



PAWSLETTER

Principal Announcements *bi-Weekly* Newsletter

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Message from the Main office

Dear CMS Family,

It has been a fantastic first two weeks of school! We are so excited to see the children back, and it appears we are getting back into the routine fairly quickly. Faculty and staff are working tirelessly to ensure that students have a positive transition back to full time in-person learning.

It is the District's goal to maximize in-person learning and we thank you for monitoring the health of your child(ren) before sending them to school. We are aware that reaching this goal requires everyone in our community to be flexible, honest, and at times patient. Great job everyone!

The end of the first quarter interim is rapidly approaching. Please remind your students to log in and check their SchoolTool regularly.

Please make sure you have reviewed the code of conduct in your student's agenda pad and sign off the sheet acknowledging this. Thank you!!!!

OPEN HOUSE-OCTOBER 7TH

We are excited to announce that Open House is scheduled for Thursday October 7th beginning at 5:30. To ensure the health and safety of all of CMS family, this year's open house will be conducted virtually. The link to join will be posted on the school website and team leaders will be sharing it out on Next Week's Peek of the Week.

GREATER SENSE OF PLACE-OCTOBER 8TH

This event has been going on for over 30 years, helping students to connect to the natural world, and the community around them- celebrating the "Place" where we live. This year we are planning trips to OMI Sculpture garden, Katchkie Farm, Olana, Kayaking, Fishing, Mountain Biking, and North Lake, we also will welcome Loinheart Basketball Training back to CMS.

Please make sure you have returned your permission slip, and pay attention for announcements about sign ups soon.

September 28, 2021

A look ahead...

Thursday, September 30

FCCLA@The Table International Dinner

Monday, October 4

2:30pm CMS/CHS Results Team Mtg

Tuesday, October 5

8:00am CMS Fall Pictures

Thursday, October 7

6:00pm Virtual Open House

Friday, October 8

1st Interim Period Ends

GSOP-CMS

Monday, October 11

DISTRICT CLOSED-COLUMBUS DAY

Friday, October 15

1st Quarter Interims mailed



CMS PBIS PAW LAWS

- ☐ **BE SAFE**
- ☐ **BE RESPECTFUL**
- ☐ **BE RESPONSIBLE**

CATS CAN, CATS WILL!

Attendance Reminder

When a student is going to be absent from school or late beyond 7:45 am, the parent or guardian should notify the school at 518-943-5665 extension 1322. This will avoid a further check by the office. The office calls home every day when a student is marked absent or tardy. Students with chronic attendance problems or who are in danger of class failure due to poor attendance will be monitored for absences on a regular basis.

For more information about CCSD Attendance Policy please visit [CCSD Attendance Policy](#) or school website.

6TH GRADE NEWS

6th Grade News

Hi 6th Grade Families! Mrs. Manning, Ms. LoBianco the School Social Worker and I have worked on a grant for the last couple of summers to bring an amazing Social-Emotional Curriculum to our 6th Graders! In the coming weeks, on Friday's in S.T.E.A.M. class, 6th graders will be learning about self-awareness in order to improve our social and emotional learning skills. Self-awareness means having an accurate understanding of one's own strengths, challenges, values, and dreams for the future. It is important to learn about ourselves so we can work towards achieving our goals in the future. Self-awareness is the first unit of our Social-Emotional Curriculum. We will share upcoming units with you as we move along.

Here are just a few skills we will be learning about:

- Recognizing strengths and talents
- Identifying areas of challenge
- Using positive self-talk
- Developing good character
- Understanding core values and beliefs
- Developing a growth mindset
- Practicing mindfulness
- Identifying aspirations for the future
- Learning to self-advocate

Here are some questions and topics you may want to discuss in the next coming weeks:

- What do you consider to be some of your strengths? What about your challenges?
- What makes you unique?
- What are you most confident in?
- How can you use positive self-talk right now?
- What is good character? What are some positive traits you possess?
- What does it mean to have a growth mindset? How is it different from a fixed mindset?
- What are some ways you can practice mindfulness?
- What are some aspirations you have for the future? How can you work towards them?

Thank you for your support and for all that you do!

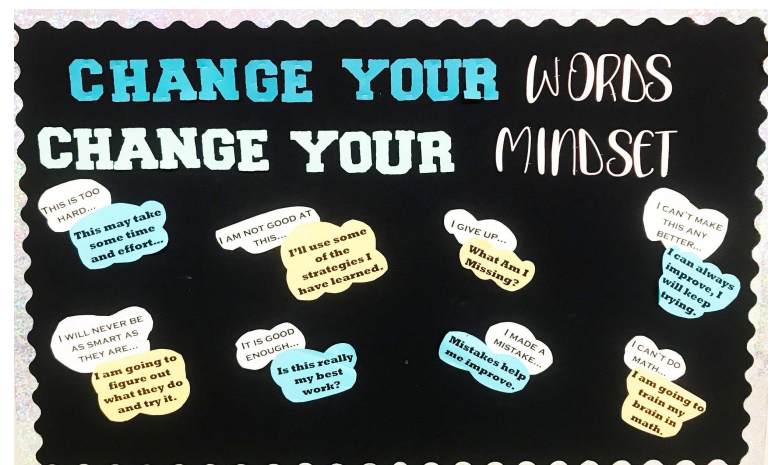
7TH GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Taylor's 7th grade FACS classes are working on their "Dream Bedroom in a Shoebox" project. They design a room, while learning about the elements of design, then using mostly up-cycled materials, and build a 3 Dimensional model. This is always a favorite project, with lots of creativity and glue.

8TH GRADE NEWS

Team 8 was so excited to welcome our new 8th graders back to school! We had a wonderful first couple of weeks and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our students. We're looking forward to making this last year of middle school one to remember fondly!

