

Freeport School District #145

August 2017

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CARL SANDBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Carl Sandburg Middle School families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! It is with great excitement that I will be able to serve you as the new principal at Carl Sandburg Middle School. As many of you may know, Carl Sandburg has been my home for the past ten years; serving as a physical education/health education teacher, dean, athletic director and assistant principal. Over these years, I have dedicated myself to creating positive relationships with all students, staff and parents to help promote a healthy educational experience for all.

As the principal of CSMS, I will continue to create these positive relationships, but I also believe that it is imperative to support all students, parents and staff members to be the best they can be. Doing so will foster a climate that is challenging, supportive and engaging to the 21st century student. We will also strive for students to be productive citizens, critical thinkers, great communicators, and creative collaborators, preparing them to be college and career ready.

Finally, I want to emphasize that being a productive member of our school community is so important to the success of our students. Please take the time to support child with their school work, reach out to your child's teachers with questions or concerns, join us for family nights, volunteer at sporting events or other school activities and encourage your child to do the best they can do!

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns or ideas to help support a positive school climate for all. My email is ben.asche@fsd145.org and my office number is 815-232-0340. Thank you and I can't wait to see everyone this fall. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,
Ben Asche
CSMS Principal



Important Dates

- MEET THE TEACHER:

August 22nd

5:00-7:00 PM

Books will be checked out during the first week of school.

- First Day of School:

Wednesday, August 23rd
8:02-2:50

Breakfast 7:40-7:55

Entry Bell 7:55

Tardy Bell 8:02

Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri.
7:42-2:50

Breakfast 7:20-7:35

Entry Bell 7:35

Tardy Bell 7:42

- September 8th - School Pictures.

This is a spirit day. Students do not have to wear a uniform, however their attire must be school appropriate and NO Holes in their clothing, jeggings, spandex.



Like us on Facebook!



We are a Box Tops for Education participating school. Box tops can be turned in to your child's homeroom teacher. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Dach our building coordinator.

Meet our new Assistant Principal....Mrs. Pamela J. Powell

Hello everyone, my name is Pamela J. Powell and I am anticipating having a spectacular school year. I am thrilled to be joining the Carl Sandburg Middle School team.

I am commencing my 20th year in education and yet I remain focused, committed and dedicated to impacting the educational experience, as well as the life of each and every child that I have the opportunity to come in contact with. In fact, I believe that there is in indeed a genius in every child, we just have to find a method to unlock their potential. All things are possible when we believe in the the impossible.

I absolutely adore being married to Rass, my husband of 27 years. We have four spectacular young men, Rass, DeAndrae, DeVontae & Micah. A 6 year old granddaughter, named Kay'Lah, who is the apple of our eye. Last but not least, a very spoiled little Chihuahua, named Nyla.

Lastly one my favorite quotes is a quote by Nelson Mandela Nelson Mandela "Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again" because in life, we are not going to get everything ready but we must never quit.

Nurse's Corner:



A physical and immunizations are required for students entering Freeport School District #145 in preschool, kindergarten, sixth, and ninth grades by October 15. Students who do not meet these requirements will NOT be allowed to remain in school after October 15, until proof of the physical and immunizations are shown. Out-of-state or out-of-country students have 30 days to present a current Illinois physical and an updated immunization record. Please submit physical and vaccination records to the school nurse as soon as possible and before October 15th.



Our Box Tops for Education coordinator, Stacey Dach, is again collecting Box Tops for education for Carl Sandburg Middle School. The turn in date in October 17th. Thank you for your support and all donations of Box Tops are welcome.



PBIS CONTINUES THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Carl Sandburg Middle School will continue implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports for the 2017-2018 school year.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive systems approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional, and academic success.

As a Response to Intervention model, PBIS applies a three-tiered system of support, and a problem-solving process to enhance the capacity of schools to effectively educate all students.

The PBIS Network builds capacity of schools, families, and communities to promote social and academic success of all students, including those with emotional/behavioral and other disabilities. Key focus areas of the Illinois PBIS Network include:

- Prevention-based school-wide systems of positive behavior support
- Data-based decision-making for instruction of behavior and academics
- Wraparound planning for students with complex emotional and behavioral needs and their families
- Community-based supports for families, youth and schools.

We would love to have parents and community members join our team.

