

COMPASS EDUCATION CENTER

Weekly News



Announcements from Administration

With the end of the nine-week grading period right around the corner, let's finish strong! Please remind students to complete their Plato coursework, submit any missing assignments, and work on raising their final grades.

PMHS students: If you would like to attend homecoming on September 26th, tickets are available for \$5. To be eligible, students must have fewer than three F's, no more than five unexcused absences, and no suspensions. See Mr. Brewer to check your eligibility and get your ticket!

Important Dates

Early Break Incentive- September 25th to October 2nd
PMHS Homecoming- September 26th
District Fall Break- October 2nd to October 16th

SPIRIT WEEK

SEPTEMBER 21-25

MONDAY
SEP 21



PAJAMA DAY

COME TO SCHOOL COZY AND COMFORTABLE IN YOUR FAVORITE PAJAMAS!

TUESDAY
SEP 22



CAMO DAY

BLEND IN AND SHOW OFF YOUR BEST CAMOUFLAGE GEAR!

WEDNESDAY
SEP 23



MONOCHROME DAY

WEAR ONE COLOR FROM HEAD TO TOE!

THURSDAY
SEP 24



COLLEGE/SPORTS DAY

REPRESENT YOUR FAVORITE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR SPORTS TEAM!

FRIDAY
SEP 25



SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE BY WEARING YOUR SCHOOL COLORS OR GEAR!

Counseling and Social Work

It's **College Go Week** at CEC! College Go Week is an opportunity for students to explore their options after high school and learn more about the many different paths available to them. We have several exciting activities planned throughout the week:

Monday – Ivy Tech Presentation

Ivy Tech will be visiting CEC at the start of second period to share information about the college and the many programs and career pathways it offers. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about their options and ask questions.

Tuesday – C9 Presentation

C9 will be joining us during second period to present information about its programs. This presentation is especially helpful for sophomores and juniors who may be interested in applying to and attending C9 during the 2027–28 school year.

Wednesday – Staff College Experiences

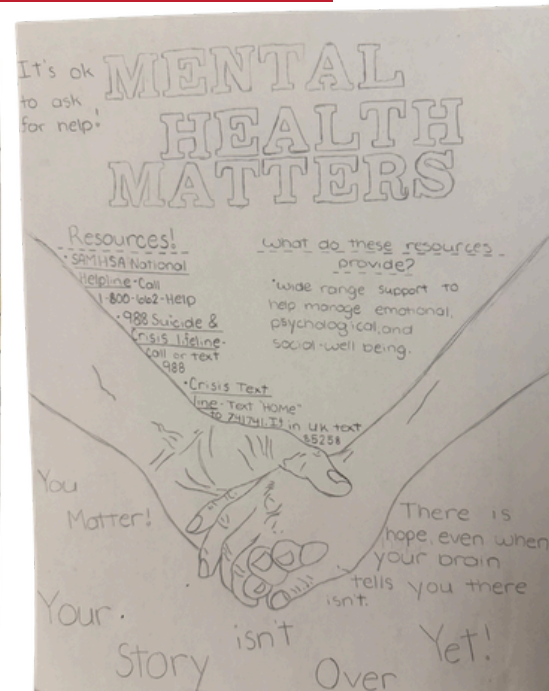
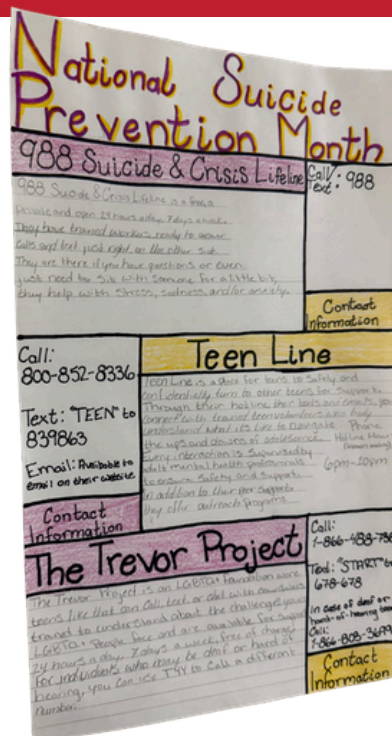
On Wednesday, teachers and staff members will share their own college experiences with students. Students will have the opportunity to hear about different educational paths, learn from our staff members' experiences, and ask questions about life after high school.

Thursday – College Swag Day!

