

CATSKILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWS AND NOTES

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Tips for Success: Cats Can Be Respectful in the Classroom

R-E-S-P-E-C-T! What does **respect** mean to you? Respect means different things to different people, so it is important to think about how your actions can be perceived as respectful or disrespectful to others.

At CMS, here are some tips and tricks to be sure your actions are perceived as respectful to peers and to adults.

- Use appropriate language in school— use polite manners (please, thank you, excuse me) and avoid profanity.
- When someone is speaking **show** them you are listening by making eye contact, wait until they're done speaking to share your thoughts, and nod your head or use other signals to show you're paying attention.
- Use a respectful tone of voice. Sometimes the words we say and the way we say them don't match. Pay attention to your volume, sarcasm, and other clues that your tone may be less than respectful.
- Maintain personal space with others. Keep your hands and feet to yourself and remain a comfortable distance away from others— even your friends! Everyone has a "personal bubble" and the right for this bubble to be respected.

We want all students and staff at CMS to feel respected and listened to at school. Following these tips is a helpful way to get started.

Remember— what goes around comes around!



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Also available at www.catskillcsd.org

Cats CAN and Cats WILL follow our three PAW LAWS

- ◇ **BE SAFE**
- ◇ **BE RESPONSIBLE**
- ◇ **BE RESPECTFUL**

CMS Outdoor Recess

At CMS - Outdoor recess is determined by the temperature, wind chill, and conditions during the middle part of the day. Our grounds are also monitored by staff to make sure that walkways and play areas aren't frozen and/or slippery. If the weather is below freezing, students do not go outside. In the event that students do not go outside, they are brought into the MS auditorium where they play games, watch a movie, or make up work with a teacher. If the forecast looks promising, please be sure that your children are dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out at (518) 943-5665.



CMS Show Your Holiday Cheer

Join us for Dress-Up Week
December 17th-21st



Monday: December 17th
Flannel Day

Tuesday: December 18th
Wear Blue for Hanukkah



Wednesday: December 19th
Snowman Day- Wear White & A Scarf



Thursday: December 20th
Ugly Holiday Sweater Day



Friday: December 21st
Holiday Cheer Day
(Holiday hats, socks and colors)



SCHOOL TOOL PARENT PORTAL

Parent Portal is a web-based application parents can use to log in to see their child's schedule, grades, and attendance. Parents are encouraged to use this resource to stay informed of their student's academic progress. If you are not signed up for this service, please contact the main office at 518-943-5665.



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CATS CAN & CATS WILL!

- Increase** course passing by 10% each quarter, with 50% achieving course mastery
- Implement** a Positive Behavior Intervention System in each school
- Increase** by 5% proficiency and mastery on state assessments
- Maintain** a graduation rate of 90% or above
- Ensure** at least 80% of students read on grade level by the end of Second Grade

Catskill Middle School is proud to announce our "Student of the Month" for November. Each month, grade level teachers select a student that exemplifies a specific trait. Congratulations to the following students from each grade!

NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH
(*THANKFULNESS*)

Grade 6

Kaylee Boan

Anson Deosaran

Mario LaRosa

Olivia Van Alstyne



Grade 7

Madison Breunig

Lincoln Simmons

Grade 8

Cassidy Bridgett

Olivia Mentessi



An extra special congratulatory goes to Olivia Mentessi who was chosen by support staff and administration as our Rotary „Student of the Month“ for November. Rotary International is a local organization that brings together professionals from all walks of life with the common thread of humanitarianism. Olivia was invited to a luncheon with her mom where she was honored with a framed award and a gift card. Great job!



PBIS KICK-OFF CARNIVAL

To kickoff PBIS, we are thrilled to announce our Winter Carnival! On our half day on Friday, December 21st, we will be hosting a carnival filled with fun and exciting activities to send our students off for a restful holiday vacation. Students will be able to sing karaoke, take fun winter photos at a photo booth, play carnival games, and much more. Students that receive discipline referrals the week of the carnival will not be allowed to attend. Please be sure your children attend school on Friday as we are looking forward to making memories with them!



LATE BUS SHUTTLE

In an attempt to shorten the transportation time for late bus secondary students, our Transportation Department has explored an option of combining our late bus secondary students with our elementary students. Effective Monday, December 10, 2018, late bus secondary students will be shuttled from the secondary campus at 3:00pm and transported to the elementary campus where the PM elementary buses are stationed. Upon their arrival, the secondary students will transition to their assigned bus and accompany the elementary students on their PM run. We do not anticipate any overcrowding issues and the "runs" should be completed no later than 4:45pm. We will closely monitor this exploratory option and make adjustments after the Christmas Break, if necessary. Please contact the MS Main Office at 518-943-5665 with any questions or concerns .

