

Oct. 11, 2019

Community Middle School Weekly Update

Oct. 17 and 18: Early Dismissal for CMS for Parent/Teacher Conferences

PTSA News

Members NEEDED

- **In order for the CMS PTSA to be able to be able to run, [parent membership is needed](#)!** With more members, the CMS PTSA can fund, plan, support, implement and provide all the amazing, anticipated programs.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- CMS Halloween Dance - Friday, Oct. 25 at 7pm - \$5 tickets on sale Tuesday through Friday (10/22 - 10/25) during lunch periods. If you would like to assist with ticket sales, or chaperone at the dance, [please sign up](#).
- CMS Scholastic Book Fair - THANK YOU! - A huge thank you to the parent volunteers, families, students and staff who supported the 2019 CMS PTSA book fair. GREAT NEWS... You can still:
 - Shop the [online CMS PTSA Scholastic Book Fair](#) until tomorrow, Oct. 12.
 - Buy [pre-sales](#) of the 14th Diary of Wimpy Kid and the 8th Dog Man

DONATE TO / JOIN the CMS PTSA

It is so easy to [DONATE](#), [VOLUNTEER](#) and [JOIN the PTSA](#).

- Please note: If using a mobile device to [join](#) or [donate](#), the mobile site may require you to click the redirect button to make it load correctly.
- **DONATE:** 100% of your [tax-deductible donation](#) will go directly to supporting CMS programs and activities.
- **VOLUNTEER:** There are many opportunities still available for this school year to [volunteer with the CMS PTSA](#), which is entirely run by CMS parents — just like you.
- **JOIN:** The more families that [join the PTSA](#), the more of a collective voice we provide for the benefit of our kids.

Support CMS without spending a dime: Collecting and sending Box Tops and McCaffrey's receipts to CMS is an easy way for you to help the CMS PTSA raise funds with your regular purchases. Note that McCaffrey's receipts expire 3 months from purchase date. Box Tops and receipts can be put in the PTSA drawer in the front office. [Questions?](#)

Check the CMS weekly email update for information and volunteer opportunities.

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

SEPTSA

- SEPTSA is a districtwide PTSA supporting parents, guardians and students who receive special education, related services and accommodations for physical, emotional and or learning challenges.
- If you have a student with an IEP or a 504 plan and you missed our table at Back To School Night, click [here](#) for the membership form.
- **SEPTSA's First Parent Workshop** is Nov. 14, 7 p.m. at Community Middle School. Dr. Teresa Herrero Taylor, PhD BCBA-D, will present on the evaluation referral process and assessments (educational, psychological, speech-language) conducted by the child study team. Learn more about how testing determines special education eligibility and shapes IEP development.

Useful Links: [WW-P SEPTSA Facebook](#) | [WW-P SEPTSA Website](#)

School News

Check out the [Academic Calendar](#) to see upcoming dates.

- **Oct. 21:** Students that may have missed their picture day in September can have their pictures taken Oct. 21 in the theater. Order forms are located in the Main Office.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences/Early Dismissal:** Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 17 from 6-8 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 18 from 1-3 p.m. Conferences at the middle level are teacher-initiated. Teachers will contact you if they have a need to schedule a conference. On Oct. 17 and 18, students will have an early dismissal.

- **Halloween at CMS:** On Friday, Oct. 25, from 7 - 9p.m., we are hosting a Halloween Dance for CMS students only. Ticket sales will occur during lunches starting Tuesday, Oct. 22 through Friday, Oct. 25. Students may wear school appropriate costumes. Please avoid full face masks and no weapon replicas.
- **On Thursday, Oct. 31,** students are encouraged to dress up as our staff will be as well. Again, school appropriate costumes. Please avoid full face masks and no weapon replicas.

Reminders

- If your child participates in after school activities, please check out the [updated information](#).
- For everyone's safety, please do not drop-off your child in the main parking lot. To find more information about drop-off/pickup procedures, please click on the link: [Community Middle School Drop-Off/Pick-Up Reminders](#). If the CMS parking lot is full, please park in the HSN parking lot. Please do not park along the grass or in the fire lanes. We need to keep the fire lanes open for emergency vehicles and late buses.
- CMS students are allowed to stay after school to watch CMS interscholastic games. Students must be supervised and remain in the Commons until the game starts. Students are expected to follow the Code of Conduct before, during and after the game.

Athletics

- [Winter Sports Registration for middle school students](#) will open through Genesis 8 a.m. Oct. 7 and close 11 p.m. Nov. 4
- Please view the [CMS athletic schedule](#) for games.

Around the District News

- Mark your calendars for [Wicoff's Centennial Celebration](#) Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.! Wicoff is encouraging families to carpool and park at the Plainsboro Plaza Shopping Center as parking will be limited on school and church property.
- The annual [HSN vs. HSS Serve Up Hope Game](#) will be held on Oct. 14. All proceeds will benefit the Rainforest Alliance.
- Register now for High School South's Math League sponsored WW-P Math Expo. This Oct. 26 event is open to students in grades 3-8. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.
- Join us at the 11th induction ceremony of the WWPHS South Hall of Honor on Nov. 2! The hall of honor was founded to connect the past to the present and the

future; in recognizing those who have brought honor to our school we keep alive the spirit of South. These honorees are an integral part of our history. Check out the [website for this year's inductees and to purchase tickets](#) or send a check (for \$25 made out to WWPHSS Hall of Honor) to Cathy Tantum at HSS.

District Updates

- [District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Event Calendar](#)

Counseling and Wellness

- The WW-P College Fair will be held Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6-8 p.m. at High School South. Please visit the [district website](#) for a complete list of college representative that will be on hand.
- The first Parent University event of the school year will be held Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at High School South. The topic will be "The Road to Resilience: Developing a Growth Mindset." Please visit the district website for more information on this and other upcoming [Parent University Events](#).

Community Education

- Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement starts on Tuesday, Oct. 15. Parents are invited to come and learn about money management skills to set you up for a future beyond work. [Sign up with Community Education under the 2019-20 Adult & Youth Programs](#). Registration closes on Sunday, Oct. 13.
- Family Fun Friday is Oct. 18! Parents and children are welcome to join us for step-by-step canvas painting. You and your child will be creating coordinating S'mores paintings. No artistic experience necessary. [Sign up with Community Education under 2019-2020 Adult & Youth Programs](#)
- Extended Day Program registration is ongoing throughout the school year! [Sign up when you need it.](#)

Community Events

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

Food Services

- Make sure to download [Sodexo's So Happy app](#)! Download the app to view nutritional information, allergens and more. Check out the [menus](#) for October!

WW-P Board of Education

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

WW-P Education Foundation

- Mark your calendars for the [WW-P Education Foundation's Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival](#) Oct. 19, 2019, at Grover Middle School. This event is broken up by grade level: grades K-3 will meet from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and grades 4-8 will meet from 2- 4 p.m.

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

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