

Sept. 6, 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

#### Payment/Forms and Documents

- If your child is handing in money, forms, or a note to the main office, their teacher, nurse's office or Food Services, please make sure your child's name is written on the front of an envelope.

#### After School Activities

- Please make sure your child tells you that they are staying after school. If your child is staying after school, they must be supervised by a staff member. Late Buses are available at 4:15 p.m.
- Your child should know their [Late Bus Letter](#), as late bus stops are not the same as morning and afternoon bus stops. A late bus map is available and if your child needs additional assistance, your child should know their address to tell the late bus supervisor.
- The code of conduct applies to all after school activities, bus rides, and bus stops.
- If you are picking up your child from an after school activity, please park your car in a lined parking spot in the main parking lot. Do not park in the fire lane or double park in the front loop.

#### 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.
  - Plainsboro Police will enforce all traffic laws on Grovers Mill Road and on CMS property.

### **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.

### **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.
- **Tryouts:** The first day for cross country tryouts for 7th and 8th grade is Monday, Sept. 9. The first day for 6th grade is Tuesday the 10th. We will meet in the auxiliary gym immediately after school. Be prepared to run by wearing athletic clothing. Tryouts will end at 4:10 p.m.
- Please view the [CMS athletic schedule](#) for games.

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## **PTSA News**

### **Messages/Reminders/Updates**

Welcome back to school from the CMS Parent Teacher Student Association.

FIRST PTSA MEETING OF THE YEAR: Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 8:30 a.m. The CMS PTSA works throughout the year to bring programming to you that is timely, valuable and insightful. We will be hosting "Coffee with the Principal" Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 8:30 a.m. Come meet our administrators in a casual round-table discussion.

The CMS PTSA is looking forward to a great year partnering with parents, students, teachers, administrators and staff members as we plan, coordinate and fund many enriching and diverse programs and activities for your children throughout the school year. More than 35 years of research has proven that children do better when their parents are involved both at home and in school. You, of course, part at home, and the PTSA offers opportunities at school.

\*\*\*The CMS PTSA is entirely run by parent volunteers - just like you. Both experienced and new volunteers welcome! The amount of time you devote is up to you. Together we are a powerful resource for our school. Please click [here](#) to look over the volunteer positions.

And please be on the lookout for information over the next few weeks about joining the CMS PTSA and about donating to our Just Write a Check fundraising effort, which is a major source of funding for our amazing PTSA programs.

Please reach out to the PTSA with any questions or needs at [CommunityMiddleSchoolPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:CommunityMiddleSchoolPTSA@gmail.com). And be sure to look for weekly CMS PTSA emails with news and information about events and activities, as well as volunteer opportunities.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity! Here is to another great year together at CMS!

**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](mailto:KKZ4@Verizon.net) for any questions.

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

- **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 will close Oct. 2, 2019. Click [here](#) to download the brochure.
- **One Day Wonders (for EDP participants only)**- registration is open until three 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 2019-20 Adult & Youth. Check out the programs offered in the [2019 Fall Guide](#).
- **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](#) to download the flyer for registration information.
- Introduction to **Programming with Python**- Online class offered by CodeWizards. [Check out the flyer](#).
- **Python Programming for High School Students**- Online class offered through CodeWizards. [Check out the flyer](#).
- **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](http://www.kaplan.com)
  - [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)
  - [www.lentzsatprep.com](http://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.**

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#)