Stay tuned to read about all of the exciting things that will be going on in Team 8!





CLUBS 2021-2022

<u>Club</u>	<u>Advisor(s)</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>
Acceptance Alliance	Ms. Segar & Ms. Duncan	8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Tuesday	2:20-3:30	We are a club for LGBTQ+ students and allies. A safe place for students to develop friendships and find support while sharing their understanding of being or supporting Rainbow students.
Art Club	Ms. Gazoorian	6, 7, 8	Wednesday, Thursday	6th grade meets Wednesdays 2:20-3:00 7th & 8th grade meets on Thursdays 2:20-3:30	Art club is a club for students who would like to explore the art room and create their own art outside of art class
Business Club	Ms. Daly	6, 7, 8	Thursday	2:20 to 3:00	We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month opposite PBIS. This club will operate a concession table at various school wide events and for modified sports. We hope to work with other clubs to start a school store. There may be times when we help support PBIS events as well.
Chess Club	Ms. Banks	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Thursday	2:20	Chess Club meets after school every Thursday in Room137 of the High School from 2:20 till 3:30. Students may leave on the late bus or stay till 3:30 if they have their own transportation. It is a club for all levels of chess players. Beginners are welcome and encouraged. Besides being a fun way to socialize with peers, Chess is a game that strengthens problem solving and in turn strengthens academic performance overall

FCCLA	Ms. Marino and Ms. Taylor	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Tuesday	After school until 3 or specific time for an event.	<p>Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)</p> <p>This student led organization focuses on community service and leadership projects in which members develop skills for life. Yearly projects include Westside Café, Fashion Show, Family First, Hygiene Closet and various other community service projects. There are several opportunities for students to participate in district, state and national leadership conferences. These conferences strengthen the students' leadership, public speaking skills and can also open the door to scholarships.</p> <p>National website http://fcclainc.org/ New York State website: https://www.nysfccla.org/</p>
Fishing Club	Mr. Crocetta and Mr. Taylor	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Thursday	2:15- 2:52 pm (Two field trips during school year).	<p>Topics covered will be ecology of the Hudson River, Choice of different baits, knot tying, fishing around underwater structures, catching live bait, fundamentals of casting, fish species identification, and overall stewardship of the river.</p> <p>Participants who attend these workshops will be eligible for several field trips to fishing destinations where we will take what we learned to the water. All tackle, bait and supplies will be provided. Come out and enjoy the fun.</p>
History Club	Mr. Crocetta	6, 7, 8	Wednesday	2:15-2:52 pm	<p>Experience 18th Century Living History: Dress in period clothing, experience camp life, medical practices, mock drilling and musket firing, leisure games, flint and steel demonstration, sample military "victuals" and 18th Century espionage. Also, the group will conduct an archaeological dig, learn about the history of the Village of Catskill and watch historical movies.</p>

Interact	Ms. Dedrick & MS. Bushane	8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Wednesday	2:25 - 2:55 (Usually twice a month) Room 243	Interact Club is the club with heart! This club focuses on having our students make a positive difference in and outside of school. Our events are organized to help bring together our community and to help each other. We work with the Rotary Club of Catskill, organize the annual Martin Luther King Jr march for peace and justice, and have other events throughout the year that raise money to help a cause, our school or organization in need.
Interact	Mrs. Dedrick and Mrs. Bushane	8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Wednesday	2:30	Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs. Interact is known as the Club with Heart. We sponsor the MLK March in January, CHS student of the month as well as support other rotary sponsored events.
Intramurals	Ms. Conklin	6	Tuesday	2:20-2:55	Come participate in a variety of competitive and recreational sport activities such as Soccer, Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Tennis, Track & Field Events, Yoga, and Pilates! Listen for sign up information in PE class!
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Jazz Band	Mr. Dowling	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Thursday	2:25-3:30	The CHS Jazz band is open by audition or invite to all CMS and CHS students from grades 7-12. Like Jazz? Come on down and create some amazing music with us!
Junior Honor Society	Ms. Daly	7, 8	Tuesday	2:20 to 3:00	We will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. We will organize service project events for the school community. This is a national organization so there is criteria to becoming a member. If interested, speak with Ms. Daly for more details.

Media Club	Mr. Maouris	6, 7, 8	Monday	2:15	Giving opportunities to students to participate in creating a weekly broadcast for the Middle School.
Odyssey of the Mind (OM)	Ms. Daly	6, 7, 8	Wednesday	2:20 to 3:00	Meetings are held weekly after school. There are five problem areas that the team can choose from to solve and compete in March. If you are creative, like to use your imagination, problem solver, are spontaneous and like to work in a team then this is the club for you.
PBIS	Ms. Daly	6, 7, 8	Thursday	2:20 to 3:00	We will have student representatives on this committee to assist with monthly incentive events as well as school wide events. We will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month.
Spanish Club	Ms. Miner	6, 7, 8	Wednesday	2:19-2:52	Spanish club is an opportunity for students to learn more about other Spanish speaking countries and cultures from around the world. We will have opportunities to try Spanish traditional dishes, practice various dances, explore traditions and celebrations from other cultures and watch cultural videos.
Student Council	Ms. Bushane and Ms. LoBianco	6, 7, 8	Tuesday	2:20-2:55	Have good ideas? Want to make changes? Want to share interests and concerns? Join us for Student Council where we will be fundraising, hosting social events, helping people in need, and help build school spirit at CMS. We will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month. All are encouraged and welcome to join!
Yearbook	Mr. Maouris	6, 7, 8	Monday	2:15	Creating opportunities for students to participate in creating their yearbook.