

Oct. 18, 2019

Community Middle School Weekly Update

PTSA News

- **[More Members are NEEDED](#)**. **We need you!** In order for the CMS PTSA to be able to be able to run effectively, [parent membership is needed](#)! With more members, the CMS PTSA can fund, plan, support, implement and provide amazing programs.
- **[DONATIONS ARE ALSO STILL NEEDED](#)**: It is so easy to [DONATE](#) to the CMS PTSA. 100% of your [tax-deductible donation](#) will go directly to supporting CMS programs and activities.
 - *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.*
- **[PARENT CHAPERONES STILL NEEDED](#)**: **CMS Halloween Dance** is Friday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. \$5 tickets on sale Tuesday through Friday (Oct. 22-25) during lunch periods.
- CONTEST EXTENDED to Wednesday, Oct. 23: Send your **Box Tops and McCaffrey's receipts** in with your child and they can be entered to win the first contest of the year. 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.

Additional News

- **CMS/GMS Math Workshop Night** - Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7-9 p.m. at CMS. Receive information about the Middle School Math Program and the underlying philosophy of the program. [Register in advance](#). You will experience some "Hands-On" activities to demonstrate what Math Class will look like for your child. This event is designed for adults only. If you have questions, [please email](#) WW-P Mathematics Supervisor, Andrea Bean.

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

- **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.
- **Halloween at CMS:** On Friday, Oct. 25, from 7-9 p.m., we are hosting a Halloween Dance for CMS students only. Ticket sales will occur during lunches Oct. 22-25. Students may wear school appropriate costumes. Please avoid full face masks and blow-up costumes. No weapon replicas. Please use the [grade-level pick-up directions and map](#) to pick up your child at 9 p.m.
 - 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 blow up costumes. No weapon replicas.
- **Oct. 25:** at 6 p.m. at High School North there will be a one of a kind seminar on mental well-being with renowned speakers and mental health advocates from Letters to Strangers, Pure Edge, We're All A Little Crazy and more. [Sign up in advance and learn more about the event for parents and students](#) (ages 11 and up). This event is sponsored by the students of the internationally-recognized HEAL and NuYu community problem solving teams at High School North and Community Middle School.
- Check out the [Academic Calendar](#) to see upcoming dates.

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**. For more information about drop-off/pickup procedures: [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. The fire lanes need to be 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

- Please view the [CMS athletic schedule](#) for upcoming games.
- [Winter Sports Registration for middle school students](#) will close 11 p.m. Nov. 4.

Around the District News

- Gorgeous designer handbags plus tricky tray raffle prizes at the [HSS Post Prom Pocketbook Bingo THIS Sunday, Oct. 20](#) at Millstone River School to benefit Post Prom 2020. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and games begin at 2 p.m. Tickets include 12 games of bingo and are \$30 at the door.
- Save the date for the **High School North National Honor Society's Trunk or Treat** 4-6 p.m. Oct. 26 in the HSN Stadium Parking Lot. Click [here](#) for more information on this event.
- Parents and students (ages 11 and up) are invited to join HSN and Community Middle School student organizations **HEAL and NuYu Friday, Oct. 25** at 6 p.m. at High School North for a one-of-a-kind seminar on mental wellbeing with renowned speakers and mental health advocates. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.
- Village and Millstone River Schools are holding a **coat drive for a local charity**. The schools will be accepting clean, gently worn winter jackets and coats as well

as NEW hats, scarves, gloves and mittens. Donations can be dropped off

Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Millstone River School.

- 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.
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District Updates

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

Counseling and Wellness

- A special Parent University event will be held **Thursday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.** at High School South. The Road to Resilience: Developing a Growth Mindset offers parents practical strategies in supporting child and adolescent resiliency, grit and perseverance. The importance of healthy coping mechanisms, emotional intelligence and supportive relationships to overcome adversity will be discussed. Please visit the district website for more information on this and other upcoming [Parent University Events](#).

Community Education

- **Cultivating Joy After Loss** - Monday, Oct. 28. Presented by Blindspot Training. Adults will learn strategies to work through loss and begin to bring more joy into their life. Sign up through [Community Education](#) under 2019-20 Adult & Youth Programs. Please note: There is a cost associated with this program. *This is not a substitute for grief counseling.*
- Tennis Anyone? **Family Fun Friday** is Nov. 15. Presented by TGA of Mercer County - Children and parents, come out for a night of family fun, with tennis and snacks! Learn basic skills of the game in a non-competitive environment. All

equipment is provided. Sign up through Community Education under 2019-20 Adult & Youth Programs. Please note: There is a cost associated with this program.

- **Extended Day Program** registration is ongoing throughout the school year! [Sign up when you need it.](#)
- Space is still available in the morning and afternoon **Kindergarten Extension**. Register through [Community Education](#) under 2019-20 Extended Day, KE, Pre-K.

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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