For more information about PBIS, visit

<http://www.pbisillinois.org/SFCP>

MIDDLE SCHOOL FEES



Grades 5-8.	\$75.00
Indust. Tech I (8th). ..	\$15.00
Indust. Tech II. (8th)...	\$40.00
Art (5th& 6th).	\$10.00
Art (7th).....	\$15.00
Art I (8th)	\$15.00
Art II (8th)	\$15.00

For your convenience, school fees may be paid online by credit card via Illinois E-Pay at the FSD website at www.fsd145.org or they may be paid in our school office.

Individuals who cannot afford student fees may contact the FSD Business Office at 815-232-0305 for more information or to request a fee waiver. However, students are NOT EXEMPT from charges for lost and damaged books, locks, materials, and equipment

School ID's



Students can use their ID from the 17-18 school year until pictures are taken. FSD 145 school policy requires students to wear their ID's at school. Replacement ID's and lanyards will be available for \$2.00. Students could also be issued a discipline consequence for not wearing their ID. Students are not to decorate or obscure the information on their ID's, or they will be required to purchase a replacement.

CSMS in September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 <i>No School Labor Day</i>	5 <i>Volleyball @ Lutheran 4:30 -pm</i>	6	7 <i>Volleyball vs. Willowbrook 4:30 pm</i>	8 <i>Fall Pictures</i>	9 <i>Football 7th @ Flynn 2 pm Football 8th @ West 5:30 pm</i>
10	11 <i>Volleyball vs. Rockford Christian 4:30 pm</i>	12 <i>Volleyball @ Roscoe 4:30 pm</i>	13	14 <i>CC @ Winnebago 4:30 pm Volleyball @ Stephen Mack 4:30 pm</i>	15	16 <i>Football 7th @ RESA 2 pm Football 8th @ Pinn 5:30 pm</i>
17	18 <i>Volleyball @ Christian Life 4:30 pm</i>	19	20	21 <i>Early Release at 11:00 am Volleyball @ Harlem 4:30 pm</i>	22	23 <i>Football 7th @ West 10:00 Football 8th @ Lincoln 4:00 pm</i>
24	25 <i>Volleyball vs. Lutheran 4:30 pm</i>	26	27	28 <i>Volleyball vs. Willowbrook 4:30 pm</i>	29 <i>Dental Clinic CC Middle school invite @ HCC 3:30</i>	30 <i>District 2 String Auditions Football 7th @ Lincoln 12:30 Football 8th vs. Harlem 4:30 pm</i>

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Student Hours M,T,T, F

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School Attendance Goal

**Students will have an
attendance rate of 95%.**

Schedule appointments early in the year so you can get them after school is dismissed or on non attendance days. If your child will need to miss school, please notify the office as soon as possible with either a note, e-mail or phone call.

**Why is regular attendance
Important?**

- Students who attend classes are more likely to succeed.
- Frequently absent students often slow down their own learning and that of others.
- Missing class increases the risk of falling behind.
- Chronic Truancy is linked to higher dropout rates

MORE NEWS YOU CAN USE....

UNIFORMITY OF DRESS



For the 2017 - 2018 school year, CSMS students in grades 5-8 will continue to follow the uniformity of dress policy. Middle school students are able to wear the common shirt colors of black, white, light blue, navy blue, grey and orange. Colors for bottoms (pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, capris, etc.) must be navy, black or khaki and **CAN NOT BE DENIM**. Also, **NO JEGGINGS** are allowed as they are considered spandex. Small brand logos no larger than three inches may be worn on colored shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, and fleece. Uniform items may also be purchased at a variety of local retailers. **Here at Carl Sandburg, our building is air conditioned. It would be beneficial for the students to bring a solid, uniform color fleece or sweater to have in their locker or with them.**

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

There is something for everyone at CSMS when it comes to getting involved in your school. In addition to our award winning music program, we offer a wide range of sports and activities for our students. Beginning with fall semester, we offer volleyball, football, soccer, and cross country running. Students involved in these sports compete with other schools across the Northern Illinois area. Most practices for these sports will begin prior to the beginning of the school year, so look for the sign-up table at CSMS Materials Pick-Up for information regarding when practices begin. Students must have a current sports physical prior to trying out for any sport. For sports held at Freeport Middle School, an activity bus for student athletes will be provided to get them to practice. However, athletes will be responsible for arranging their own ride home.