Show off your favorite college or university on Thursday! Students and staff are invited to wear college gear to celebrate College Go Week and the many possibilities that await after high school.

Around Compass

September is Suicide Awareness Month, an important time to remind our students that help and support are available. As part of our efforts to spread awareness, students created posters highlighting mental health resources and support services available to those who may be struggling. These posters help ensure that students know where to turn for help—for themselves, a friend, or someone they care about.



Meet Mr. Cross

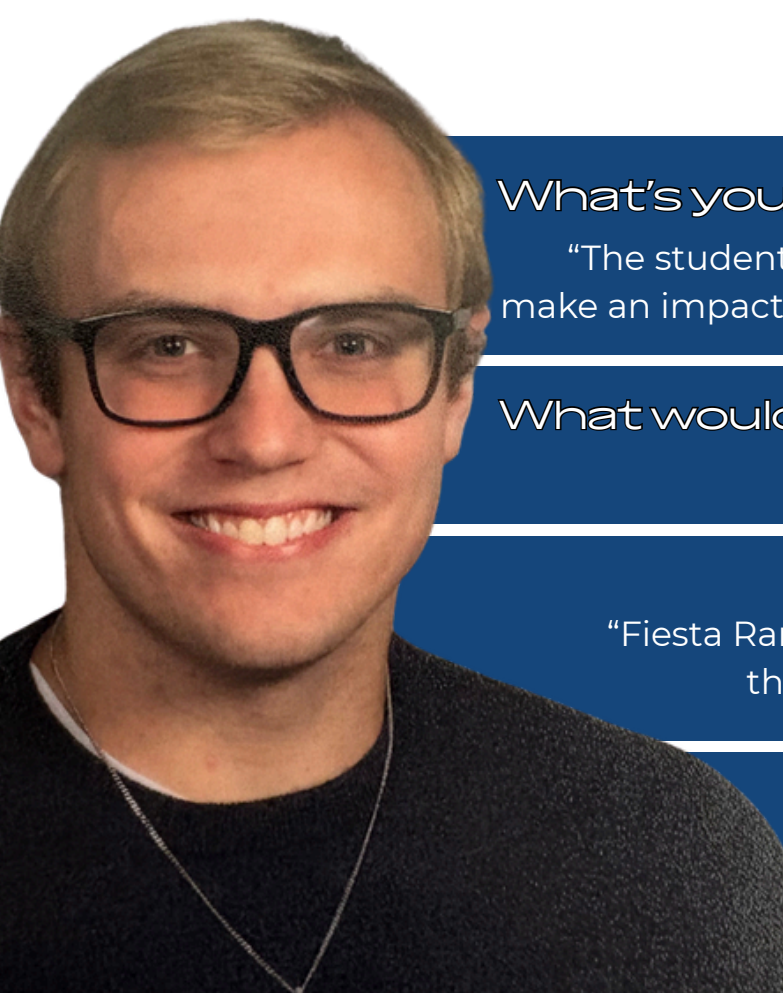
This year marks Mr. Cross's third year as the social studies teacher at CEC! While he may be relatively new to CEC, Perry Township is certainly familiar territory for him. Mr. Cross is a proud PMHS graduate and began his teaching career in the district as a student teacher at SHS. After experiencing Perry Township as a student and then as a future educator, he is excited to be part of the CEC family.

In his classroom, Mr. Cross strives to make learning relevant by connecting social studies concepts to real-life skills and experiences. One example is his use of a mock congress, which gives students the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas, listen to different perspectives, and practice respectfully disagreeing with others. Activities like these help students see how the skills they develop in the classroom can be applied beyond school.

Outside of the classroom, Mr. Cross enjoys spending time with his wife, Sarah, and their dog, Reese. Mr. Cross and Sarah recently got married, and when asked about married life, he describes it as a "wonderful challenge that's worth taking." He enjoys watching sports, exercising, and fishing. Mr. Cross has also recently added "podcaster" to his list of hobbies, connecting to his love of sports.

We are excited to have Mr. Cross as part of the CEC team and appreciate the energy, real-world focus, and vast subject area knowledge he brings to our social studies classroom!

Q & A



What's your favorite thing about your job?

"The students. I love working with them and knowing I can make an impact on them. I also just love to talk about history."

What would you do if you weren't a teacher?

"I would be a writer or a poet.... or a model."

Favorite place to eat?

"Fiesta Ranchera. They know me there and that's a place that's been special to my family for a long time."

Where did you go to college?

"I went to Marian University and played football and ran track."