

Aug. 30, 2019

Community Middle School Weekly Update

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 information, district updates as well as athletics, community education, counseling information and more.

School News

First Day of School Reminders:

On Thursday, September 5th between 7:05 - 7:35 a.m.:

- **6th Graders** should report to the **Auditorium**. Please make sure your sixth grader knows **the last name of their Period 1 teacher**. They will receive their schedules from their Period 1 teacher.
- **7th Graders** should report to the **Commons**. Your seventh grader should know **the last name of their Period 1 teacher and the Period 1 room number**. They will receive their schedules from their Period 1 teacher.
- **8th Graders** should report to the 8th-grade **concourse**. Your eighth grader should know **the last name of their Period 3 teacher and the Period 3 room number**. They will start their school day in their Period 3 classes and receive their schedules from their Period 3 teacher.
- For the first day of school, please do not have your child purchase and bring all of their school supplies. Allow your child's teachers to identify the essential supplies from our [CMS school supply list](#).
- Please do not buy an oversized backpack. Our lockers vary in sizes and oversized backpacks will not fit in some of our lockers. **There are no wheeled backpacks allowed.**
- Please note that we will have breakfast and lunch for purchase at CMS. If you want to place money on your child's [lunch account](#) or view the [monthly lunch menu](#), please go to the district website or have your child give money to our cafeteria manager, Mr. Al Bossio.
- Lunch lines tend to be long in the first days. Your child is encouraged to bring lunch or ensure money has been included in your student account. Your child will need to know their lunch pin, which can be found in Genesis.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Reminders:

If driving your child to school:

- Please note that students **cannot be dropped off before 7:05 a.m.**, unless they are participating in a particular program or event.
- Student drop-offs occur in the front loop of the main building. Do not drop off your child in the main parking lot or on Grovers Mill Road. Do not double park or pass other cars to drop off your child.
- For everyone's safety, please obey all one-way signs and yield to school buses that are exiting the main parking lot.
- Plainsboro Police will enforce all traffic laws on Grovers Mill Road and on CMS property.

If picking up your child from school:

- **Regular dismissal is 2:46 p.m.**, please park your car in the main parking lot or remain in your car in the front loop of CMS.
- If you are picking up your child before dismissal, please make sure your child brings in a note to the main office during arrival.
- If you are picking up your child before dismissal, please park your car in a designated parking spot in the front of the building. Do not leave your car unattended in the fire lane. You must bring your driver's license to the security desk before picking up your child.
- For everyone's safety, please obey all one-way signs and yield to school buses that are exiting the main parking lot.
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Reminders from CMS Nurses:

- If your child takes medication during school hours and/or for emergencies, please bring in the medication and doctor's orders to the Nurses' Office.
- 6th graders must have their TDAP and Meningococcal vaccines in order to attend school.
- Fall sport physicals are due to the Nurses' Office by today, Friday, Aug. 30.

Athletics

- [Registration for middle school sports](#) closes on Sept. 6 at 11 p.m. All physicals need to be submitted to the nurse's office by Aug. 30 and dated on or after Sept. 9, 2018. The first day of practice is Sept. 9 for all sports.

Useful links: [Student Handbook](#) | [Supply List](#)

PTSA News

Our CMS PTSA supports all educators and their work in giving the best learning experiences to our middle school students. For ONLY \$6, you can join the PTSA and help fund student assembly programs, guest speakers, Panther Pride paraphernalia, and snacks and refreshments for team days and special events such as the Sixth Grade Open House, the Seventh Grade World Cup, and the Eighth Grade End of the Year Dance. The CMS PTSA also supports and celebrates our teachers with mini-grants for special projects, a delicious staff appreciation luncheon, and breakfast snacks for our opening faculty meeting. As CMS parents, you stay informed of school events and programs as well as hear from district staff members and guest speakers at special PTSA meetings and events. Please join the CMS PTSA so they can continue to support TEAM COMMUNITY!

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

SEPTSA

- **SEPTSA Meeting and Membership-** (Sept. 10, 9:15 a.m. at Community Middle School) Help reduce the anxiety that often comes with adjusting to the new school year by meeting other parents with students facing challenges. The Director and Supervisors of Special Services will be introduced and provide a brief overview of recent happenings/news within the department. Assistant Superintendent, James Earle will also be introduced at this meeting. This is our first PTSA meeting of the year, but please review our [meeting/membership flyer](#)

for other meetings and consider supporting our PTSA with membership and/or donation. Contact Kathleen at KKZ4@Verizon.net for any questions.

Useful Links: [WWP SEPTSA Facebook Page](#) | [WWP SEPTSA Website](#)

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](#) | [Events Calendar](#)

WW-P Board of Education

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meetings](#).

Counseling

- Check out the upcoming [Parent University Events](#) for the 2019-20 school year.

Community Events

- Looking for programs, clubs and things to do around WW-P? Check out the [community event section](#) on the district's website!

Community Education Program & Event Reminders

- **Kindergarten Extension** - limited spaces are still available. To register for Kindergarten Extension, [click here](#).

- **Extended Day Program (EDP K-12)** - Registration for the second week of school will open on Thursday, Sept. 5. Click [here](#) to register.
- **After School Enrichment** - After school programs for grades 1-5. Registration closes Oct. 2, 2019. Download the brochure [here](#).
- **One Day Wonders (for EDP participants only)**- registration is open until 3 days before the scheduled occurrence. Register [here](#) through Community Pass.
- **Family Fun Fridays** - programs for school-age children and parents during October and November available. Register through Community Pass under 2019-2020 Adult & Youth. Check out the programs offered in the 2019 Fall Guide. Download the brochure [here](#).
- **Kings & Queens Chess Event** - a free family event, will be offered on Friday, September 27, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Millstone River School. Click [here](#) for registration information.
- **Python Programming for High School Students** - Online class offered through CodeWizards. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **SAT Programs** - through Kaplan, Princeton Review, and Lentz & Lentz offered throughout the school year at both high schools. Find the right program for you and register online at:
 - www.kaplan.com
 - www.princetonreview.com
 - www.lentzsatprep.com

Food Services

- Check out the lunch [menus](#) for September!
- Reminder: Please make sure to pay your lunch balances. Click [here](#) to check your balance and pay online or checks may be made payable to "WWP Cafe" to school.

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

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