



# Newsletter

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## Superintendent's Letter

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### Priority Area #1 (Teaching and Learning)

#### Performance Level Metrics

DESE has provided us with 2023 test scores. The following are our 2023 District's MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) /EOC (End-of-Course Assessments) Index Scores:

- Mathematics 393.7
- English 383.9
- Science 375
- Social Studies 387.7

The index score is a cumulative score based on how well our students performed on MAP and EOC testing. Please visit the DESE website and review the MSIP 6 Comprehensive guide if you would like to know more about how the performance index metrics work.

The following are our 2023 District's Success Ready Scores:

- ICAP (Individual Career Academic Plan) Report Rate: 95%
- Graduation Rate: 95.8%
- College and Career Readiness Assessment Rate: 70.1%
- College and Career Readiness Advanced Credit: 63%
- Graduate Follow Up: 100%
- Proportional Attendance Rate: 87.7%

One highlight from our data is we have increased our ICAP (Individual Career Academic Plan) report rate 14% from the previous year. This should raise our ICAP score from 2 out of 4 points to 3 out of 4 points, which will help our APR (Annual Performance Review) and is one of our CSIP (Comprehensive School Improvement Plan) SMART goals.

### Priority Area #2 (Collaborative Culture/Staffing)

#### Staffing Updates

We are excited to add more friendly, new faces to our district and to see our existing staff supporting students in other areas! Please welcome our new staff! Austin Anderson - Assistant Track Coach; Shawn Ehrhardt - Assistant Archery Coach; Chris Brizendine - Junior High Volleyball Coach; Deryl Hall - part-time custodian; LeAnne Sheldon - cook; and Rena Albertson - bus monitor.

#### Inclement Weather Plan

When school is canceled or a late start is called for, every effort will be made to publicize as soon as possible. Late starts will only be called the night before and will occur before 9:00 p.m.

The first notice of a cancellation or late start will be sent out through Infinite Campus as an email and/or text message. To be notified of school cancellations or late starts, you must have a portal account through Infinite Campus. Parents and guardians with students in the district should have received an email from Infinite Campus with an activation link and activation code to set up a parent portal.

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If you have not received that email, please check first to see if the email was delivered to your spam/junk mail folder. If you have not received an email, please contact your child's school office (Elementary – Carol Koestner at 573-782-4814. High School – Devona Maharas at 573-782-3313). If you do not have a child in the district and would like to receive notifications, please contact Kristen Heidbreder at [kheidbreder@coler1indians.org](mailto:kheidbreder@coler1indians.org) and request an Infinite Campus portal account. To request an Infinite Campus portal account, you will need to provide the email address and cell phone number you want the notification to go to. We will send our first test message on October 4th and run another test message on October 18th.

The second wave of notifications will be through the different forms of media in the surrounding area, as well as the school's website and Facebook page.

We encourage you to review the school cancellation information under the Resources/Family Links tab of the school's website (or click here: <https://coler1indians.socs.net/vnews/display.v/ART/6140de209261b>) and your child's student handbook, and establish a plan for your children before the time comes.

Important note: Parents and guardians must have a parent portal in Infinite Campus and opt into the service in order to receive district messages. We recommend that all parents and guardians check their contact preferences in Infinite Campus to ensure they receive messages through their preferred method. To check your preferences, log in to your parent portal and follow the steps below.

- In the upper right-hand corner, click on the person icon.
- Select "settings".
- Select "contact preferences".
- Check the type of messages you prefer to receive
  - Inbox - Parent Portal
  - Email - preferred email on file with the school
  - Text

**New Conference Update**

On September 12th, during executive session, Central State-8 (CS-8) was passed for the name of our new conference. Each district will have the opportunity to create a proposed logo for an upcoming logo contest.

**Priority Area #3 (Funding/Facilities)****Facility Updates:**

Exterior elementary doors modification project is complete and the elementary playground regrading and excavating work is complete. The playground equipment installation began on September 11th. During the installation process we ran into challenges regarding the existing placement of drainage pipes. James Case and Tina Kauffman have been great resources in helping us navigate through these challenges to ensure the elementary playground is going to look even better than what we initially told the community last fall.

At the high school building addition, all under slab prep work was completed, which allowed the concrete slab to be poured on August 29th. Temporary electricity for construction activities was put in place on September 8th and the mason mobilized and began construction of the block walls on September 11th. Electrical rough-in for the block walls continues along with the progress of the walls. We have established bi-weekly construction progress meetings with the contractors and school for coordination of events. The next scheduled meeting will be September 22nd.

**Upcoming Energy Audit:**

Our Board of Education approved Navitas to perform an energy audit on our facilities, pending our approval of the energy audit grant through DNR.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Jennewein

### Board Minutes

Board meeting minutes are posted to the district's website at [coler1indians.socs.net](http://coler1indians.socs.net) under the Board of Education tab. Agendas and meeting minutes for previous school years may be found under Archived Agendas in the Board of Education tab.



