



PAWSLETTER

Principal Announcements *bi-Weekly* Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

Dear Friends,

There are so many wonderful happenings taking place at CMS! Our talented students have been working hard preparing for the Winter Concert today and there is a spelling bee scheduled for this Thursday. Our new state of the art gymnasium is finally open and our students have been enjoying use of the new facility.

This past week we experienced the first snowfall of the winter season leaving the Catskill Mountains and region covered in a beautiful blanket of snow. The snowfall served as a reminder that pathways and roadways can be slick. With that in mind, please use caution when commuting this winter and remember to send your child to school appropriately dressed. Furthermore, please label your child's name on any extra layers that are worn to school.

As we move forward into the upcoming months of cold and flu season it is particularly important to pay close attention to any symptoms your child may have. No one wants to be sick, but perhaps worse than being sick is causing others to become sick. So please take symptom screening even more seriously now to take care of your family and others.

From everyone at CMS we wish you all a wonderful winter break and Happy Holidays!

A Look Ahead...

Tuesday, December 14th

CMS Winter Concert

Wednesday, December 15th

PTA Holiday Craft Party

6:30pm BOE Meeting CHS Library

Thursday, December 16th

8:00am CMS Spelling Bee

Friday, December 17th

Second Period Interim Ends

Thursday, December 23rd

10:30am Early Dismissal

Friday, December 24th – January 2nd

Holiday Break

CMS Show your holiday cheer!!

Join us for Dress-Up Week

December 20-23rd

Monday: Wear blue!

Tuesday: Snowman day, wear white & a scarf

Wednesday: Ugly holiday sweater day!

Thursday: Holiday cheer day (holiday hats, socks, and colors!)



Nalah, a two-year-old registered emotional therapy American Bulldog spent the afternoon with students last Friday.



CMS STUDENT COUNCIL

The middle school student council is collecting socks, gloves and hats to help keep families in our community warm this winter. A collection box will be located in the lobby of the middle school. We thank you for your support.

Cell Phones and Other Valuables

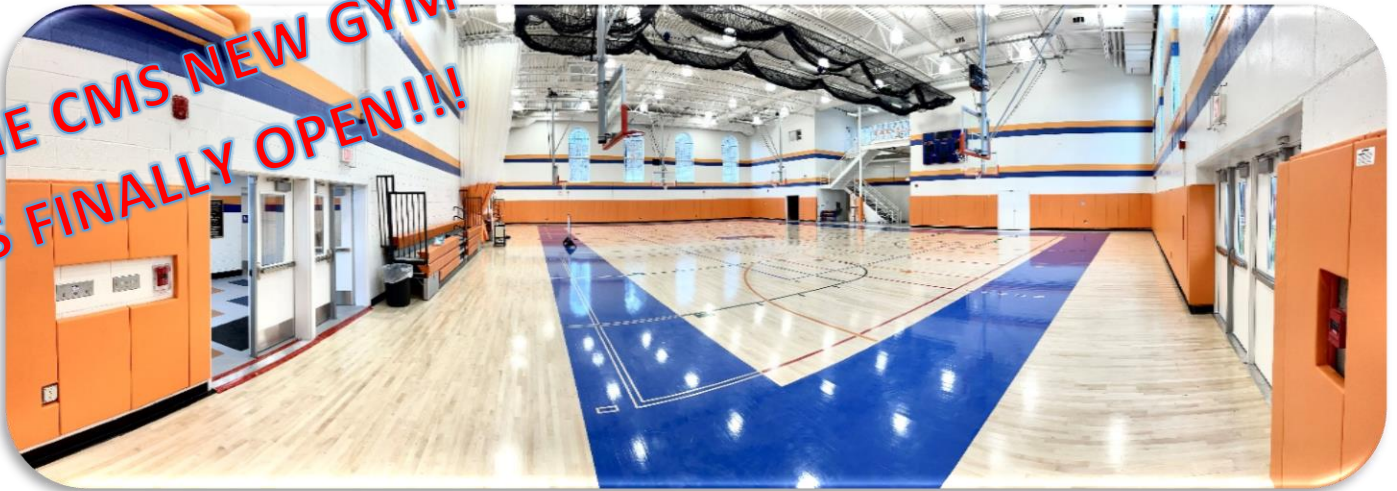
We are seeing an increase in cell phone use becoming disruptive and an unnecessary distraction during the school day. Please remind your child that cell phones can only be used in class with teacher permission, and at lunch and recess. Students are also not permitted during lunch/recess to take pictures or videos, nor use social media.

Furthermore, students are responsible for their own valuables such as money, technology items, phones or jewelry. Report malfunctioning lockers to school personnel immediately. Students must follow all rules and guidelines with reference to protecting their valuables during P.E. class or extra-curricular activities. You are advised not to bring valuables, laptops, other technological devices, and large sums of cash or jewelry to school.

CATSKILL CSD PAW LAWS

- BE SAFE
- BE RESPECTFUL
- BE RESPONSIBLE

THE CMS NEW GYM
IS FINALLY OPEN!!!



ATTENDANCE REMINDER: *When a student is going to be absent from school or late beyond 7:35 am, the parent or guardian should notify the school at 518-943-5665 extension 1322. A student who is absent from school for an unexcused absence will **NOT** be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities or school events on the day of the absence.*

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