

CATSKILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWS AND NOTES

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PBIS Comes to CMS!

PBIS stands for **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports**, and it's the name of the game at Catskill Middle School this year!

This is a school-wide program with the goal of getting us all on the same page. Our mission is to work together to build a respectful, responsible, and safe school community of learners that encourages cooperation, learning, and compassion.

We'll be working together to teach and practice positive behaviors all year, and will use newsletters, bulletin boards, assemblies, and more to make this happen to promote academic and behavioral success for all.

We know that here at Catskill Middle School, Cats CAN and Cats WILL accomplish fantastic things when they put their minds to it!

To help us accomplish our goals, we will be following three **PAW LAWS** to encourage expected behavior throughout our school. Our PAW LAWS are:

- BE SAFE
- BE RESPECTFUL
- BE RESPONSIBLE



Keep an eye out for newsletters released every month on information about how we can apply these PAW LAWS to our everyday lives.

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Also available at www.catskillcsd.org



Cats Can and Cats Will Follow PAW LAWS!

Middle School Talent Show

Please join for an entertaining family night at CMS. The Talent Show will be held Wednesday December 5th at 6:00 pm in the Auditorium. The cost is \$2 students/\$5 for adults and \$10 for a family. This event is sponsored by our own Junior Honor Society students. In addition, we will be collecting non-perishable items for Mathew 25 as well as pet food and gently used towels/blankets for a local pet shelter. There will be a concession with baked food items and drinks. We would love for you to kick-off the holiday season supporting our students.



December Calendar of Events

December 4th

- Business Club
- Chess Club
- FCCLA Officers Meeting
- Guitar Club
- Talent Show Practice

December 5th

- 3D Print Club
- History Club
- Odyssey of the Mind
- CMS Talent Show @ 6:00PM

December 6th

- Art Club
- Spanish Club
- MS Winter Concert @ 7:00PM

December 10th

- MS Winter Concert (SNOW DATE) @ 7:00PM

December 11th

- Ambassador's Club
- FCCLA All Members
- Guitar Club

December 12th

- 3D Print Club
- National Honor Society
- Odyssey of the Mind

December 13th

- Art Club
- 6-8 grade Intramurals

December 14th

- End of 2Q Interim

December 18th

- Business Club
- Chess Club
- FCCLA Officers All Members
- Guitar Club

December 19th

- 3D Print Club
- History Club
- Odyssey of the Mind
- PTSO Meeting @ 6:00PM
- BOE Meeting @ 7:00PM

December 20th

- Art Club

December 21st

- 10:30 Dismissal

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 September and October. Each month, grade level teachers select a student that exemplifies a specific trait. Congratulations to the following students from each grade!

**SEPTEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH
(PUNCTUALITY)**

Grade 6

Nicholas Burroughs
Morgan Chan
Alyah Rivera
Dylan Wamsley

Grade 7

Grace Guenther
Dominic Lanuto

Grade 8

Ella Gille
Carter VanEtten



**OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH
(TRUSTWORTHINESS)**

Grade 6

Yasmine Diaz
Leon Hong
David Tedford
Olivia White

Grade 7

Mirriah Hatker
Zachary Maccaline

Grade 8

Nikolas Auer
Katelynne Reilly



An extra special congratulatory goes to Ella Gille and Zachary Maccaline who were chosen by support staff and administration as Rotary 'Students of the Month' for September and October. Rotary International is a local organization that brings together professionals from all walks of life with the common thread of humanitarianism. Ella and Zachary were invited to a luncheon at the Inn at Leeds with their parents where they were honored with a framed award and a gift card. Great job!

MS Winter Concert



Join us on Thursday December 6th for a night of Music and Art. The MS Chorus and Band have been practicing hard to showcase their wonderful talents. The concert begins promptly at 7:00PM. Snow date is Monday, December 10th.

Lost & Found



Our lost and found box is overflowing. If your child is missing any clothes, sweatshirts, coats or their lunchbox, please have them stop by in the main lobby to look for their missing items.