share any events happening around Cleveland this month. We can spend time with our kids playing games and reading stories. This can also strengthen some academic skills over break without

having to focus so much on school. When playing board games, you can have your kids set up the game and read out the instructions. They can keep score when playing cards or dominoes. Have a few family game nights and even let your kids create their own game and have them teach it to you.

We always want to practice literacy with our kids, so pick a book and find a blanket and cozy up with your child. Try a read aloud night where you turn off all electronics and let your kids choose their favorite books to read aloud. Cooking together and reading a new recipe can help your child sharpen reading skills and gain independence.

Holiday time is usually when we reunite with other family members, so with your older children spend some time teaching them about their family history. Look at old photo albums and encourage your child to learn more about the past. This could be a new family tradition for them.

Create some new art and holiday inspired decorations for your home.

Things to do in the City this Winter Break:

Visit a museum this winter break. Most of our cultural institutions have special winter/holiday programming that you can participate in. Many of our museums participate in a program called Museums for All which can get you discounted or free admission. Here is a list of Cleveland museums that participate:

- The Cleveland History Center (\$3 admission for everyone when you show an EBT card)
- The Cleveland Museum of Natural History (free admission every Sunday to Cleveland residents)
- The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (free to all Cleveland residents. Show your ID)
- The Cleveland Museum of Art (always free admission)
- The museum of Contemporary Art (free admission to all)
- Cleveland Botanical Garden (call ahead and ask about Museums for All)

Other museums to consider are the Children's Museum and the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Both locations have special free days and discounts for Cleveland residents. The Rink at Wade Oval opens December 1st, 2023. Families can ice skate at Wade Oval. The Festival of Trees at Playhouse Square opens December 1st, 2023 and has free admission. Winterland takes place in downtown Cleveland at Public Square and Tower City. There's lights, decorations and ice skating and events in Tower City Center every weekend.

Important Dates this Month

High School Choice Timeline

- **December 4th, 2023:** High School Choice Portal Opens. 8th grade students and families can start to choose their high school for the 2024-25 school year.

- **December 5th-8th, 2023:** High School Choice Fairs @ East Professional Center. 8th grade students will attend day time fairs with their school. CMRS K8 day to visit is **Thursday December 7th, 2023 from 1:15-2:15 pm.**
- **December 6th, 2023 from 5-7 pm** families and caregivers can attend the high school choice fair.
- **December 12th, 2023:** Westside Community High School Choice Fair @ Max Hayes High School from 5-7 pm

December 8th, 2023: Pre-K and Kindergarten Teacher Professional Development Day. NO SCHOOL FOR PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN

December 19th, 2023: Winter Celebration and Parent Advisory Committee Meeting @ John Adams High School from 4-6 pm. [Please register here](#)

December 22nd, 2023 is the last day of school before Winter Break. Winter Break officially starts December 25th, 2023 and ends January 5th, 2024. Classes resume January 8th, 2024.

Thank you for reading this month. Please follow this [link](#) and complete this short survey. I want to increase 2 way communication between CMRS K8 families and caregivers and myself. The survey will be short and easy to complete and help advise me for our PAC meeting December 19th, 2023. Again, thank you.

[CMRS K8 Website](#)

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