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## Cossitt Avenue Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Good evening Cossitt,

Having recently run into this article, I could not help myself in wanting to share it and shout it to the rooftops. In both looking back upon my own college life and currently observing the lives of two of my college student children, I can only say, what took you so long?

From our most recent elementary experiences with Standards Based Grading, I have felt from the very beginning that the weight and broad nature of a letter grade was endlessly fogging up the mirror and clouding our understanding of student growth and achievement.

Above and beyond the nuances of Standards based grading, at its core, it has felt more directly attached and aligned with actual and measurable growth metrics.

The article does a wonderful job of zeroing in on the dated use of letter grades within the college universe. Without necessarily showing my relatively unhidden bias, I do recommend you take some time to read it.

There are times when having a light shone on historically old practices ends up becoming a moment of clarity and insight. This feels like one of those moments.

<https://www.npr.org/2023/03/26/1164832694/to-help-new-students-adapt-some-colleges-are-eliminating-grades>

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Michowski

Principal, Cossitt Elementary

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## Important Dates:

- **Sunday, Apr 30th** - D102 Race to the Finish
- **Monday, May 1st** - Matt Wilhelm BMX Assembly

- **Friday, May 12th** - 5th Grade CCC
- **Friday, June 2nd** - End of the Year Event!!!!
- **Thursday, June 8th** - 1/2 day.. LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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## **THANK YOU COSSITT PTC!!**

The kids had a great time on Friday doing our own Fun Run. From kindergarten thru 6th grade, there was laughter and smiles all around.

We appreciate the effort and details that went into planning and pulling this together. And, especially ALL the volunteers and those that have made donations to help reach our goal.





# D102 SUMMER CAMPS FOR BAND AND ORCHESTRA

## District 102 Summer Band Camp



Come and be a part of the  
**CONCERT IN THE PARK / ICE  
CREAM SOCIAL!**

Thursday, August 3rd @ 7PM

Memorial Park Bandshell  
La Grange Park

### BAND CAMP #1 - (for incoming 6th grade)

Band Camp #1 is for students who have completed their first year of D102 Band. Camp #1 will focus on retaining skills taught in Beginning Band and preparing you for Intermediate Band in the fall. Students should bring their lesson book to camp each day.

When: July 31 to August 3 - Monday through Thursday (no class on Friday)  
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.  
Where: Park Jr. High School (Band Room)

### BAND CAMP #2 - (for incoming 7th / 8th grade)

Band Camp #2 is for students who have completed Advanced Band or 7th grade band. Camp #2 will focus on retaining skills taught in Advanced Band or in 7th grade, and getting ready for band at Park Junior High in the fall.

When: July 31 to Aug 3 - Monday through Thursday (no class on Friday)  
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.  
Where: Park Jr. High School (Band Room)

### General Information:

Registration may be made using your child's PUSHCOIN ACCOUNT.

Camp is for D102 students enrolled in band during 22-23 and are planning to play in the 23-24 school year.

Fee includes a camp T-Shirt

Discounts for families that qualify under the National School Lunch Program will be applied during the checkout process.

Notification of classes that are canceled due to low enrollment will be made via an email.

Cancellations requested will be charged a \$20 processing fee.

Refund requests must be made by June 30th. Requests cannot be honored after that date.

District 102 proudly presents its first ever

## Summer Orchestra Camp

Monday July 24 – Thursday July 27, 2023

Summer Orchestra Camp is a general enrichment opportunity for current Orchestra students to continue to develop as a musician. Students will work directly with the D102 orchestra staff as they refine skills and learn new songs. The culminating experience is an informal performance at Park Junior High School during camp on the last day.

Summer Orchestra Camp is open to any interested **CURRENT District 102** orchestra student who will be in grades 6 through 8 next year! Given the nature of the classes and the students served, a very high level of behavioral standards is required for the benefit of everyone.

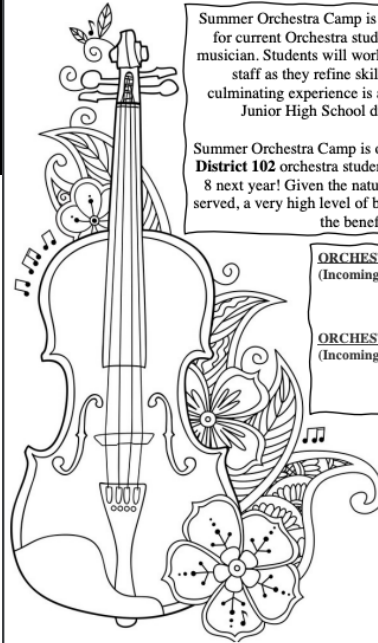
### ORCHESTRA CAMP #1 (Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.  
Where: Park Jr. High School Room  
220 (Band Room)

### ORCHESTRA CAMP #2 (Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.  
Where: Park Jr. High School Room  
220 (Band Room)

For more information and to register, click this link:  
<https://store.district102.k12.il.us/#/products/TBDF6DE457> or scan the bar code below!



