

Nov. 1, 2019

Community Middle School Weekly Update

WW-P Schools are closed Thursday, Nov. 7 and Friday, Nov. 8. Due to the shortened week, there will not be a Nov. 8 newsletter.

PTSA News

- CMS PTSA meeting with the Superintendent: 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, at CMS. Dr. David Aderhold, superintendent of schools, will be providing an update on the construction scheduled to start next year at CMS, including a review of changes and adjustments that will affect traffic, driving, parking and drop-off/pick-up.
- **[DONATIONS to "Just Write a Check" are NEEDED!](#)** The CMS PTSA has not yet received enough donations this year for the budgeted programs and activities. Your 100% [tax-deductible donation](#) is needed and will go directly to supporting CMS programs and activities.
- **[More Members are NEEDED. You are needed!](#)** In order for the CMS PTSA to be able to run effectively, [parent membership is needed!](#) With more members, the CMS PTSA can better fund, plan, support, implement and provide amazing programs.
- *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.*

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

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

Other Events

- **CMS/GMS Math Workshop Night** - Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7-9 p.m. at CMS. Get information about the Middle School Math Program and the underlying philosophy of the program. 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. [Register in advance using this form](#). If you have questions, please email the Mathematics Supervisor, Andrea Bean, at andrea.bean@ww-p.org

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.
- **Nov. 14: SEPTSA Meeting – Deciphering Tests and Evaluations**, 7 p.m. at Community Middle School (55 Grovers Mill Road, Plainsboro). **Speaker:** Teresa Taylor, Ed.Ph.D., Psychologist, Adjunct Professor at Rider University, and Director of Special Services in Freehold Regional High School District. Following our brief PTSA meeting, Dr. Taylor will discuss the Special Education evaluation process, the tests often administered and their measures/ metrics to better understand how these tests assess the student’s academic and cognitive needs. Contact Kathleen at kkz4@verizon.net to let us know if you can attend and if you have any questions.

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

School News

- Reminder that schools will be **closed Thursday, Nov. 7 and Friday, Nov. 8**. Check out the [Academic Calendar](#) to see additional upcoming dates.
- Believe it or not, **winter weather will be coming soon**. To be proactive and to ensure that you are “in the loop” on all announcements regarding weather-related closings or changes in schedules, please click [HERE](#) for our district’s communication system.
- **Save the Date:** Come and support CMS’s Bookfair at Barnes & Noble, Marketfair Mall, Princeton on **Friday, Dec. 13, 2019**, from **4-9 p.m.** We will have a lot of activities and events for your entire family!
 - Our very own Principal, Dr. Carter and Assistant Principals, Mr. Schimpf and Mr. James will be reading children's books.

- Members of the CMS Orchestra, Band and choir will be performing near the mall entrance of Barnes & Noble.
- There will be student-led activities of arts and crafts for all ages and free gift wrapping from 4-9 p.m.
- A Teacher's Wish List table will be available for parents and students to view. Stop by to see if you can purchase a book for your child's favorite teacher.
- Also, be sure to mention "**CMS**" **at the register and café**. A percentage of all your B&N purchases will benefit CMS Media Center Events. If you can't make it to the Bookfair, you can also support us **online from Dec. 13-18** by entering Bookfair ID #**12536611** at checkout. We hope to see you there!
- Families, please remind your child that they are responsible for personal devices and technology they bring with them to school. From our Student Handbook: Personal gaming systems, laser pointers, and other entertainment devices are not permitted in school at any time. Cellphones and smart devices capable of accessing the internet should be turned off and stored in the student's assigned locker during school hours (7:40 a.m. – 2:46 p.m.). These devices should never be in possession of students during the school day unless a teacher invites them to bring the device to class for an assignment. **CMS will not assume responsibility if electronic items are lost, stolen or damaged**. Students violating the rules for their use will have the items confiscated and will receive disciplinary action as stated in the discipline code.
- 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.

- There will be no CMS Fall Clubs this week. Fall clubs will resume **Tuesday, Nov. 12**. Fall Clubs include Debate Club, End of Year Video Club, Environmental Club, Gourmet Club, HAW, Panther Press, Positive Panthers and Zumba Club.

Athletics

- [Winter Sports Registration for middle school students](#) through Genesis will be open through 11 p.m. Nov. 4. Winter sports include wrestling and cheerleading for students in grades 6, 7, and 8 as well as basketball for students in grades 7 and 8.
- Please view the [CMS athletic schedule](#) for games.

Around the District

- **WWPHS South Hall of Honor:** Join us at the 11th induction ceremony of the WWPHS South Hall of Honor on Nov. 2! Check out the [website for this year's inductees and to purchase tickets](#).
 - **Pink-Out Football Game** - TONIGHT, Nov. 1. October is breast cancer awareness month! Support the WW-P United Football Team by wearing pink and black for the last home game at High School North. Long and short-sleeve, Pink-Out T-shirts will be for sale at the game. Proceeds will benefit Hope in a Blanket, a local charity.
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District Updates

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

Counseling and Wellness

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

Community Education

- Winter After School Enrichment is now open for registration. Spaces fill fast, so do not delay! Download the brochure from the district [website](#). Registration closes Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020.

- [Check out](#) some exciting Family Fun Nights and Upcoming Adult Program available through Community Education.
- 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

- **The Big Disconnect: Family Life in the Digital Era:** WW-P parents are invited to attend a Hamilton Township School District sponsored presentation by Dr. Catherine Steiner-Adair titled, "[The Big Disconnect: Family Life in the Digital Era](#)" on Nov. 13, 7 p.m. at Reynolds Middle School in Hamilton Township.
- 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 November!

WW-P Board of Education

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

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

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