

APRIL 2013

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Crosby Middle School Cougar Beat

A note from the Principal

Middle School Matters! As we continue to pave the way for student success in high school and beyond, it is important that the school and parents work together for the best results of our students. Parents are that all-important connection that supports and reinforces learning at home and in school.

CMS teachers have been preparing students for the April STAAR tests. For our 8th graders these tests will determine whether a student will pass or repeat that grade level.

Your child's attendance on STAAR testing days is crucial. Remember during testing times to avoid scheduling any appointments or early check-out. Also, while testing, the campus will be closed to visitors and unable to deliver outside food purchases. Your child will need to bring a lunch or purchase it through the cafeteria.

To avoid any problems on STAAR test days, it is suggested that cell phones and other electronic devices are kept at home. Should your child bring them to school, for test security, all cell phones and electronic devices will be collected before each test and later returned to students. Failure to do so may result in your child's test not being scored. Please talk with your child about the importance of turning in his or her cell phone and electronic device to the test administrator.

We also recommend your child to get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast and for you to encourage him or her to give their best effort. Testing room temperatures may vary; therefore, your child may choose to wear layered clothing or bring a sweater/jacket. As always the dress code will be enforced.

The staff is proud of the growth and progress of our students. We appreciate your continued support as we continue striving for our students to have a strong sense of scholastic confidence in demonstrating academic achievement.

Karen Grey
Proud CMS Principal

Cougar Pride!



STAAR Test Dates

Tuesday, April 2 nd	7 th Grade Writing 8 th Grade Math
Wednesday, April 3 rd	7 th Grade Writing 8 th Grade Reading
Tuesday, April 23 rd	7 th Grade Math
Wednesday, April 24 th	7 th Grade Reading 8 th Grade Science
Thursday, April 25 th	8 th Grade Social Studies
Tuesday, May 7 th	Algebra I EOC

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Upcoming Events at CMS:

April 2	STAAR testing
April 3	STAAR testing NO LATE ARRIVAL
April 5	Art I Show 6:00-7:30PM @ American Legion Hall
April 23	STAAR testing
April 24	STAAR testing
April 25	STAAR testing

STAAR BLITZ SATURDAYS 8:00 AM -12:30 PM

April 6	8 th Grade Science
April 13	8 th Grade Science 8 th Grade Social Studies
April 20	7 th Grade Math & Reading 8 th Grade Science & SS

Breakfast snack and lunch provided. Students will work on objectives in an interactive environment to prepare for the upcoming STAAR tests. Talk with your child's teacher for more information.

Middle School Students Will Participate In The Following Assessments Under STAAR:

Grade 7 Reading, Math, and Writing

Grade 8 Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies

Student Performance:

Once students have taken a STAAR assessment they will receive a score indicating their performance. Student performance will fall in to one of the three categories below.

- Level III: Advanced Academic Performance
- Level II: Satisfactory Academic Performance
- Level I: Unsatisfactory Academic Performance

Impact on Grade Advancement:

Students will take STAAR exams for the first time in the spring of this school year. The Student Success Initiative requires that students in grades 5 and 8 pass both the reading and math exams to be promoted to the next grade. CISD requires for students in grade 8 to also pass his/her science and social studies exams to be promoted to the next grade.

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