### Infinite Campus Parent Portal Instructions

Parents and guardians, please check your email for details and instructions for setting up your parent portal with Infinite Campus. There is a link included in the email that must be used, or you may follow the step-by-step instructions included in the email. Please note that the links and activation keys are randomly generated by Infinite Campus and are unique to each parent or guardian. They are also only valid for one-time use and will expire. District staff cannot forward a new link to you or provide you with an alternate activation key. If you have not received an email to set up your account, please check your spam/junk folder as some emails have been filtered out. If you have not received an activation email, please contact your child's building office for assistance.

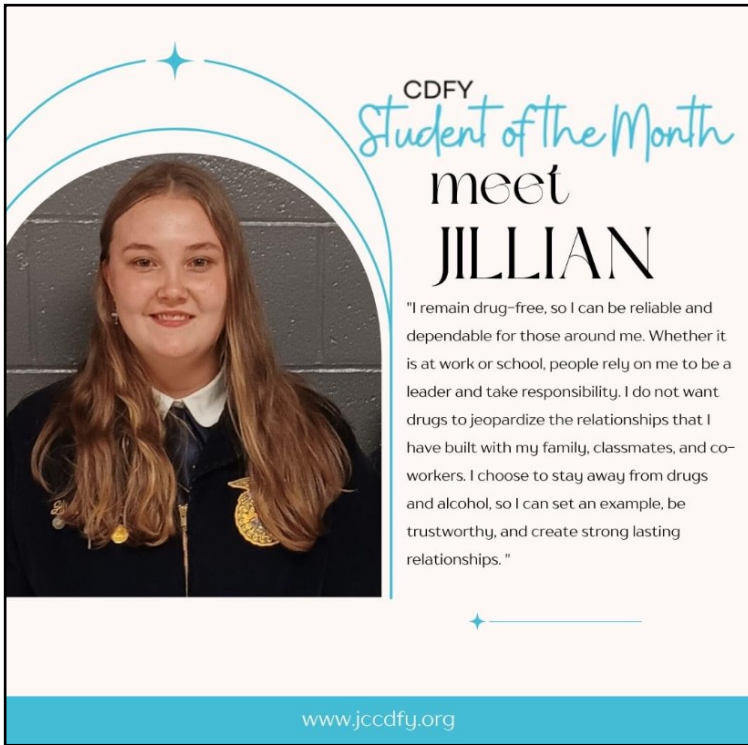
(Elementary—Carol Koestner—782-4814; Junior High/High School—Devona Maharas—782-3313).

**Free and reduced meal applications are available at your child's school office and online at [coler1indians.socs.net](http://coler1indians.socs.net) (Resources, Family Links).**

## National Honor Society Participates in the United Way's Days of Caring

On Friday, September 8th, 27 NHS members traveled to Jefferson City and participated in United Way's Days of Caring by serving at the Salvation Army Thrift Store. Students pulled and sorted dated stock and assisted with packaging and storage. They also set up fall-themed displays and cleaned the outside areas.





CDFY  
*Student of the Month*  
meet  
**JILLIAN**

"I remain drug-free, so I can be reliable and dependable for those around me. Whether it is at work or school, people rely on me to be a leader and take responsibility. I do not want drugs to jeopardize the relationships that I have built with my family, classmates, and co-workers. I choose to stay away from drugs and alcohol, so I can set an example, be trustworthy, and create strong lasting relationships."

[www.jccdfy.org](http://www.jccdfy.org)

### Council for Drug Free Youth

Senior Jillian Schmidt was honored by CDFY (Council for Drug Free Youth) for being September's Student of the Month for Russellville High School. Jillian was recognized for her commitment to serving as a drug-free role model for her community. Congratulations, Jillian!



### Elementary Book Fair

**October 23-26, 2023**

in the Elementary Library

More information coming soon!

### Seventh Grade

On Monday, October 23, the seventh graders will go to Capital West Christian Church in Jefferson City to participate in the COPE program. This program is specifically designed for seventh grade students. Facilitators provide the latest drug, alcohol, tobacco and suicide prevention information while addressing decision-making and coping skills. The program helps students think through situations they will be put in regarding drugs. Students have been given permission forms with specific information.

### Eighth Grade

On Tuesday, October 24th, the eighth graders will go to Capital West Christian Church in Jefferson City to participate in the TEAM program. This program is specifically designed for eighth grade students. TEAM is a facilitated program that encourages trust, understanding, and acceptance among peers through communication with a strong substance-abuse prevention message. Students have been given permission forms with specific information. Please note: We have had to change the location from the LINC to Capital West Christian Church.

### Freshmen

On Wednesday, October 25th, the freshmen class will go to the LINC in Jefferson City to participate in the Baseline Training Program. This program is specifically designed for ninth grade students. Baseline is a facilitated program that increases awareness of the impact that alcohol and other drugs can have on the student, the family, and the community. Students have been given permission forms with specific information.

