



# CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

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### Board of Education Highlights

*At the February 18, 2020 Board of Education Meeting, the Board:*



The Board of Education welcomed Concord Elementary School students Madison Hetue, Cate Johnson and Alixandra Smith to lead the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance. These students recently participated in the Kids Heart Challenge (formerly known as Jump Rope for Heart).

#### Approved the 2020/21 School Calendar

The Board of Education approved the 2020/21 School Calendar. The calendar can be found on page 4 of this Newsletter or on the District website under [2020/21 District Calendar](#).

#### Approved the 2020/21 School Fees

The Board of Education approved the school fees, B.A.S.E. fees, lunch fees and bus fee. The school and bus fees will remain the same as they are for the 2019/20 school year if fees

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are paid in full on or before June 2, 2020. If they are paid on or after June 2, 2020, the newly approved increase will take effect.

#### The Board Also Discussed

- Presented the five-year financial plan that assists the Administration in formulating the budget for the 2020/21 school year.
- Summer Proposed Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Project



*The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 7:30 p.m. at the District Administrative Office 8502 Bailey Road in Darien, Illinois.*



#### Administrators' Addendum

Dear Cass School District 63 Families:

Annually, typically in the early spring, students attending Illinois public school districts are administered a state-mandated assessment. In recent years, it has been the PARCC assessment and prior to that it was the ISAT, which followed the first state-mandated assessment, IGAP. The Illinois State Board of Education's current version is the Illinois Assessment for Readiness (IAR), which officially began last school year.

The first statewide mandated assessment, 30 plus years ago, was reported only at the school and district level. The goal of this assessment was accountability at the local-level, state-level and for the state, at the federal level. Schools and districts utilized these results at that time and still do today, to improve curricula, teaching and learning.

Soon after this first statewide mandated assessment, reports for individual students

were generated with the hope that they could be useful and benefit the growth of each individual student. This was, and still is, challenging due to the many revisions in the mandated assessments over the years, as well as the delayed timing of receiving the results.

This spring, our students in Grade Three through Eight, along with students in those grade levels from all other Illinois public school districts, will participate in IAR.

We strongly encourage students, as we hope you will with your children, to try their very best on every assessment that is administered. It is an opportunity for students to showoff and demonstrate how hard they have worked and how much they have learned over their years of schooling. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to get formally recognized for their achievements.

As a responsible school district, we need student assessment data to do our very best. The state-mandated assessment data is just one snapshot in time for each given student. In addition, teachers give classroom tests and assessments and administer NWEA MAPs assessments districtwide, twice a year, for many of our grade levels. These assessments complement the state-mandated assessment data with both teacher and NWEA MAPs assessment data. We are confident that using multiple assessments, allows us to have reliable data for each student, which we then use to greatly enhance our teaching and learning process.

More details, when we receive them about this anticipated spring state-mandated IAR assessment, will be forthcoming from your child(ren)'s school(s).

*Kerry J. Foderaro  
Laura Anderson • Christine Marcinkewicz  
Leland Wagner • Robert Strande*

## Do Not Forget

- NO SCHOOL  
Friday, February 28, 2020  
DuPage County Teachers' Institute Day
- EARLY DISMISSAL  
Friday, March 27, 2020  
Concord Elementary School, 11:15 am  
Cass Junior High School, 12:00 pm
- NO SCHOOL  
Monday, March 30 – Friday, April 3, 2020  
Spring Break
- CLASSES RESUME  
Monday, April 6, 2020

## We Think You Should Know



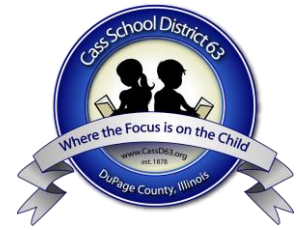
Mark Your Calendar . . .

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

**Remember To Move Your Clocks Ahead One Hour  
At 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2020**

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

## 2020/21



Friday, August 14, 2020 Monday, August 17 Tuesday, August 18 Wednesday, August 19 Thursday, August 20 Wednesday, August 26	NO SCHOOL - New Staff Orientation NO SCHOOL - Staff Institute Day Parent/Student Orientation Day NO SCHOOL - Staff Institute Day First Day of Student Attendance for Grades Kindergarten through Eight First Day of Student Attendance for Blended Prekindergarten Students
Monday, September 7 Friday, September 11	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM
Friday, October 9 Monday, October 12 Friday, October 30	EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM
Friday, November 13 Friday, November 20 Monday, November 23 Tuesday, November 24 Wednesday, November 25 Monday, November 30	First Trimester Ends Report Cards Issued NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences Thanksgiving Break Begins Classes Resume
Friday, December 18 Friday, December 18	EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM Winter Break Begins at Close of School Day
Monday, January 4, 2021 Tuesday, January 5 Monday, January 18	NO SCHOOL - Staff Institute Day Classes Resume NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King's Birthday
Friday, February 12 Monday, February 15 Thursday, February 25 Friday, February 26	EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day Second Trimester Ends NO SCHOOL - Staff Institute Day
Friday, March 5 Friday, March 26 Friday, March 26	Report Cards Issued EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM Spring Break Begins at the Close of School Day
Monday, April 5 Tuesday, April 6 Friday, April 23	NO SCHOOL - Local School Holiday Classes Resume EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM
Thursday, May 27 Thursday, May 27	Third Trimester Ends Last Day of School