## 23-24 Online Registration

**ONLINE ENROLLMENT WILL BE OPEN FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:**

**You will need to complete a New Student registration if:**

- Your family is new/recently moved to District 102
- Your family has established a residence within District 102 boundaries, and this is your first child enrolling in the district
- Your child has never received services (Speech, Pre-K) or been enrolled in D102
- Your child previously attended a D102 school but has not attended during the 2022-2023 school year.

**Registering Incoming Kindergarten Students**

- Visit the [district website](#) for additional registration information
- If this is your first child to the district, click on the link for "New Student Registration"
- If you have a preschooler or older student currently enrolled in the district, you will need to log in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal and click Returning Student Registration on the left side of the page. You will need to complete returning student registration before registering your new student.
- The Kindergarten Information Sheet is now included in the online registration process
- Once you have submitted your registration application, you cannot edit it. If you need to make a change, please contact the school where you're registering your child(ren).

**Registration is incomplete, and your student(s) is not registered until ALL paperwork is submitted.**

If you have any questions, please email your home school or the District Registration Team.

[Barnsdale School](#)

[Congress Park School](#)

[Cossitt Avenue School](#)

[Forest Road School](#)

[Ogden Avenue School](#)

[Park Junior High School](#)

[District Registration Team](#)

### **Returning Student Registration Email**

Dear Parent/Guardian of D102 Student:

Online registration opens **Monday, March 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** for the 2023-2024 School Year. The registration window will remain open until **Friday, April 14, 2023, at 3:00 pm.**

**\*\*Please note you can not complete online registration on a cell phone.\*\***

To register returning student(s), please log in to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). You need to register each returning student(s) by selecting "Returning Student Registration" on the page's left side.

You will need to complete the registration form for each one of your students. If you have multiple students to register, return to your PowerSchool Parent Portal, switch students, and follow the same steps. If a new D102 student is entering the district, you must complete the returning students' registration FIRST before starting a New Student Registration.

**New for the 23-24 school year**, if you lease a property or reside with someone within D102 boundaries, we request that you submit an updated lease or the [Residency Affidavits](#) each year.

If your address has changed from what we have on file, you must provide new residency documents. You can upload new residency documentation as a part of this online registration or drop off those documents at your child's school of attendance.

Residency information may be requested from returning families after the online registration has been submitted. ***Please note - registration is not complete until all requested paperwork is submitted.***

Once you have submitted your form, your submission cannot be changed or modified. Please contact your school's main office if changes need to be made after submitting your form.

If you have additional questions, [click HERE to visit the Registration](#) page on the District website or email [registration@dist102.k12.il.us](mailto:registration@dist102.k12.il.us).

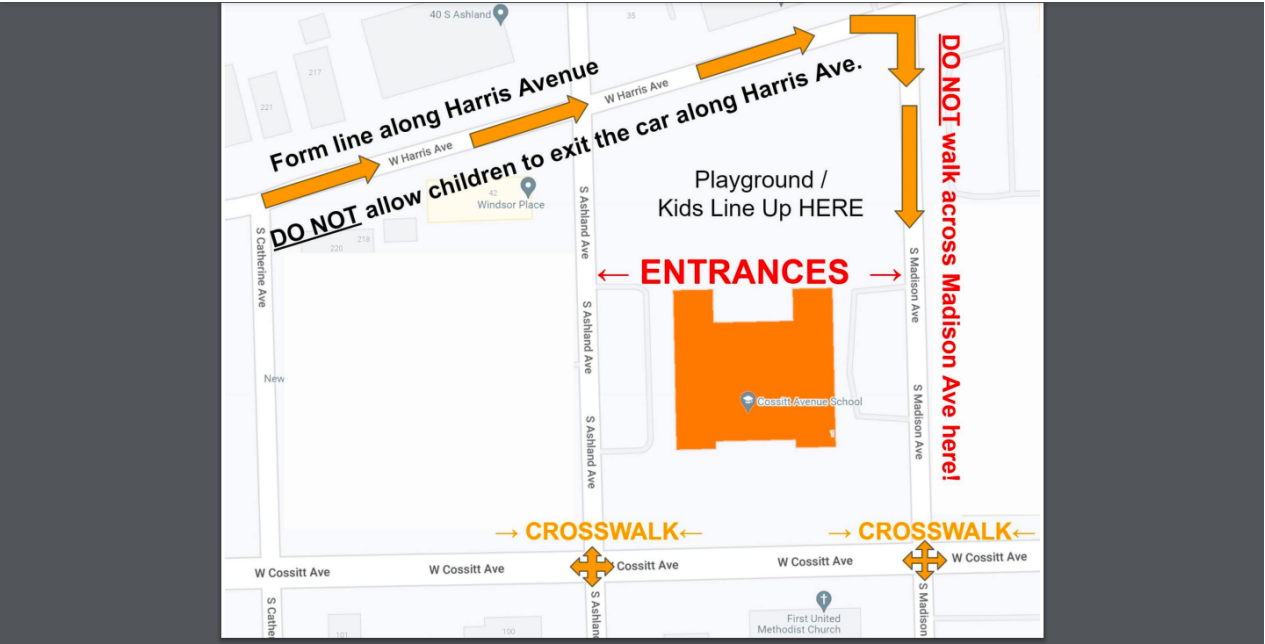
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## **School Traffic, Drop-Off, and Pick-Up**

