



The Smyser Sentinel

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Primary Center- 6200 W. Patterson
"An O'Hare Network School"

CPS Parent Communication Survey

To ensure that CPS is using the best possible tools to communicate to you as a parent or guardian of a CPS student/s, CPS will be sending you a brief electronic survey asking you about your communication preferences. This survey will help CPS determine what information you would like to receive from and about the district, how you would prefer to receive it, and how often you'd like to receive it. CPS will use your comments to guide their communications to you in the future to ensure that they are being as inclusive, responsive and transparent with you as possible. The survey is 100 percent anonymous—the survey tool does not attach names to individual responses or comments. This information is solely for internal use by the CPS Office of Communications; all responses and comments will be kept strictly confidential and will not be made public in any way. When you receive the email message from CPS with the link to this survey, I encourage you to take a few minutes to complete it. I'd also like to encourage you to use the Parent Portal at <https://parent.cps.k12.il.us/pc/default.aspx>.

The Parent Portal is a terrific tool to keep you connected and engaged in your child/ren's school work. If you have not yet registered for the Parent Portal, you can sign up through <https://parent.cps.k12.il.us>. At the first screen, ignore the Username and Password fields and click the link labeled "Click here to sign up" to get to the Parent Account

Signup page. For further details, read the Parent Portal Orientation Guide at <http://www.cps.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/ParentPortalOrientation.pdf>. Please note

that in order to access a student record, you must use a personal identification number (PIN) to link to your student. The PIN is a randomly generated number, and is unique to each student to ensure the security of students' information. You can call the school to request that a student PIN/s be generated for you.

Lastly, I want to make sure you are aware that CPS has a brand-new Facebook page! I encourage you and your family members to visit and "like" the new page. It is updated on a daily basis so you will see new material there every time you visit. Just click Facebook.com/ChicagoPublicSchools to get started. Additionally, you also can follow CPS on Twitter at @ChiPubSchools. You can use both of those vehicles to engage with CPS, ask questions and provide comments. Thanks very much for your ongoing support of our efforts to provide your children with a high-quality education.

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Holiday Cheer at Smyser School

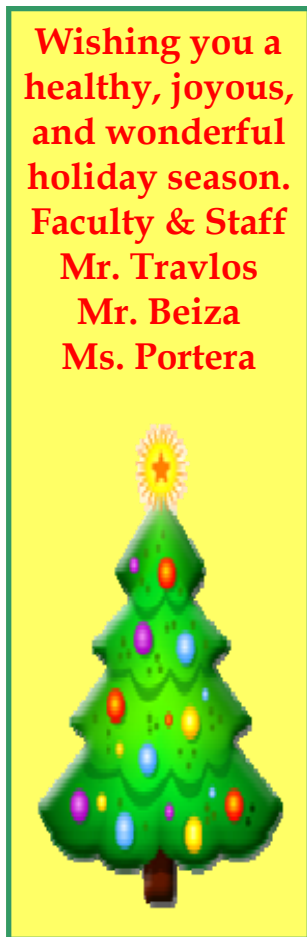
Looking for some holiday cheer, fun, and sparkle? Look no further! The Smyser Music Department is ready to bring cheer to your holiday season. Come watch and listen to our talented and inspirational students performing classic and creative works of music and dance. Students under the direction Mr. Dupree and Mr. Salyers have been working hard practicing and preparing for their concerts. Please, show your support by attending the performances. Parents and families are invited to attend. Children/students must be accompanied by adults.

Performances are scheduled for December 13, 14, and 15

Smyser Quarter 1 Honor Roll Recipients- Congratulations!

Please, excuse any errors or emissions.

