



NEWS & NOTES



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NYS Assessment Information

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

- ELA (Grades 6-8): Tuesday, March 29th and Wednesday, March 30th.
- Math (Grades 6-8): Wednesday, April 27th and Thursday, April 28th.
- Science (Grade 8): Monday, June 6th

These assessments provide our staff with valuable information that allows us to ensure that our students get the best education possible. This information is even more important as we continue to identify and fill the educational gaps the last two years have brought.

So why should all of our students participate?

- Assessment data allows our teachers and administrators to examine how CMS students are performing compared with their peers from across the state.
- Assessment data gives us a tool to ensure that our teaching methods are truly effective.
- Participation in the assessments gives your child practice taking a standardized test, so that they are confidently prepared for the High School Regents test-taking experiences.

If you have any questions about the assessments, please call us at 518-943- 5665.

Welcome Class of 2026

Catskill High School welcomes our 8th grade families and students to Future Freshman Night. Join us Wednesday, March 23 at 6:00PM in the High School Auditorium. Learn about graduation requirements and course selections, meet your counselors, and enjoy food, music, and tours of the building.



February 28th, 2022

Also available at www.catskillcsd.org

Winter in the Northeast can be a challenging under the best of circumstances. Coping with the usual cold, snow, lack of daylight hours and sameness of the pandemic contributed to sense of heightened fatigue among students and adults alike.

Whether it arrives early or in six weeks, spring will be here soon, pandemic concerns behind us. We'll all get there together, as we have done throughout the year!

Cats Can Cats Will!



School Tool Check-In

We are already almost half-way through the third quarter and have been noticing an increase in the number of course failures. To help us help your student, please ask them to log into their School Tool account and show you their marking period average as well as the individual assignment information located by clicking on the assignment tab.

School Tool provides an important link from school to home and gives you updated information on how your student is performing in school. This tool in combination with the weekly "Peek of the Week" is your insight into the teacher's expectations and your student's performance.

If you need support or additional information, please contact the main office at 518-943-5665.



A Look Ahead...

March 1st

- Acceptance Alliance 8th Grade 2:20-3:30
- Intramurals 6th Grade 2:20-2:55
- Odyssey of the Mind 2:30-5:00
- Junior Honor Society 2:20-2:55

March 2nd

- CMS Spring Picture Day
- Interact 8th Grade 2:20-2:55
- Art Club 6th Grade 2:20- 2:55
- Odyssey of the Mind 2:20-2:55

March 3rd

- CMS Spring Picture Day
- Chess Club 2:20-2:55
- Art Club 7th & 8th Grades 2:20-2:55
- Intramurals 7th & 8th Grades 2:20-2:55
- Jazz Band 7th & 8th Grades 2:20-2:55
- Fishing Club 2:20-2:55

March 4th

- 3rd Quarter Interim Ends

March 8th

- Acceptance Alliance 8th Grade 2:20-3:30
- Intramurals 6th Grade 2:20-2:55
- Student Council 2:20-2:55
- FCCLA 2:20-2:55

March 9th

- Interact 8th Grade 2:20-2:55
- Art Club 6th Grade 2:20- 2:55
- Odyssey of the Mind 2:20-2:55
- Ambassador's Club 2:20-2:55

March 10th

- Chess Club 2:20-2:55
- Art Club 7th & 8th Grades 2:20-2:55
- Intramurals 7th & 8th Grades 2:20-2:55
- Jazz Band 7th & 8th Grades 2:20-2:55
- Business Club 2:20-2:55

March 14th

- JV/V Spring Sports Begin

March 16th

- 6:30pm BOE Mtg CHS Library

March 21st

- Modified Sports Begin

March 23rd

- Future Freshman Night
- All- County Practice

March 25th

- All- County Festival

March 29th

- NYS ELA Assessment

March 30th

- NYS ELA Assessment

Please refer to the District website for more important calendar events.

www.catskillcsd.org

**CHS is proud to present
Tarzan the Musical
March 18th-20th**



Washed up on the shores of West Africa, an infant boy is taken in and raised by gorillas who name him Tarzan. Apart from striving for acceptance from his ape father, Tarzan's life is mostly monkey business until a human expedition treks into his tribe's territory, and he encounters creatures like himself for the first time. Tarzan struggles to navigate a jungle, thick with emotion, as he discovers his animal upbringing clashing with his human instincts.

Get your tickets today!

All tickets must be purchased online.

To purchase tickets please visit:

<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/61424>

**Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)
Grade Level Assemblies**

Character Trait Recognition: Cooperation

Award winners:

- Gr 6: L. Cramer, S. Alford, A. Cramer, J. Getaw
- Gr 7: S. Kubicek, X. Marquart, M. Sanchez, P. Cruz
- Gr 8: L. Soura, T. Duong



Important Information about Cell Phone use at CMS

Mobile devices create a social, intellectual, and emotional barrier to being fully present during school and can cause disruption to the educational process, particularly at CMS.

To reduce unnecessary distraction, the display and/or use by students of mobile devices is prohibited from the start of the school day until the end of the regular school day.

This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, the use of mobile devices in classrooms, library, common areas, restrooms, and includes transition times between classes, and recess. Students may use their cell phone during their lunch period while in the cafeteria.



Students have access throughout the day to the phone at the main lobby desk.

MLK Jr. March for Peace and Justice

On February 17th the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk for Peace was a heartwarming and recharging celebration of Dr. King's legacy for our community. It is impressive to see our students' understanding of his historical importance and the lasting impact of his work on our lives.

A huge thank you goes out to our Interact Club, students, staff members, Catskill PD, and everyone who played a part in orchestrating that wonderful event.



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.