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



# COSSITT PTC PRESENTS:



# MARLA'S LUNCH

On Wednesdays you are now able to order from these  
great restaurants for your kid!  
Lunches will be delivered to our School.

- MARCH 22ND - CULVERS
- APRIL 5TH - BILLY BRICKS PASTA
- APRIL 12TH - POTBELLY
- APRIL 19TH - SARPINO'S
- APRIL 26TH - BUONA BEEF
- MAY 3RD - CORNER BAKERY
- MAY 10TH - CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN
- MAY 17TH - BILLY BRICKS GRILL
- MAY 24TH - PANDA EXPRESS
- MAY 31ST - PANERA BREAD
- JUNE 7TH - CULVER'S

ALL ORDERS WILL BE LOCKED IN THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO DELIVERY  
USE THIS [LINK](#) TO ORDER

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL  
[cossittptcmarlaslunch@gmail.com](mailto:cossittptcmarlaslunch@gmail.com)

**ORDER BY WEDNESDAY the 19th**

**for delivery on April 26th from Buona Beef !!!**

**\*\*NEW Registration GO TO:**

[marlaslunch.boonli.com](http://marlaslunch.boonli.com)

**Onetime Password is: cas397\*\***

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**SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP @ PJHS  
4 - 8TH GRADES**

## Park Junior High Summer Basketball Camp

Compete, work on your skills, HAVE FUN!

### Camp Features:

- Instruction from Park Junior High Coaches
- Individual skills and drills (shooting, passing, dribbling)
- Team drills
- Contests
- Gameplay



Location: Park Junior High - 325 N. Park, La Grange Park

Dates: June 12 - June 29 (No Camp on Fridays or June 19th)

Who: Boys and Girls entering Grades 4-8. Please note each session is limited to 60 students.

Times: Boys entering Grade 8: 8-9AM  
Boys/Girls entering Grade 4,5,6: 10-11AM  
Girls entering Grades 7,8: 11AM-Noon  
Boys entering Grade 7: 11AM-Noon



Cost: \$70 - INCLUDES T-SHIRT

Registration: Online through [PushCoin](#)

Direct Questions to Ryan Malloy - [malloyry@dist102.k12.il.us](mailto:malloyry@dist102.k12.il.us)

**\*\*\*Sessions will no longer be available on PushCoin when max enrollment is reached\*\*\***

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## 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](mailto: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.

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# 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](#)

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## 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](#)

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### ***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

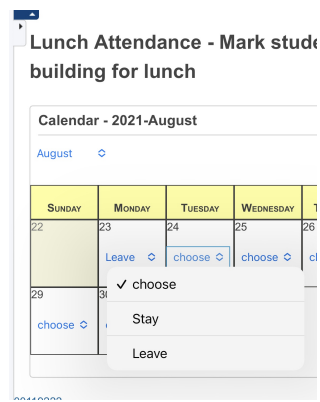
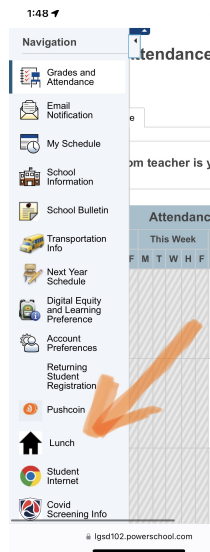
2:30 p.m. - Dismissal

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## 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.

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## 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.

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# 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

## Stay Connected