Lauren Barjami 208	Emily Monroy 206	Mateusz Glodz 301	Luke Hermann 101	Filiberto Martinez 403
Coralia Hillenmeyer 208	Joshua Medrano 206	Ariane Gonzalez 301	Awad Ihmud 101	Odysseus Meraz 403
Dua Hussain 208	Brian Montes 206	Jared martinez 301	Chris Johnson 101	Megan Rivera 403
Nicholas Kubiak 208	Esmeralda Sanchez 206	Maria Munoz 301	Yousef Kamal 101	Klaudia Augustynska 405
Eliana Mercedes 208	Billy Andrews 102	Kayla Nieves 301	Miranda Martinez 101	Rebecca Byrne 405
Anahi Ocampo 208	Benjamin Minoza 102	Madeline Sanabria 301	Brian Monroy 101	Roberto Casco 405
Konrad Szpakowicz 208	Mark Horszowski 408	Michael Shine 301	Mary Pallasch 101	Rebecca Enamorado 405
Travis Wasik 208	Alex Muro 408	Marco Soto 301	Mary Parsons 101	Kaniwan Kayotawape 405
Jessica Aksdal 204	Timothy Rohner 408	Heaven Correa 201	Cheyenne Plasky 101	Annie Kosiek 405
Angelica Arce 204	Karolina Wodzis 408	Andri Guzman 201	Anthony Ramirez 101	Patrick Luczak 405
Darlene Barjami 204	Ashley Cox 202	Melanie Morales 201	Landon Rivera 101	Karolina Pysklo 405
William Becker 204	Luis Flores 202	Juliette Palecher 201	Johjan Rodriguez 101	Maria Sanchez 405
Konrad Bywalec 204	Michelle Kazior 202	Alejandra Plazas 201	Michelle Sorto 101	Kim Tran 405
Veronica Daiecina 204	Jakub Kowalski 202	Lizbeth Ramirez 201	Jeremiah Tabarcia 101	Brittany Wasik 405
Schyler Hodgen 204	Martin Krongo 202	Anastasia Reyesgomez 201	Johan Tafolla 101	Mario Zelaya 405
Julia Lemanski 204	Alexandra Lesna 202	Alejandra Rodriguez 201	Gabriella Barrera 412	Marlene Acosta-Gonzalez 103
Devin Luczak 204	Sophia Lopez 202	Ashley Santizo 201	Miguel Campos 412	Melissa Bandas 103
Olivia Markowicz 204	Samantha Plucinski 202	Alexis Villa 201	Delilah Flores 412	Erick Covarrubias 103
James Miranda 204	Nicole Sanchez 202	Matthew Villanueva 201	Jocelyn Lopez 412	Amelia Cupal 103
Claudia Molnar 204	Alan Serrato 202	Daniela Delgado 212	Olivia Morris 412	Daniel Escalera 103
Patrick Olszewski 204	Rachel Clinard 306	Alessandro Rivera 212	Kelly Palacios 412	Evelyn Espinoza 103
Rhianna O'Toole 204	Isaac Gomez 306	David Torian 212	Lenin Plazas 412	Matthew Guz 103
Daniel Plucinski 204	Elisabeth Schlatterer 306	Julia Adams 411	Kevin Sandoval 412	Abigail Hernandez 103
Isabella Reyes 204	Sohail Akbar 300	Alyssa Bargielowski 411	Angel Silva 412	Spencer Hodgen 103
Klaudia Skiba 204	Jazlyn Alvarado 300	Alondra Flores 411	Annette Truchan 412	Isabella Pedroza 103
Lauren Snyder 204	Realyn Aquino 300	Israel Gomez 411	Natalie Wilczek 412	Yesenia Rivas 103
Natalija Stojkovic 204	Natalia Brozek 300	Henry Guzman 411	Ashley Barrios 414	David Wasik 103
Kendrit Tahiraj 204	Annaeisa Elia 300	Andrew Plucinski 411	Emily Covarrubias 414	
Aurora Velnicic 204	Jack Hermann 300	Ashley Quizhpi 411	Marcas Estrada 414	
