

Cook County Schools - ISD #166



The Viking Voice

Monthly

October 2022

Happy October!

We have had a great start to our school year! Our students have been working hard on learning routines, academics, and have completed our NWEA Map tests. The staff have created a learning environment that welcomes our students and focuses on learning.

As we transition into fall, please be sure that you are sending your student with appropriate outside weather attire. We have two recesses that we make every effort to be outside. Morning recess is from 7:45- 8:10 and another recess during mid-day for 30 minutes. Our students enjoy this time and we want them to be comfortable and safe during these times.

Fall Cook County Conferences

Tuesday, October 4th
at Cook County Schools
3:30-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 6th
at Cook County Schools
3:30-6:30 p.m.

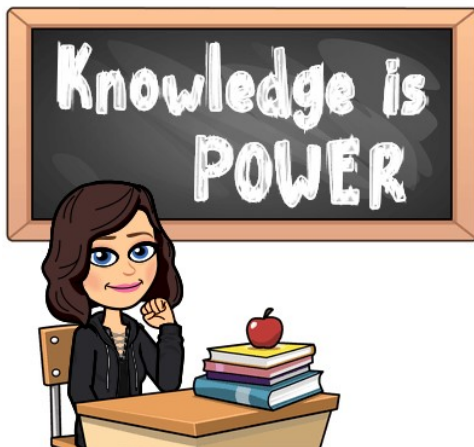
Friday, October 7th
at Grand Portage Community Center
1:00-3:00 p.m.

The graphic features a spiral notebook with a blue cover, a red alarm clock, a stack of books, and a blue pencil holder with various colored pens and pencils.

We have a New Phone system!

Please call 218-387-2271, this is the main phone number and will give you the school directory. Directory options include: High School/Middle School Office, District Office, Sawtooth Office and Staff Directory. Other numbers will no longer get you through to the phone directory so please make sure you use the 218-387-2271 when calling the school.

Thank you!





We value students' learning and their attendance is crucial to their success. According to the US Department of Education, "Students who are chronically absent—meaning they miss at least 15 days of school in a year—are at serious risk of falling behind in school." Please support our students' learning by getting them to school.

Our handbook states...

Excused absences require a parent/guardian to notify the office in writing or via a phone call why the student is absent. It is preferred that this be done at least one day prior to the absence if possible.

Once a student has accumulated 9 undocumented excused absences per semester (more than 10% of the semester), any remaining absences must be documented (such as a note from a doctor), or they will be marked as unexcused.

Any excused absence without documentation (such as a doctor's note) counts toward this limit.

Students are required to communicate with the teachers to make up any missed assignments.

A parent has 24 hours from the time of the recorded absence to tell the office that the absence is excused.

After 24 hours, the absence will be unexcused.

Unexcused absences are anytime a student is not in class and there is no parent/guardian notification of excuse and the absence does not meet the criteria of being exempt, or a student has exceeded 9 undocumented excused absences per semester without documentation. **Truancy** (deliberately missing school or a class without the knowledge of parents/guardians and without justifiable reason) is also an **unexcused absence**. Minnesota State Law states a student having 7 unexcused absences (1 or more class periods on 7 different days) may be declared truant and be required to appear in court. (*M.S. 260.191, subd.1(b).(9)*).

Tardiness

A student will be counted tardy if they arrive for class AFTER the bell for that class period has sounded. There are few reasons for a student to be tardy for class. If a student is late for legitimate reasons, the student will have a pass from a teacher, the PK-12 office or administrator.

Discipline for Tardiness to Class

Students arriving late to school must check in at the PK-12 office for an admit slip. Lunch/after-school detention will be assigned for 3 tardies per class, per semester. Students exceeding 9 unexcused tardies (and every 3 thereafter) to a class during a semester will receive one day of In-School Suspension. More serious consequences may be imposed for excessive tardies to class/school. Teachers may have alternative consequences for tardiness to their classes.

Conferences are coming in October. Sawtooth teachers will have a Sign-Up Genius that will be sent out to families. MSHS conferences will be in the classrooms. During the Grand Portage time, 1:00-3:00 on Friday, Oct. 7th, we will be in the Community Center Gym with tables set up for each teacher. We look forward to our visits with families. During conferences we will also be inviting families to participate in a High Reliability Schools Survey. Please look for this as it will be sent out and available during conferences.

