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Cossitt Avenue Newsletter

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Good afternoon Cossitt Families,

At the risk of sounding like the 58 year old male that I am, I couldn't help but joyfully and gleefully devour this recently published article. (***The Age of Social Media is Ending***). Not at all because I wish for any type of return to the days of rotary phones and five television channels. I myself continually marvel at the amount of absorbing content that is endlessly just a click away. In many ways, having such access was always supposed to have been the heart and soul of such a tool. As the article points out however, the intersection of technology and human socialization needs have taken us down many darker roads like a runaway train.

The thoroughly unanticipated results have seriously turbo-charged our topsy turvy culture in ways that have left us feeling completely upside down and almost choking on our words and the words of others.

Without becoming the preachy old codger on this porch, the article makes a fairly convincing case that perhaps, just maybe, this iteration of "social media" might potentially be running out of cultural gas.

Always wishing for a world with greater balance, one can hope that there might be a future with more nuance and greater appreciation for the "other" within an altered social network of technology and in person interactions.

Remember those?

<https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2022/11/twitter-facebook-social-media-decline/672074/>

Mr. Michael Michowski

Principal, Cossitt Elementary

Important Dates:

- **Monday, Nov 21st** - Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - **Tuesday, Nov 22nd - Sunday, Nov 27th** - No School Thanksgiving Break
 - **Tuesday, Nov 29th** - Erin's Law Presentation
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Erin's Law Presentation

Cossitt Families - On Tuesday, November 29th we will be having our Speak Up and Stay Safe presentations which are part of our SEL curriculum and part of the state school code mandate, Erin's Law. Please read the letter below for further information.

[Erin's Law Parent Letter](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

The LaGrange District 102 Board of Education has begun searching for a new superintendent. We have selected **SCHOOL EXEC CONNECT**, an educational search firm, to assist us in this process. You should have received an email on November 1 providing more in-depth information.

We are interested in receiving your input about the new superintendent. We would appreciate it if you would take about five minutes to fill out an online survey that will be available from November 1 thru November 24. *Please check the District website for the survey link, or access it directly [here](#).*

Findings from the survey, the open forums, and several focus group conversations will be used to develop a *New Superintendent Profile* that will be reported to the Board on November 30.

Sincerely,

Michael Melendez

President, Board of Education

LaGrange School District 102

Are you receiving the Tiger Times?

The Tiger Times is the newsletter of the Cossitt Parent Teacher Council (PTC). It is e-mailed every Friday at 2:30 pm and includes information about parent participation opportunities (i.e. room parent/ holiday party sign up), student or all school activities (i.e the Back to School Party), and grade specific events (i.e. the upcoming 3rd grade Bike Rodeo).

If you opted out of being in the D-102 directory, then your email was not included on the Tiger Times distribution list. To start receiving the Tiger Times emails, contact cossitttigertimes@gmail.com. Please include your preferred email address and the grade level(s) of your child(ren).

****Note:** This will not affect your D-102 Directory preferences.

SHIELD TESTING

District 102 is offering weekly SHIELD testing for students who have parent consent.

You can find the sign-up for this on the front page of the district website or with the below link.

Testing began this past week. If you are still interested please use the link below.

[Dist 102 SHIELDS Testing Sign-Up](#)

School Traffic, Drop-Off, and Pick-Up

In order to create a smooth start and finish to our days, please review the Traffic Map included below. Please note that the parking lot will be closed at 8:00 a.m. to keep all students safe as they walk to their respective line up areas for safety purposes. DO NOT park and leave your vehicle running on these streets. The line must continue to move!! Please feel free to contact the main office (co-office@dist102.k12.il.us) with any questions.

View [Map](#) Here

Morning Arrival Information

Arrival is on the Blacktop on the north side of the building. All students will line up with their classes. Teachers will be outside with signs for easy location. The lines are marked on the blacktop going west to east, Kindergarten - 6th grade. Please see the attached document to make sure that you are familiar with the procedures.

Arrival Line-Up

Regular school day (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

8:15 a.m. Enter Bell

8:20 a.m - Classes Begin

11:20 a.m. - Lunch Dismissal

12:15 p.m. - Classes Begin

3:15 p.m. - Dismissal

Wacky Wed school day (Wed)

8:15 a.m. Enter Bell

8:20 a.m - Classes Begin

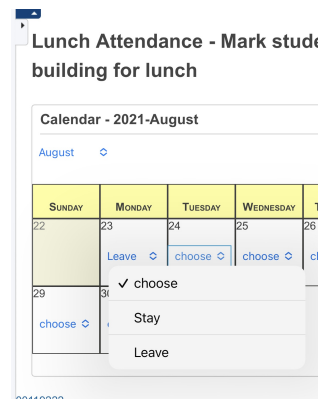
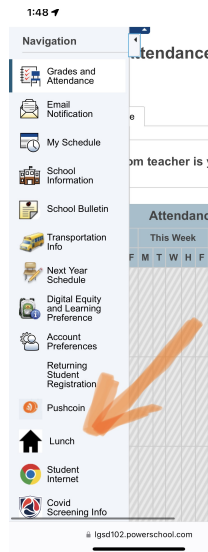
10:55 a.m. - Lunch Dismissal

11:50 p.m. - Classes Begin

2:30 p.m. - Dismissal

Going Home for Lunch??

If you want your child to leave campus for lunch. You need to make sure that you check them out in the Parent Portal on PowerSchool as well as remind your child as well, so they can let their teacher know. If your child is not checked out in PowerSchool, we will not let your child leave the building. Lunch pick up is at 11:20 and line up is at 12:05 on the blacktop. Your child may not enter through the main office, they need to enter from the blacktop.



Other Lunch Reminders:

- If your child needs a brown bag school lunch (\$2.95), you need to email the office (co-office@sd102.net) by 9:00 AM. We have to submit our lunch order to our provider so they can arrive on time.
- We no longer provide eating utensils. Please make sure that your child has the appropriate eating utensils packed in their lunch.

Health Office News:

District 102 Health Services believes in supporting optimal health to enhance learning. Please be sure to communicate with your school's health office regarding school absences, medications, and any health diagnoses so we may assist in supporting your child's success in school. Forms, and additional health services information can be found on the district's website under Parents: Health Services:

<https://www.dist102.k12.il.us/HealthServices>

Medications in School:

When it is deemed necessary by a licensed health care provider and parent to give medication in school, District 102 policy and state guidelines must be adhered to. All medication authorization forms need to be renewed each school year. All prescriptions require a medication authorization form to be filled out by the health care provider. Please note: Inhalers must be sent in the original box along with the parent portions of the authorization form filled out. Please contact the health office for questions.

Reporting absences: 708-215-6241 - Leave a Message

All absences should be reported to the health office prior to 8:20 a.m. Please add your school's health office phone number/email to your contact information (coattendance@dist102.k12.il.us 708-215-6241) for reporting absences or other health communication needs. You will need to leave a message. When reporting absences, please state your child's name, teacher, grade, and reason for absence. A nurse will return your call as needed.



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Find Us

Cossitt Avenue School
115 W Cossitt Ave
La Grange, Illinois 60525
Phone: (708) 215-6200
Fax: (708) 579-5485

School Hours

8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. | Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. | Lunch Hours

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Wednesday

10:55 a.m. - 11:50 p.m. | Wednesday
Lunch Hours

Schools

LaGrange 102 IL
Barnsdale Road School
Congress Park School
Cossitt Avenue School
Forest Road School
Ogden Avenue School
Park Junior High School
Science Center

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