Julia Wojcik 204	Ian Kells 300	Matthew Reyes 411	Paulina Kucharska 414	
Deandre Bognan 214	Margaret Kusar 300	Daniel Roszkowski 411	Michelle Lagunas 414	
Christopher Bustamante 214	Angelo Montalbano 300	Tyler Summers 411	Victoria Samborska 414	
Alianna Carrillo 214	Meaghan Neil 300	Mariah Aquino 304	Nicholas Wallace 414	
Arianna Carrillo 214	Matthew Plucinski 300	Aleksandra Jelonkowska 304	Izabela Ziarko 414	
Jacob Castillo 214	Karolina Woroniecka 300	Marguerite Kazior 304	Ashley Cordero 404	
Dylan Deer 214	Paula Bywalec 302	Allison Maysonet 304	Alexandra Kells 404	
Joel Jankowski 214	Christina Erickson 302	Emily Mendoza 304	Clinton Sabah 404	
Karyme Martinez 214	Julia Kuron 302	Isamar Resendez 304	Olivia Taylor 404	
Victoria Matuszak 214	William Martinez 302	Alessandro Almanza 410	Nicholas Palacios 203	
Anna McDorman 214	Hans Monday 302	Andrea Becerril 410	Jazmin Aguilar 402	
Hubert Mendrycki 214	Taylor Parker 302	Sarah Dietrich 410	Ashley Bandas 402	
Juan Salgado 214	Aleyka Ramirez 302	David Dobrydnio 410	Caroline Kuron 402	
Josephine Silva 214	Louis Scalzo 302	Patrick Glodz 410	Clinton Sabah 404	
Grace Deer 207	Katarzyna Wodzis 302	Veronica Irla 410	Olivia Taylor 404	
Eileen Gonzalez 207	Diana Avila 203	James Parker 410	Christian Palacios 402	
Victoria Klimuszko 207	Anthony Bargielowski 203	Brenda Quizhpi 410	Nicholas Pope 402	
Madeline Kusar 207	Donivan Chargois 203	Crispin Salgado 410	Araina Resendez 402	
Samantha Lambert 207	Emanuel DelValle 203	Klaudia Skoropad 410	Emmanuel Reyes 402	
Hayley Luczak 207	Roman Hernandez 203	Caroline Skrzecz 410	Nicole Szpakowicz 402	
Anastasia Matuszak 207	Dayja Sambell 203	Kyrsten Bilkey 406	Lejla Avdic 401	
Cristina Monday 207	Karen Vallejo 203	Alejandra Damian 406	Elisabeth Crespo 401	
Carina Monroy 207	Soledad Acosta 413	Alexandra Grzelak 406	Clara Dabrowski 401	
Eva Petre 207	Brianna Bargielowski 413	Jennifer Leon 406	Patryk Giza 401	
Mateo Santana 207	Matthew Byrne 413	Victoria Munoz 406	Isaac Gonzalez 401	
Nicholas Sands 207	Jessica Deer 413	Adam Olszewski 406	Alliyah Lusuegro 401	
Amaya Wragge 207	Alyssa Escobar 413	Benjamin Adkins 101	Anthony Martinez 401	
Angelina Accardo 206	Sophokle Krongo 413	Jasmin Aquino 101	Dea Poshi 401	
Marisol Castillo 206	Matthew Marcinowski 413	Jolina Concepcion 101	Melissa Rivera 401	
Lucia Chaidez 206	Alejandra Marroquin 413	Nathaniel Dang 101	Moses Ventura 401	
Alina Dashynch 206	Alexander Stec 413	Sofia Doroshenko 101	Johan Villanueva 401	
Alan Gonzalez 206	Michal Trzupek 413	Vladyslav Faychuk 101	Deanne Alvarenga 403	
Emily Lopez 206	Ambrianna Almanza 301	Alexandra Garcia 101	Francisco Becerril 403	
Ashley Miguel 206	Dew Delvillar 301	Soleil Gonzalez 101	Matthew Chaidez 403	
			Benjamin Groth 403	