We will be changing the format of our Viking Voice to a digital format. This will be the last printed copy for families. If you don't receive emails from the school via Parent Portal please contact Jill Boen at jboen@isd166.org.

Thank you for all of your continued support. Enjoy the fall weather! -Ms. Myers



The Culinary Arts Lab has a new mural!

Student artists Siena Woerhiede, Wren Ferry and Genevieve Silence created this masterpiece over the summer.

Thank you to Mr. Nalezny and Mrs. Horak.



Cathy's Coffee

"Brewing independence one cup at a time"



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**Cathy's Coffee Cart Every Friday morning from
8:15-9:30!**

All coffee orders are \$2 each

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2022 Operating Levy Renewal Information

Cook County Public Schools has proposed to renew the existing voter approved operating levy that is scheduled to expire at the end of 2022. Information about the proposed renewal can be found on the district website under the “District” menu (<https://www.cookcountyschools.org/page/2022-levy-renewal>). In addition, the following community information sessions have been scheduled:

Date	Time	Location
October 3rd	7:00pm	Virtual https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83389093115 *A link to the meeting and a link to the recording afterwards will be published on the district website*
October 4th	6:00pm	Gunflint Trail Fire Hall/Schaap Community Center 7401 Gunflint Trail Grand Marais, MN
October 10th	6:00pm	Grand Portage - Log Building 62 Upper Road Grand Portage, MN
October 11th	6:00pm	Lutsen Community Center 116 Caribou Trail Lutsen, MN
October 12th	6:00pm	Arrowhead Center for the Arts 101 W. 5th St. Grand Marais, MN

Bus Passes

If your student needs a bus pass please send a note or call the school office. You will need to provide the physical address of where your student will be dropped off. Without a physical address we will not be able to issue a bus pass. Your child’s safety is important to us! Thank you for helping us get them where they need to be.





**WILLIAM KELLEY HIGH
SCHOOL PRESENTS
COLLEGE
FAIR**

WKHS GYM

**137 BANKS BLVD
SILVER BAY, MN 55614**

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 26, 2022

12:00PM - 4:00PM

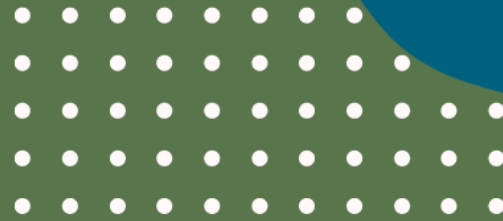
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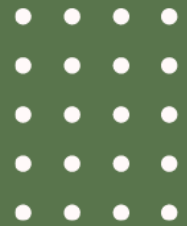
Cook County Schools,
Cook County Higher
Education, and
Lloyd K Johnson
Foundation Present:



Financial Aid and FAFSA Night

Thurs, Oct 27, 5:30 pm
CCHS Cafeteria, Grand Marais, MN

- Start your FAFSA – computers and help provided!
- Learn about scholarships
- Get started on your path toward colleges and trade schools
- Open to the community



Come to the Cook County High School cafeteria for free help with your FAFSA! We will also hear from Rachel Forsyth of the Lloyd K Johnson Scholarship regarding the scholarship opportunity available to all CCHS seniors.

Computers and help will be available so you can get going on your FAFSA

Questions? Call/text 218-831-3305 or email support@myCCHE.org



FALL YOUTH CLASSES

AT THE GRAND MARAIS ART COLONY

AFTER SCHOOL ART CAMP

AGES 7 – 12

SEPTEMBER 27 – NOVEMBER 15

WEEKLY ON TUESDAYS | 3:25 – 5:00 PM

With Allison Healy

Explore the possibilities with friends at the Art Colony after school art camp! Allison will teach a variety of art techniques and students will learn about the elements of design and composition. Register for the full series or just a few.

September 27 | Gel Plate Monoprinting

October 4 | Acrylic Paint Pouring

October 11 | Tape Resist Mosaic Murals

October 18 | Color Compositions

October 25 | Upcycled Art

November 1 | Value Scales

November 8 | Woven Paintings

November 15 | Shadow Tracing

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

All Cook County youth are eligible for a one-time \$50 scholarship through the Eric Thomas Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are also available on a financial sliding scale. Contact us for more information.

