



Cleveland Metro Remote School K8



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Monthly Parent Ambassador Message

India Jones, Your school Parent Ambassador

Happy March to all CMRS K8 parents and caregivers! We are approaching the end of the 3rd marking period this month. OST's for students in grades 3-8 are coming soon. Spring Break is this month as well. We are almost done with this school year so keep motivating your students to be successful and finish out the year strong.

Last month we held our 2nd annual Black History Month program. I hope all the families that attended enjoyed themselves. To all of the families that couldn't make it. We missed you! As a school we will continue to stay committed to hosting family engagement events that are accessible and enjoyable. We want to see as many of our families present as possible.



Attention ALL Parents and Caregivers of 8th Grade Students

Parent University College Bus Tours

CMSD's Office of Family and Community Engagement is hosting a unique learning experience for students in grades 8-12 and their families. The Parent University College Bus Tours. FACE is taking students and their caregivers to explore a local college. Families will board a bus, arrive at the school, receive an admissions presentation and campus tour, and then eat lunch. These experiences are of NO COST to parents and caregivers. I want as many of our 8th grade scholars to experience it as possible. Students usually don't get exposed to college until junior or senior year of high school. This is an amazing opportunity for CMSD students and families. College is very much a family affair. Kids can't succeed in college without the support of their parents. Take advantage of this experience to get

background information about college life and get your scholar excited about what life has to offer after high school. Here is the list of schools that will be visited and the dates.

- March 23rd, 2024 Wilberforce University: (**The waitlist is open for this experience**)
- March 29th, 2024 The Ohio State University Mansfield Campus
- April 10th, 2024 Youngstown State University
- April 13th, 2024 Central State University

Please don't hesitate to register for this. Click the link [here](#).

Ohio's State Tests 2024

The testing window for OST's is opening this month. Students in grades 3-8 will be taking these assessments. All students will take reading and mathematics assessments. Students in grades 5 and 8 will take science assessments as well. The reading assessment is especially important for kids in grade 3 because of the state's [Third Grade Reading Guarantee](#).

While these assessments are important, I don't believe that students and parents should stress over them. They are not an indicator of your child's intelligence and even if they don't do well, it doesn't mean that your child is not a good student or won't succeed in school. Teachers at our school have been preparing scholars everyday for these tests. The work and assignments that our kids complete help prepare them for every test that is delivered to them. One of the most important things we can do to ensure our scholars succeed is making sure that they attend school everyday and complete all of their work. The assignments that teachers create are guided by some of things that kids will see on the tests. When kids complete iXL assignments, that prepares them for the OST's. When scholars in grades 3 and 4, work and read in Amira then they are prepping for the test. When students complete their assignments in Writable, then they are prepping for the tests. Keeping scholars engaged in their work everyday is what really prepares them for these tests. Help and motivate your child to complete their assignments.

Again, don't stress, just prepare your child. On the day of the test, make sure they eat a nice breakfast. Reassure them that this assessment is not the most important thing they will achieve in school. Let them know that they are ready and give them some tools to use to stay relaxed and focused during the test. Read this article [here](#) about testing anxiety and how to cope through it.



Cleveland Metro Remote School
K8 Presents
OST Test Prep Night
Join us via Zoom March
14th, 2024 at 4 pm to
help get your child
motivated and
prepared for the
upcoming OST. This
event is for all families
of students in grades
3-8

<https://clevelandmetroschools-org.zoom.us/j/89014498806>

Most importantly, our school is hosting a test prep night for students and families [March 14th, 2024 via Zoom at 4 pm](#). School administration wanted this event to be accessible to our families. Please attend this engagement event if you have a scholar in grades 3-8. This will be very beneficial and educational for all of us. I have a son in 3rd grade and I will be there to learn and to answer any questions for my fellow parents. I hope to see you there on Zoom!

Important Dates this Month

Monday March 4th, 2024 from 12 to 2 pm: Mandatory In person hearing screenings at John Adams High school for students in grades K, 1, 3, 5 and 8

Thursday March 14th, 2024 from 4- to 6 pm via Zoom: [OST Test Prep Night](#)

Friday March 15th, 2024: End of the third marking period

Monday March 18th, 2024: Start of fourth marking period

Monday March 25th through March 29th: Spring Break ALL SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

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