

April 9, 2019

## **Community Middle School**

The West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District has created a new email system for parents and guardians. Every week you will receive our school's newsletter. This email will include school information, PTSA news, district updates as well as athletics, community education, counseling information and more.

### **School News**

#### **Daily Student Drop-off and Pick-Up Procedures**

In order to keep our students, staff, and visitors safe, please adhere to the following student drop-off and pick-up procedures:

- Students are to be dropped off in front of the building from 7:05 - 7:35 a.m. Please do not drop off students along the side of the building in the main parking lot. This area is only for bus drop-offs.
- Cars are waiting along Grovers Mill Road to enter our building's front loop, please wait patiently until you are in the front of the building to drop off your child. Please do not pass cars who are dropping off students or double-park to drop off students.
- For afternoon pick-ups, please park your car in the main parking lot or pick up your child in the front loop of the building. Please do not wait in the fire lane along the side of the building in the main parking lot.
- If you need to enter the building, please park your car in a marked parking spot. Do not leave your car idle and/or unattended in the front of the building.
- Plainsboro Police have been notified of our drop-off and pick-up procedures and will be monitoring accordingly.

#### **CMS/GMS Dance Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures - Friday, April 12, from 7-9 p.m. at GMS**

- THIS DANCE IS ONLY OPEN TO 6th and 7th GRADERS at CMS and GMS. If your child is attending the dance, please refer to the diagram for drop-off and pick-up procedures.

#### **Pick-Up/Drop-Off Procedures**

Our priorities are student and traffic safety, so please adhere to the guidelines below. We encourage carpooling to and from school in order to decrease the overall number of vehicles.

- Drop Off:
  - ALL GMS and CMS STUDENTS are to be dropped off in the front of the school (Main Entrance of Grover Middle School) at 7 p.m.
- Pick Up:
  - ALL GMS STUDENTS are to be picked up IN THE FRONT of the school promptly at 9 p.m.
  - All CMS STUDENTS are to be picked up IN THE BACK of the school promptly at 9 p.m.

We encourage strongly that all students carpool to minimize parking lot congestion. If students from both schools are carpooling, please agree on a pick-up location.

Follow the [diagram](#) for alternate traffic flow directions. Thank you!

### **Announcements**

- Attention 8th Grade: If you have not done so, please be sure to complete and hand in permission slips for the trip to Hershey Park on June 18, 2019. All permission slips are due along with the cost of the trip, \$80, to homeroom teachers by Friday, April 12. If there is a financial concern, please contact the eighth-grade guidance counselor, Mrs. Burgess, at 609-716-5300; ext 5374.
- Looking for more information on CMS check out the links below.
  - [Daily Announcements](#)
  - [February/March Parent Bulletin](#) and past [Parent Bulletins](#)

### **Athletics**

- Check out the 2019-20 [Registration Dates](#) for High School Athletics
- High School North and Community Middle School's [athletic schedules](#).
- [WW-P Lacrosse Day](#) is April 13!
- Check out the WW-P HS Girls [Summer Soccer Conditioning Program](#).

### **Events**

- **April 9:** End of Marking Period 3
- **April 9-12:** CMS/GMS sixth and seventh-grade dance tickets on sale during lunch
- **April 10:** Seventh grade Band and Orchestra Clinic at 6 p.m. in the CMS Theater
- **April 11:** [Lighting the Way Parent Program](#) with the CMS Counseling Department at 7 p.m. in the CMS Commons
- **April 12:** CMS/GMS Spring Fling Dance (6th/7th grade ONLY), 7 - 9 p.m. at Grover Middle School
- **April 12:** Interdisciplinary Teams Photos (date change from April 11)
- **April 18:** Grade Level Pep Rallies
- **April 19-26:** Spring Recess/No HW Nights