Smyser Safety Reminders

In an effort to strengthen our security procedures, I am requesting the following:

- All employees will be wearing their CPS identification cards- this includes Smyser faculty/staff, clinicians, and CPS itinerant employees.
- All visitors must sign-in and receive a visitor's pass. No matter how quick the visit, anyone going beyond the Main Office must have a visitor's pass.
- Any parent, student, or visitor requesting to go up to a classroom before, during, or after school must have a valid reason to do so. The teacher will be contacted to see if such a request is possible. If so, a visitor's pass will be issued. In the event of a concern, request assistance from the office.
- Appointments with teachers or other school personnel must be made in advance. Upon arrival, go directly to the Main Office.
- Traffic is extremely heavy during drop-off and pick-up times. Arrive early and park around the perimeter of the school: South of Berteau; North of Montrose; East and West of Melvina. DO NOT DOUBLE PARK; DO NOT PARK IN THE CIRCULAR DRIVE; DO NOT PARK IN THE AREA MARKED OFF BY CONES.
- Please, follow the directions of school personnel. Do not be offended if asked to move. Be respectful and courteous as we try to safety monitor the children.
- Your cooperation is needed to make for a smooth morning and afternoon.

Etiquette Tips for School Visitors Helpful hints from www.parenthood.com

Drop off or pick up time are not the times for an impromptu conference. If there is a question or concern, schedule a time when you can visit the teacher or call and request a meeting.

Don't arrive at school early and expect to drop off your child. This is the time that teachers use to prepare and deal with last minute details for the upcoming day.

Be informed. Check your child's book bag daily and make sure to keep up with homework assignments, library books, special events, extracurricular activities and picture day. Also, current information is posted on the school website.

Practice restraint. Conversations between you and your child's teacher should be

confidential. If you are unhappy with the teacher, go through the appropriate channels. Do not get other parents involved.

Don't make comments about the school/teacher in front of your child. Modeling respect starts at home and it does not bode well for a child to hear their mom or dad discrediting the school.

Be open-minded. If the teacher sends a note home stating that your little Suzie walloped little Arnold in the stomach, don't jump to the conclusion that the teacher hates your child or that perhaps the note was sent home in the wrong book bag. Talk with your child and follow up with the teacher.

Schedule family vacations during school vacation time. It's hard to understand why the necessary trip to Lego Land wasn't planned during the three months off rather than the first week of school.

Absentee Homework Requests

Requests for homework for students who are absent must be made to the Main Office (773-534-3711 or 773-534-8350) by 10:00 AM. All homework will be available in the Main Office for pick-up at 2:15/2:45 PM. Please adhere to these times, so that we can keep classroom disruptions to a minimum. Thank you for your cooperation!

Smyser Music Boosters Winter Raffle December 5th -15th

The drawing will be held after the Choral Concert on December 15th. Winners need not be present.

Ticket Cost: \$1 Each or 6 for \$5.

Prizes

- 4 Tickets to the B96 Jingle Bash
 - A Basket of CDs
 - A Music Department Basket
- An overnight stay at the Oakbrook Hampton for a family of 4 including continental breakfast.

Tickets will be sold only after school at the table outside the Main Office after the Concerts.



December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Santa's Workshop is Coming to Smyser December 14th-16th</p> <p>Girls, boys, moms, and dads, get ready for Santa's Workshop sponsored by the Smyser PTO. On December 14th, 15th, and 16th, the Smyser gymnasium will be transformed into a winter wonderland. Students and adults will be able to do their holiday shopping for friends and family. The PTO is seeking parent volunteers to assist. Please, support this wonderful school event and fundraiser.</p>				1	2	3
			7 PPLC meeting. MAP testing to begin.	8	9	10 UIC basketball game.
11	12	13 Evening Concert.	14 Evening Concert. LSC & PTO.	15 Evening Concert.	16 SSC pizza sale. 7/8 Evening Dance.	17
← MAP Testing →			← PTO Santa's Workshop →			
18	19	20 No PreK classes.	21 Progress reports. Grade 4 trip to LPZ. Grade 3 trip to MSI.	22	23	24
← MAP Testing →						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
← Winter Vacation →						
Classes Resume Monday, January 9th						