

McCloskey Message

November and it's focus on Gratefulness has always held a special place in my heart. I find when I can focus on what I'm grateful for, it transforms my mood and attitude towards everything. Now to keep that feeling all the time! Try it!

Science: This month, students take on the role of geohazards engineering interns to tackle the challenge of designing ways to protect people from natural disasters. Students will use historical data on earthquakes to create an effective tsunami warning system. Throughout the project, students test and refine their designs. In the final phase, they will present a written proposal - including evidence and reasoning for their chosen sensor types - justifying why their design is the best solution.

Math: The instructional learning targets of the CSA middle school math curriculum focus on developing students' proficiency in key mathematical areas such as ratios, geometry, algebraic expressions, and statistics, while fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and real-world application skills. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for high school math and beyond by encouraging a deep understanding of mathematical concepts.

This month, students will be exploring concepts of expressions (Applied Math), angles and triangles (Intro to Integrated), linear functions (Integrated I), and quadratic functions (Integrated II).

Literature: Our Term 1 novel study takes us on a journey through The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera. As we follow Petra's story of survival, memory, and hope, we'll explore how storytelling preserves culture and connects generations. Students will reflect on their own experiences and consider the stories that shape who they are and where they come from. Please ensure your student has selected their biography of an important historical figure who represents the character traits that CSAMS upholds: Respect, Responsibility, Work Ethic, Kindness, Getting Along, and Optimism. Students are expected to have the biographies read by December 5th.

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Social Studies: This month, students have been finishing up our unit on prehistoric societies and early civilizations technological advancements. Students have begun the study of Ancient Egypt and will cover the Kush and Phoenicians next. They continue to gather information about early civilizations - from geographical impacts that shaped their lives, societal structures to technological advancements. All of these aspects impacted the successes and downfalls of what early civilizations faced. This also allows for discussions on how these early civilizations with their attributes and challenges helped shape the modern world that we live in today.

Rollerskating Field-Trip



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Thursday, November 6th	Evening Comprehensive Student Reviews
Friday, November 14th	CSA/CSAMS Spirit Wear
Week of November 17th	Adopt-a-Family Food Drive
Friday, November 21st	Flannel/Plaid Spirit Wear
Friday, November 21st	CSA District Hug Day and Opening Night of "Something Rotten" at Jane Tasch Theatre in Pinckney
Saturday, November 22nd	"Something Rotten" at Jane Tasch Theatre" Matinee: 12:00 Evening Performance: 7:00
Sunday, November 23rd	Last Show at 4:00
Week of November 24th	No School - Thanksgiving Break

"Something Rotten!"

👂 Hear ye, hear ye! A most egg-cellent announcement! 🎉

The CSA District Players proudly present *Something Rotten Jr.!* — a musical so funny, it'll make even Shakespeare drop his quill and say, "*Now that's comedy!*"

Come witness the Bard's rivals try to outdo him with the world's first musical — complete with show-stopping numbers, outrageous rhymes, and just a *bit* of Elizabethan absurdity.

Prepare for a night that's truly *to thine own laugh be true!*

📅 Show Dates: At Jane Tasch Theatre in Pinckney
Friday, Nov. 22 at 7:00pm
Saturday, Nov. 23 at 12:00pm and 7:00pm
Sunday, Nov. 24 at 4:00 pm

🎫 Tickets: <https://cspamusic.seatyourself.biz>



National Junior Honor Society

The NJHS Induction Ceremony was on Wednesday, October 29th. I wanted to send out a huge congratulations to all new members - just one from our classroom was inducted this year, to join two others from last year. NJHS serves to honor middle school students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character, and challenges them to develop further through enthusiastic involvement in school activities and community service. Current first and second year students must demonstrate outstanding scholarship by maintaining all A's in each content area on this school year's Term 1, 2 and 3 report cards. Invitations for next school year memberships are sent out in the summer. I am hopeful that there will be many invitations going out to McCloskey Advisory students over the summer! Let me know how I can help you master all your standards!

Comprehensive Student Reviews

Throughout the year we look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and growth in a Comprehensive Student Review. My goal is to meet with you two times during the school year (one during the fall and the second conference completed in the spring) to review your child's growth and development as a whole child: academically, socially, morally, and physically. I look forward to sharing information with you as well as hearing from you about your child.

I so enjoyed meeting with the families that have come in so far, and I have quite a few scheduled between now and Thanksgiving. However, I know some have not found a date that works for them yet. Please check the times I have listed and either pick one, or offer days/times that work for you and I will pick one of yours! I'm sure we can find a time to meet somehow! [Mc2 CSR Calendar](#)

Advisory Program:

In Term 1, students will focus on building self-awareness, responsibility, and empathy. They will reflect on their personal strengths, emotions, and mindsets—recognizing where they show growth and where they may feel stuck. Lessons will emphasize how a growth mindset connects to self-respect, how better choices lead to better lives, and how responsibility and respect work together. Students will also learn strategies for managing emotions like anxiety, practice optimism, and explore how kindness, inclusion, and empathy strengthen friendships and school community. Through discussions, examples, and real-life scenarios, students will develop the skills to make respectful choices, handle conflicts constructively, and positively impact both their own lives and the lives of others.

Yearbooks

Middle School Yearbooks are on sale! Our yearbook is a 68-page color yearbook made by our Middle School Yearbook enhancement that captures events and memories from this school year. If you would like to order a yearbook, please visit this direct link: [Order Link!](#) If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kowalczyk (kkowalczyk@csaschool.org).

Adopt-A-Family

The CSAMS Student Government is hosting the Adopt-a-Family Food Drive during the week of November 18th to collect items to provide a Thanksgiving meal for families within the CSA community. Each advisory will collect donations for a basket of food items during the week of November 17th. The baskets will be assembled and distributed on Friday, November 21st. Suggested items for donations include boxes of mashed potatoes, jars of gravy, canned vegetables, cans of soup, boxes of muffin mix, boxed dessert mixes, macaroni and cheese, pasta sauce, canned tuna, and stuffing.

Parent Support:

As your child embarks on this new school year, we encourage you to regularly engage with them at home. Establishing consistent routines—such as practicing math with flashcards, reading together, or setting aside dedicated homework time—can significantly contribute to your child's success!

POWERSCHOOL and CSA District Annual Student Forms

Remember you can check your child's progress on PowerSchool at any time at <https://csadistrict.powerschool.com/public/>.



All CSA District annual student forms can be accessed and completed electronically through your student's PowerSchool account. Under the PowerSchool Parent Portal, you can update emergency contact information and complete all annual forms. If you need help or support with accessing your PowerSchool account, please let me know.