

Sept. 13, 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**

#### **School Photos**

- Students are taking school photos during their Social Studies classes Monday, Sept. 16, through Wednesday, Sept. 18. These photos are for their school IDs, Genesis, and our CMS yearbook. If you are ordering pictures from the photographer, students must have payment with their photo forms.

#### **CMS Back to School Nights**

- Back to School Night (BSTN) is your opportunity to see your child's teachers, learn about our curricular programs, purchase CMS Pantherwear, and receive information about other community activities.
- This year, BTSN is from 6:15-8:08 p.m. for all three grade levels. Your child will bring home a special schedule for you to follow these evenings:
  - Grade 6 – Tuesday, Sept. 24
  - Grade 7 – Wednesday, Sept. 25
  - Grade 8 – Thursday, Sept. 26
- Please note that BTSN is for parents and guardians only. We will have our student leaders to help and guide you throughout the building.

#### **Food Drive for the Plainsboro Food Pantry**

- In association with the Plainsboro Food Pantry, CMS PTSA is having our annual food drive in the month of September. Items we need: coffee, hot chocolate, oatmeal, flour, cake/muffin mix, canned fruits, canned meat, canned soup, tomato/pasta sauce, rice, cooking oil, snacks/cookies/crackers.
- A donation box will be located in the Commons for student drop offs.
- For Back to School Night (BTSN), we are also collecting items. Feel free to bring in items for your grade level and drop off items in the donation box in the front lobby:

- 6th Grade BTSN, Tuesday, Sept. 24: body lotion, shampoo/conditioner, and toilet paper
- 7th Grade BTSN, Wednesday, Sept. 25: body soap/body wash, laundry detergent, and paper towels
- 8th Grade BTSN, Thursday, Sept. 26: sanitary pads/tampons, adult diapers (women), cleaning solutions, and household sponges

### **CMS/GMS PRISM Open House**

- Come learn more about our district's middle school gifted and talented program at the PRISM Open House October 2 at Grover Middle School. The session will take place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Grover Middle School auditorium.

### **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

- Please view the [CMS athletic schedule](#) for upcoming games.

## PTSA News

### Messages/Reminders/Updates

- The first PTSA meeting of the year is Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 8:30 a.m. at CMS. "Coffee with the Principal" - come meet our administrators in a casual round-table discussion.
- [CMS STUDENT CLUB SIGN-UP](#) Volunteers Needed: Students will be signing up for school clubs during their lunch periods the last week in September. Parent volunteers are needed to [assist with the sign-up](#).

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.

SO EASY TO [JOIN](#), [DONATE](#) & [VOLUNTEER](#)— it will take just a few clicks.

- **JOIN:** By [joining the PTSA](#) you give support to the programs and activities offered for your children throughout the school year.
- **VOLUNTEER:** CMS PTSA is entirely run by [parent volunteers](#) — just like you. Both experienced and new volunteers are needed and the amount of time you devote is up to you.
- **DONATE:** The amazing, collaborative PTSA programs need funding. That funding comes exclusively from you, CMS families, through the [Just Write a Check campaign](#).

The PTSA and the students of CMS greatly appreciate you being as generous as your budget allows with donating. 100% of your tax-deductible donation will go directly to supporting CMS.

Be sure to always check the [CMS weekly email update for information and volunteer opportunities](#).

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

### **HSS PTSA Fall Flea Market**

The HSS PTSA Fall Flea Market is coming up fast! Register now for spots to sell your items or do outreach of your own in the community. Each spot is \$15 and HSN and HSS clubs are eligible for the discounted rate of \$5. The Flea Market will be held from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. rain or shine Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019, in the HSS front parking lot. For more information click [here](#).

## SEPTSA

Check back here for updates from SEPTSA.

**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.
- Senior College Planning Nights will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, at High School South and 7 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 17, at High School North. Details around college applications and the admissions process will be presented. If parents cannot make their son or daughter's school event, they may attend either night.

### 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](#).
- **Saturday Sports Programs**- On the Court Basketball, TGA Golf, TGA Tennis & TGA Cheerleading offered October 12-November 2. Check out the specifics in the Community Education [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](#)