YOUTH WHEEL THROWING

AGES 10 – 14

OCTOBER 5 – NOVEMBER 2

WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS | 3:30 – 5:30 PM

With Natalie Sobanja

Students will learn the foundations of wheel throwing from centering to throwing the basic cylinder and bowl forms. There will be ample time and materials for students to practice their skills so that by the final weeks they will be able to attach a handle to a mug and glaze a select number of final pieces.

DAVID HAHN MEMORIAL ART DAYS

OCTOBER 20 & 21 | 10 AM – 2 PM | FREE

David Hahn was a beloved community member and artist who passed away in 2022. His generous memorial gifts support the funding for this event. Join us at Studio 21 for several art activities, including thumbprint art, suminagashi, and raised salt paintings. No pre-registration required.

Register online at grandmaraisartcolony.org or call 218-387-2737



Fall Dance Programs: October 10–December 9

Build confidence, strength, and creativity while learning dance technique. We welcome all beginners to join a class and try dance! The Fall session does not have a performance. Scholarships are available.

Fees: YMCA Members, Community Members

Registration: YMCA Members opens September 26. Community Members opens September 28.

Youth Ballet Classes

Pre-K Ballet (Ages 3-5), Thursdays 3:30–4:00 P.M., Y Studio, Teacher: Christine \$45, \$80

Kindergarten Ballet, Thursdays 4:05–4:45 P.M. Y Studio, Teacher: Breana \$50, \$92

1st Grade Ballet, Tuesdays 3:30–4:15 P.M., Y Studio, Teacher: Christine \$50, \$92

Youth Ballet/Jazz Combo Classes

2nd–3rd Grade Ballet/Jazz Combo, Wednesdays 3:30–4:45 P.M., Y Studio, Teacher: Christine, \$70, \$130

4th–6th Grade Ballet/Jazz Combo, Thursdays 5:00–6:30 P.M., 4H Building, Teacher: Breana, \$70, \$130

7th Grade Ballet/Jazz Combo, Wednesdays 5:00–6:30 P.M., Y Studio, Teacher: Christine, \$70, \$130

8th –12th Ballet/Jazz Combo, Wednesdays 6:30–8:00 P.M., Y Studio, Teacher: Breana, \$70, \$130

Teen and Adult Classes

Beginning Ballet (Grade 8 – Adults), Mondays 5:15–6:15 P.M., Y Studio, Teacher: Christine, \$63, \$105

Beginning Tap (Grade 8 – Adults), Thursdays 6:45–7:45 P.M., Y Studio, Teacher: Breana, \$63, \$105

Intermediate Ballet (Ages 18+), Tuesdays 5:15–6:15 P.M., 4H Building, Teacher: Christine, \$63, \$105

Intermediate Tap (Ages 18+), Tuesdays 6:30–7:30 P.M., Y Studio, Teacher: Lenna \$63, \$105

Multi-Level Jazz (Grade 8 – Adults), Mondays 6:20–7:20 P.M., Y Studio, Teacher: Christine \$63, \$105

Cook County YMCA | www.cookcountyyymca.org | 218.387.3386



Not sure if your child is ready for swim team? Contact Karen Runkle, the Cook County Aquatics Coordinator, (krunkle@cookcountyyymca.org) to arrange a try out!

Northerns 1 & 2 (Ages 5 – 8 yrs)

October 3, 2022 – February 19, 2023

Mondays & Wednesday; 5:30 – 6:15 PM

Thursdays; 4:15 – 5:15 PM

***Member Cost: \$350**

Northerns 3 & 4 (Ages 9 – 18 yrs)

October 3, 2022 – February 19, 2023

Mondays & Wednesday; 3:45 – 5:15 PM

Thursdays; 4:15 – 5:15 PM

***Member Cost: \$450**

*Due to YMCA swim league rules, all swim team participants must be current members at the YMCA branch or association for which they are competing. Is your child not currently a member? Ask us how to join!
Scholarships and personal pricing plans are available!