If you have any questions about any of these trips, please contact Ms. Denise Crider.



**1ST & 3RD  
TUESDAY OF THE  
MONTH  
AFTER SCHOOL  
UNTIL 5:30**



# **AFTER-SCHOOL LIFE SKILLS CLUB 9TH - 12TH GRADES**

**CONTACT MS. JOHNSON  
MJOHNSON@COLER1INDIANS.ORG  
OR  
MRS. KOESTNER  
SKOESTNER@COLER1INDIANS.ORG**



## **LEARN HOW TO:**

- **COOK - (WE WILL BE COOKING DIFFERENT KINDS OF MEALS FOR YOU TO TAKE HOME)**
- **MANAGE YOUR HOME**
- **CREATE A RESUME**
- **LEARN JOB SKILLS**
- **FIND COMMUNITY RESOURCES**
- **HEALTHY LIVING**
- **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**
- **BASIC MECHANICS**
- **PET CARE**
- **GARDENING**

**ALL 9TH-12TH GRADERS ARE  
WELCOME TO MRS. KOESTNER  
OR MS. JOHNSON TO SIGN UP  
AT THE JH/HS TO SIGN UP.**



# Russellville Homecoming 2023

October 2-6, 2023

# “Let’s Go On Tour!”

## High School Dress-up Days

- Monday:** Rock and Roll Day
- Tuesday:** R&B and Rap Day
- Wednesday:** Taylor Swift and Justin Bieber
- Thursday:** Country Music Day
- Friday:** Blue & White

## Elementary Dress-up Days

- Monday:** 80’s Rock Day
- Tuesday:** 70’s Groovy Day
- Wednesday:** Travis Kelce and Taylor Swift
- Thursday:** Country Music Day
- Friday:** Blue & White

## Homecoming festivities begin Friday, October 6, 2023

Elementary Pep Rally—9:00am

Homecoming Parade: “Cage the Panthers”

Parade begins at 2:00pm

Homecoming Game: Russellville Indians vs. Polo Panthers—Kick-off 7:00pm

Coronation held during half-time

## Introducing the 2023 Homecoming Candidates

### Queen Candidates

- Audrey Klatt
- Mackenzie Linnenbrink
- Shelby Morrow
- Erin Schroer
- Brettynn Strother

### King Candidates

- Drake Armes
- Jack Besche
- Cayden Cook
- Nolan Gartner
- Ethan Hickey



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# HOMECOMING PARADE

## CAGE THE PANTHERS' THEME

- Line up at the HS at 1:30 P.M.
    - **OCTOBER 6TH 2:00 P.M.**
  - WINNING FLOAT WILL RECEIVE A PIZZA PARTY
  - **CANDY CANNOT BE THROWN FROM THE FLOAT, BUT HAVE A GROUP HAND OUT CANDY ALONG THE FLOAT**
    - ALL FLOATS MUST REGISTER
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Join the community in celebrating our HS football team.

**TO REGISTER A FLOAT, PLEASE CONTACT AMANDA AT  
573-645-0775**



## COLE COUNTY R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Russellville, MO 65074

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13111 Park St.  
Russellville, MO 65074

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Find us on Facebook at  
<http://goo.gl/tWEzE>

### Veterans' Day Assembly

Russellville Junior High/High School will host their annual Veterans' Day breakfast and assembly on **Friday, November 10, 2023**. A breakfast for veterans and their families will be served in the cafeteria from 8:00-9:00am with drive-up, carry out, and dine-in options available. The menu will be shared at a later date, and in the November newsletter. The Veterans' Day assembly will begin at 9:00am in the Junior High/High School gym.

In conjunction with the veterans' breakfast and assembly, Russellville High School will host the display Remembering Missouri's Fallen. This display features those Missourians who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terror. It will include military and personal photos of the fallen. The display will be open to viewing from 8:00am-3:30pm in the entryway by the superintendent's office. Honor guards will be available throughout the day to assist visitors.

### Important Dates

**October 6**—Homecoming (Early Release 12:30pm); Kick off is at 7:00pm

**October 9**—NO SCHOOL—Teacher P/D Day

**October 20**—End of 1st Quarter

**October 26**—Parent/Teacher Conferences  
(Early Release—12:30)

**October 27**—NO SCHOOL

### SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

**Sub bus drivers needed**—Please contact Tina Weber at 573-690-3256.

**Substitute Teachers**—The Cole County R-1 School District is in need of Substitute Teachers. Must have Substitute Certification from DESE. The pay is \$100 per day. The Cole County R-1 School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Download and print the Classified application from our website ([coler1indians.socs.net](http://coler1indians.socs.net)), or you may pick up an application at the Superintendent's office. Any questions, please contact Rachel Brizendine at 573-782-3534.