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## PTSA News

- Donations are needed for the [CMS Staff Appreciation Luncheon](#) Wednesday, May 8! It's that time of year again! To show our appreciation for all of the hard work our CMS teachers and staff do for our kids and families all year long, the PTSA caters a delicious luncheon each year. We need your help with dessert donations and raffle door prizes. Please [sign up](#) to donate.
- [Parent Volunteers Needed](#) for the Spring Pep Rally on Thursday, April 18! CMS Student Council is hosting the Spring Color Wars Pep Rally and is asking for parent volunteers to help judge the Team with the most school spirit! Please [sign up](#) to volunteer to judge a grade in which you do NOT have a child.
- CMS/GMS Spring Fling Dance (6th/7th grade ONLY) Friday, April 12, from 7-9 p.m. at Grover Middle School
  - Tickets on sale April 9-12 during 6th and 7th grade lunch periods.
  - 7th GRADE PARENTS STILL NEEDED to [sell tickets](#) and there are [chaperone](#) spots still available.
  - Note: Due to the volume of students at last year's dance, GMS has put a cap on the number of students that will be able to attend the spring dance. Community Middle School is selling 250 tickets during lunch at a first come - first served basis. Students will be made aware of this through Flex announcements, lunch announcements, and Wake Up Community announcements.
- NOTE ABOUT STUDENT DIRECTORIES: Student directories will not be printed this year. The CMS PTSA is very sorry for any inconvenience and can offer refunds if requested. Or, if you would like, your \$6 payment can be kept as a donation to the PTSA and used toward PTSA programs, activities and resources. Please email us if you would like a refund. Please put "Student Directory" in the subject line.
- Attention ALL parents: Volunteers are needed! The CMS PTSA is organizing a Grover's Mill Road Safety Group. Click [here](#) for more information on how you can participate. \*Thank you to those who have already emailed your interest. We will be in touch shortly.\*
- Box Tops and McCaffrey's Receipts: Please put unexpired Box Tops or your McCaffrey's receipts in a bag or envelope labeled with your child's name, homeroom teacher's name and grade. If you have any questions, please contact Salena.

**Useful links:** [PTSA Email](#) | [PTSA Website](#)

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## District Updates

- Each week we will upload all flyers and a PDF version of this email to the [website](#).

**Useful links for the district:** [District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Calendar of Events](#)

## Community Events

- 2019 [Plainsboro Centennial Events](#) Information
- [A letter from the Mayor](#) of Plainsboro Township about Founders Day
- Looking for more programs, clubs and things to do around WW-P? Check out the [community event section](#) on the district's website!

## Counseling

- [Light the Way Parent Program](#) with the CMS Counseling Department April 11, at 7 p.m. in the CMS Commons. This event is open to all incoming and middle school parents.
- [Parent University Event](#): Healing & Recovery - What Parents Should Know at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at High School South. It is difficult at times for some adolescents and some adults to navigate their emotions following the sudden death of a friend or school community member. This is especially true if the death was due to suicide. The conversation will be facilitated by George Scott, Resource Coordinator for the State Traumatic Loss Coalition. The purpose of the evening is to support parents and other adults to be aware of signs of concern and to connect children to resources for support.

## Community Education Program and Event Reminders

- [Summer Programs](#) - Summer registration has opened for students ages five to 14. Programs run from June 24 through Aug. 9, 2019. Half and full day options with extended care are available.
- [2019-20 Kindergarten Extension Registration](#) - Kindergarten Extension registration opens, for the 2019-20 school year, Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 9 a.m. Participants must reside in and attend a West Windsor-Plainsboro school in order to use the service. The program will be held at Dutch Neck Elementary School.
- [2019-20 Integrated Preschool Registration](#) - Integrated Preschool registration opens, for the 2019-20 school year, Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 9 a.m. The program will be held at Village School. Participants must be 3 or 4 by Oct. 1,

2019, and independently toilet trained prior to the program start. West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District residency is required.

### **Food Services**

- Check out the breakfast and lunch [menus](#) for April!
- Sodexo [Parent Survey](#)
- Sodexo [Student Survey](#)
- Check out the [April 2019 Sodexo Newsletter](#)

### **WW-P Board of Education Foundation**

- [Innovation Fair](#) - The West Windsor-Plainsboro Education Foundation is hosting its Third Annual Innovation Fair. The fair will be held at High School North Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- [Tech Event](#) - Check out the Tech Event for grades K-8 on April 13, from 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.! This event is organized by the Junior STEM group and the WW-P Education Foundation Youth Committee. Click [here](#) to sign up.

**Make sure to follow the district on WW-P's official social media pages!**

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