Calendar

October 2022



Tuesday, October 4

Volleyball Varsity @ Floodwood 6:00 pm
Cross Country Meet @ Ely 4:00 pm
Conferences @ Cook County Schools 3:30-6:30 pm

Thursday, October 6

Volleyball Varsity @ Cromwell-Wright 6:30 pm
Conferences @ Cook County Schools 3:30-6:30 pm

Friday, October 7

Football Varsity Home vs Bigfork 7:00 pm
Conferences in Grand Portage 1:00-3:00 pm
No School for students

Monday, October 10

Volleyball Varsity @ Mountain Iron-Buhl 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 11th

Volleyball Varsity Home vs McGregor 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 12th

Fire Safety Day: Kindergarten — 3rd Grade

Thursday, October 13

Football Varsity vs. Mountain Iron-Buhl 7:00 pm
Cross Country Polar Conference @ Pincushion 1:00 pm

Friday, October 14

Volleyball Varsity vs Lakeview Christian Academy 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 15

Volleyball Girls Junior High Tournament TBD

Monday, October 17

Volleyball Varsity @ Ely 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 18

Volleyball Varsity Home vs Silver Bay 6:30 pm
Cross Country Meet @ Proctor 4:00 pm

Wednesday, October 19

Football Varsity @ Ogilvie 1:00 pm

Thursday, October 27

Cross Country Section 7AA in Hibbing TBD

Next PTA Meeting: Monday, October 3rd @ 4:30 pm in the Sawtooth Elementary Library.

- Delicious snacks and bevs provided!
- All Community members welcome.
- Childcare provided for elementary aged children at Sawtooth Playground (weather permitting).

Link to online PTA membership sign-up:
isd166pta.memberhub.com

\$10/year (+ .85 cent online CC fee)

\$10 cash or check (made to GM campus PTA) can always be dropped off at the ISD 166 school office.



Elementary Yearbook Coordinator Needed!

Sawtooth Mountain Elementary is looking for an Elementary Yearbook Coordinator. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to help compile this fun collection of memories for our elementary students. The Elementary yearbook is an online program that is easy to work with and lots of fun.

We need your help in order to be able to provide an elementary yearbook this year. Please consider helping out!!



Follow Cook County Schools online for up-to-date information and to follow school events.

Website: cookcountyschools.org

Facebook: Cook County Isd166 & Community Education
Remember to sign up for Parent Portal to access student information and pay lunch accounts (Parent Portal application is included in the new student packet and is also available in PK-12 office or school website.)

ISD 166 2022 OCTOBER MENU

Breakfast is a choice of: Breakfast Sandwich, Muffin, Boiled Eggs, Cereal, PBJ, Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Fruit or Juice, Milk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Mac and Cheese Popcorn Chicken Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	4 Burrito Bowl with Chicken, beans, rice, corn, tomatoes, lettuce, cheese, salsa Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	5 Cheeseburger Fries Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	6 Cheese Bread with marinara sauce Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	7 NO SCHOOL
10 Sloppy Joes Potato Wedges Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	11 Chicken Stir Fry on Rice Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	12 Penne Pasta in Meat Sauce Bread Stick Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	13 Chicken Gravy Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar & Milk	14 Hot Dogs Baked Beans Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk
17 Chicken Burger Fries Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	18 Tacos Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	19 Orange Chicken on Rice Roasted Broccoli Egg Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL
24 Pancakes, Sausage Patties, Hash Browns Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	25 Beef Nachos Corn, Shredded lettuce, Tomatoes, cheese, salsa, sour cream Fruit and Veggie Bar & Milk	26 Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta Roasted Broccoli Bread Stick Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	27 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Fruit and Veggie Bar & Milk	28 Pizza Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk
31 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk				

Daily choice of Soup and Sandwich or Salad bar

Menu Subject to Change

ISD 166 2022 OCT. Alternate Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Corn Dogs Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	4 Quesadillas Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	5 Chicken Nuggets Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	6 Pepperoni Pizza Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	7 NO SCHOOL
10 Shrimp Poppers Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	11 Cheese Bread Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	12 Quesadillas Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	13 Pepperoni Pizza Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	14 Chicken Nuggets Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk
17 Corn Dogs Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	18 Shrimp Poppers Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	19 Cheese Bread Fruit and Veggie Bar Milk	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL
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