

CATSKILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWS AND NOTES

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Calendar of Events

March 7th

- Interim Reports Mailed
- Winter Sports Awards @ 5:30 in MS Auditorium

March 8th

- High School Penny Social @ 7:00PM

March 9th

- Odyssey of the Mind Regional Competition at Coxsackie-Athens

March 11th

- Modified Sports Begin

March 12th

- All-County Chorus
- Business Club
- Chess Club
- FCCLA-All Members
- Guitar Club



March 13th

- 3D Print Club
- History
- National Jr. Honor Society Meeting
- Intramurals

March 14th

- Art Club
- Jazz Band Practice
- Student Council Meeting

Week of March 18th

- College and Career Readiness

NYS Assessment Information and Operation Opt-In Workshop

In a few weeks, New York State assessments in ELA, Math, and Science will be upon us. The schedule for state assessments is as follows:

- ♦ ELA (Grades 6-8): Tuesday, April 2nd and Wednesday, April 3rd
- ♦ Math (Grades 6-8): Wednesday, May 1st and Thursday, May 2nd
- ♦ Science (Grade 8): Monday, June 3rd

Last year we had an overall participation rate of ~97%. This was a huge accomplishment!

Data received from the assessments allow our teachers and administrators to examine how CMS students are performing compared with their peers from across the state. It gives us a tool to ensure that our teaching methods are truly effective.

In addition, participation in the assessments gives your child practice taking a standardized test so that they are confidently prepared for their High School Regents test-taking experiences.

Every student's participation in the assessments makes a difference in helping us reach our goal of providing our students with the best education!

On Tuesday, March 19th at 5:30 PM, (before the Future Freshmen presentation) the Middle School will be hosting an Opt-In workshop in the MS auditorium to provide further information about the assessments and answer any questions you might have.

Hope to see you there!

March 6th, 2019

Also available at www.catskillcsd.org

Cats CAN and Cats WILL follow our three PAW LAWS:

- BE SAFE
- BE RESPONSIBLE
- BE RESPECTFUL



Catskill Athletics Team Store

Interested in showing off your Catskill Cats team spirit? Check out all of the available apparel at the following link:

https://www.bsnteamssports.com/v3/shop/team_shop/CATSATH19#/?WEBSRC=b1609_1



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 FAMILIES!

Join us for

#OPERATIONOPTIN

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.
 518-943-5665

FUTURE FRESHMEN NIGHT

Please send in your RSVP for Future Freshmen 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.

Welcome Class of 2023!



Penny Social

Where? Catskill High School Cafeteria, Catskill NY

**When? Friday,
March 8th, 2019**

**Doors open at 5:30 pm.
Calling begins promptly at
7 pm.**



- Lots of great prizes on our Penny Tables
- Specials Table
- Gift Certificate Table
- 50-50 Raffle
- Food Basket Door Prizes
- Hot Dogs, Nachos, Delicious Snacks, Coffee, Tea, & Soda

*Join Us for a Fun-Filled evening!
Proudly Sponsored by the Class of
2020 & the Class of 2022*

PBIS: Tips for Success:

Be Responsible— Throughout the School!

Do you get to school on time? Do you always have your homework ready? If you do, you may be a responsible student.

Not everyone knows that responsibility extends outside of the classroom too! Only **you** are responsible for your education, and you can take some easy steps to be more responsible in the classrooms, hallways, and even the bathrooms! Here's what responsibility looks like in these spaces:

- Speak quietly in common areas, especially during lunchtime transitions. Students are still in classrooms and are working hard and learning. Too much noise can be distracting.
- Be mindful of your bathroom schedule. Are you taking breaks during the same classes every day? Try to space out breaks throughout the day.
- Sign out when you leave the classroom, even if it's just to get a drink of water or go to your locker.
- If you see someone doing something dangerous or irresponsible, let your teacher, a hall monitor, or another adult know what is going on immediately.
- You have three minutes to transition between classes. Use that time wisely to stop at your locker, fill up a water bottle and/or sign up for after school activities.
- Arrive to each class on time. Be in your seat and ready to learn before the bell rings!

GOOD LUCK TO OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM AS THEY TRAVEL TO COXSACKIE-ATHENS THIS WEEKEND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGION COMPETITION!



Being RESPONSIBLE means that we do the right thing even when no one is looking. We do the right thing just because it is right and not because we will get credit or praise for doing it.

