

CATSKILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWS AND NOTES

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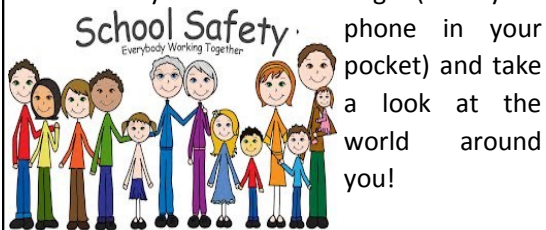


Superintendent's Forum

Dr. Cook will be holding a forum on Tuesday, January 8th at 6:00PM in the Middle School Auditorium to explain the budget process as it pertains to the Middle School, as well as the proposed capital improvement project that is going up for a vote in February. The proposed capital improvement project is designed to enhance our facilities for 21st Century learning and includes a state of the art S.T.E.M. lab, and much needed improvements to the District's academic programs, classrooms, buildings, security controls, roadways, parking lots, and athletic fields. We look forward to seeing parents and community members there!

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

That's one of the most important ways to keep us all safe here at Catskill Middle School. That doesn't go for safety, it goes for anything. Find an adult that you feel comfortable with and let them know something you may have a concern about. Something else to keep in mind is to stay current with what's going on in Catskill, New York, America, and even the rest of the world. Feeling safe and comfortable is one of the pinnacle steps make sure that students can work successfully here at CMS. Being vigilant of the world around you helps to make you feel not just safe, but confident. Walk with your head held high (with your



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

January 7th, 2018

Also available at www.catskillcsd.org

Safety Tips for Internet Use

- NEVER give out personal information
- NEVER friend strangers
- NEVER meet face-to-face with someone you meet online
- NEVER post pictures of yourself on the Internet
- NEVER share passwords
- ALWAYS be nice
- ALWAYS think about what you post
- ALWAYS be smart when using a smartphone

BEWARE

WHAT YOU SHARE

FastBridge Assessments

During the week of January 14th, all CMS students will participate in a screening/progress monitoring assessment in Reading in math., called FastBridge. The information provides valuable information on a student's progress in these areas and allows teachers to see where remediation or enrichment may be needed as well as if students are on target for meeting end of the year goals.

January Calendar of Events

January 8th

- Business Club
- Ambassador's Club
- FCCLA –Officers Meeting
- Guitar Club
- Supt. Forum 6:00PM in Auditorium

January 9th

- CMS Spelling Bee 8:00AM
- 3D Print Club
- History Club
- Odyssey of the Mind
- National Honor Society

January 10th

- Art Club
- Jazz Band Practice
- Student Council

January 14th

- 6th Grade FastBridge Assessments

January 15th

- 7th Grade FastBridge Assessments
- Business Club
- Chess Club
- FCCLA Officers All Members
- Guitar Club
- CMPSA Meeting 6:00PM

January 16th

- 8th Grade FastBridge Assessments
- 3D Print Club
- Odyssey of the Mind
- PTSO Meeting (6:00PM)
- BOE Meeting (7:00PM)

January 17th

- Art Club
- Jazz Band Practice
- 6-8 Intramurals

January 21st

- District Closed

January 22nd

- Business Club
- Ambassador's Club
- Guitar Club

January 23rd

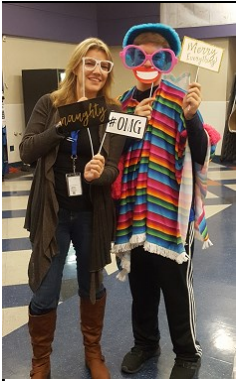
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Catskill Middle School PBIS Carnival



On 12/21, the PBIS committee at CMS threw the first annual Winter Carnival! Students had a blast chiming in the holiday spirit with Mr. Fitzgerald at our karaoke station where students sang their hearts out to holiday favorites along with some of their own personal favorites. Students played board games with their peers and some staff members and relished in their winnings. Students also danced their hearts out at a dance party in the cafeteria. They also watched holiday movies and took phone selfies with multiple holiday photo stations with props. It was a great time had by all and students left with smiles on their faces ready to enjoy a wonderful holiday break!



DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH (Kindness)

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



Grade 6

Patrick Malkowski
Alessia Salierno
Santiago Terron
Rebecca Wilson

Grade 7

Mia Gottesman
Andrew Holiday

Grade 8

Austin Baker
Aaliyah Shook



An extra special congratulatory goes to Aaliyah Shook who was chosen by support staff and administration as our Rotary Student of the Month" for December. Rotary International is a local organization that brings together professionals from all walks of life with the common thread of humanitarianism.



CMS PAW LAWS

- BE SAFE
- BE RESPONSIBLE
- BE RESPECTFUL



Staying Healthy at CMS

- Wash hands frequently
- Cover your mouth. When you cough or sneeze
- Get immunized
- Dress for the weather