

CATSKILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWS AND NOTES

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

VOTE: FEBRUARY 12TH

Catskill Central School District has done the research, met with the community stakeholders and developed a Capital Improvement Plan. This video explains the overall need for this project from a students perspective.

Check it out at:

<https://youtu.be/zwBq1jdEVMk>

Proposed Capital Project



Vote February 12, 2019

Catskill Central School District is proposing a Capital Improvement Project to enhance our facilities for 21st Century learning and address health & safety and infrastructure needs throughout the district. The project seeks to bring needed improvements to the District's buildings, academic programs, classrooms, security controls, roadways, parking lots, and athletic fields through renovations, construction, and equipment purchases. Doing this work as a capital project makes it eligible for 69.5% NYS Building Aid (state building aid is not available for work completed outside of a capital project).

The vote will be taking place on Tuesday, February 12th from 1:00PM to 9:00PM in the Middle School Gym.

Please refer to the Catskill website for more information. www.catskillcsd.org

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

February 7th, 2019

Also available at www.catskillcsd.org

MS/HS 12:30 DISMISSAL ON FEBRUARY 12TH

The Capital Project vote is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019, from 1:00-9:00 p.m. in the Middle School Gymnasium. As a result, our secondary students will have an abbreviated school day and be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Our elementary students and staff will have a full day of school / work.

Early Release



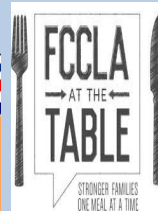
FCCLA & SPANISH CLUB

FAMILY MEAL

On February 12th from 6:30-8:00 in the High School Cafeteria, FCCLA and the Spanish Club are sponsoring a 'family meal.' Come with your family and enjoy a free meal, games, trivia and prizes. The focus is to sit down and spend quality time together as a family. Learn the importance and benefits of eating a dinner together. Feel free to bring a family dish to share.



SPANISH CLUB!!



Calendar of Events

February 7th

- Jazz Band Practice
- Spanish Club

February 8th

- Odyssey of the Mind

February 11th to February 15th

- National FCCLA Week

February 12th

- MS/HS Early Dismissal 12:30PM
- Capital Improvement Vote ~Catskill Middle School 1:00-9:00
- FCCLA & Spanish Club Family Meal @6:30 in the HS Cafeteria

February 13th

- Capital Region Spelling Bee ~GOOD LUCK KARSEN!!!!
- 3D Print Club
- National JR. Honor Society Meeting
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Intramurals
- PTSO Meeting @ 6:30
- Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00

February 14th

- Art Club
- Jazz Band Practice
- Student Council Meeting



February 18th to February 22nd

- No School: Winter Recess

CATSKILL FAMILIES!

Join us for

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this testing season!

Assessment Dates:

- ELA- April 2nd and April 3rd
- Math- May 1st and May 2nd
- Science (Grade 8)- June 3rd

DID YOU KNOW?



Taking the NYS Grade 3-8 Exams are NOT punitive?

They serve as a diagnostic tool for the district to see if your child has made grade level progress throughout the school year

Students **ARE** able to take as much time as they need

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

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THE SENIOR AMBASSADOR'S CLUB HITS THE LANES!



The Senior Ambassador's Club participated in the annual Autism Connection of Greene County Bowling Tournament on February 2nd at the Catskill Hoe Bowl. The mission of the Autism Greene Connection is to “build a community that fosters acceptance and builds lasting relationships for individuals and families impacted by autism.” Students had a great time bowling with their friends and staff members. The event helps to raise money for summer programming for county-wide services. Students were eligible to win a variety of prizes which included a Nintendo Switch. The Ambassador's Club meets twice a month on Tuesdays in the Middle School.



CMS WELCOMES A NEW 7TH GRADE SPANISH TEACHER

Catskill Middle School is happy to welcome our new 7th grade teacher Jon Veenis to the CMS family. Mr. Veenis majored in Spanish at Allegheny College and also spent time studying abroad in Seville, Spain. His postgraduate degree is in Business Administration with a focus on International Business Practices. He has accumulated nearly ten years of experience teaching various levels of Spanish, including Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Spanish. Having travelled and worked in a variety of different contexts, he brings to the classroom an understanding of how language and communication skills can be leveraged to enhance one's marketability in the workforce. In his spare time, He enjoys reading, writing, participating in athletics, outdoor activities, and spending time with friends and family.

FUTURE FRESHMAN NIGHT

The CMS & CHS Guidance Departments are excited to invite all 8th graders and their families to Future Freshmen Night & Activities Fair on March 19th from 6-7:30 pm. The evening will begin in the CMS Auditorium with a welcome from the HS Assistant Principal, Mr. Bragg. The high school counselors will explain NYS graduation requirements, 9th grade courses, NCAA requirements and high school opportunities. At the conclusion of this portion of our night, the Music Dept. will give us a sneak peak at the upcoming musical, Beauty & The Beast.

Following the overview of the high school, students & families are invited to our Activities Fair in the CHS Cafeteria. Students are encouraged to sign up for a club or activity and enjoy an ice cream sundae. Extracurricular activities are an essential part of your high school career and a great way to meet community service requirements. Current high school students will lead small group tours of the high school, pointing out important classrooms for freshmen.

Every 8th grader who attends Future Freshmen Night will receive a small gift from the principals and counselors during the Activities Fair. If you bring younger children, FCCLA will offer babysitting services in room 105. Letters are being mailed home with information and an RSVP form.