

Nov. 15, 2019

Community Middle School Weekly Update

PTSA News

- **ATTN: Everyone who drives on Grover's Mill Road... Join us at the CMS PTSA meeting with the Superintendent of Schools - 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19**, at CMS. Dr. Aderhold 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-offs/pick-ups.**
- **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.*

Make sure to check back each week for important updates and volunteer information.

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.

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

School News

- Reminder: All WW-P schools will have an early dismissal Wednesday, Nov. 27 and will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29. 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. To sign up to receive additional messages from the townships please follow the links below.
 - [Plainsboro Township/Police Alerts](#)
 - [West Windsor Township/Police Alerts](#)
- The latest edition of the CMS Parent Bulletin is up [online](#). Enjoy photos and news from the first few months of school.
- The **CMS yearbook** is on sale. Click [here](#) for more information and for online ordering instructions.
- **[Grovers Mill Road - Utility Pole Work](#)** - CMS has been notified of continued utility pole work in Plainsboro. The work will continue onto Grovers Mill Road and may cause closures that can impact timely access to the school through the end of 2019.
- We are celebrating **American Education Week** from **Nov. 18-22**. This week presents a unique opportunity where you are invited to experience a “day in the life” of your child. **On Nov. 20, at CMS from 7:40-11 a.m.** we invite you to observe your child’s classrooms as he or she participates in core subject and special area lessons.
 - To pre-schedule a visit, please call the main office at **609-716-5300 by Monday, Nov. 18**. [Check out the detailed schedule for each grade level.](#)

- We look forward to you joining us and hope that you can take advantage of this excellent opportunity. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.
- **Save the Date** for CMS's Bookfair at Barnes & Noble, Marketfair Mall, Princeton **from 4-9 p.m. Dec. 13.**
 - Join us for special book readings, student performances, arts and crafts for all ages, free gift wrapping from 4-9 p.m. and more.
 - Mention "**CMS**" **at the register and café.** A percentage of all your B&N purchases will benefit CMS Media Center Events.
 - Support us **online from Dec. 13-18** by entering Bookfair **ID #12536611** at checkout.

Reminders

- 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.

Athletics

- Did you know that WW-P has an Athletic Hotline? [Athletes and fans can find out about game and practice cancellations by calling our hotlines.](#)
- Please view the [CMS athletic schedule](#) for upcoming games.

Around the District

- Some fantastic WW-P high school theater productions will be occurring during the next two weeks. High School North will present *Clue* Nov. 14-16 and High School South will present *Moon Over Buffalo* from Nov. 21-23. Click [here](#) for show details.
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District Updates

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

Counseling and Wellness

- The next Parent University event will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at Grover Middle School. "Parenting in the Age of Social Media" will be the evening's topic. Understand new realities, current trends and best practices for parenting in the digital age where social media has become a significant part of the adolescent experience. Check out the upcoming [Parent University Events](#) for the 2019-20 school year.

Community Education

- Winter After-School Enrichment is now open for registration. Registration closes Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020. [Spaces fill fast, so do not delay.](#)
- Family Fun Nights and Upcoming Adult Programs: [Check out what is coming up with Community Education.](#)
- Extended Day Program registration is ongoing throughout the school year. [Sign up when you need it.](#)
- Upcoming SAT Programs - Community Education sponsored classes through [Kaplan](#), [Princeton Review](#), and [Lentz & Lentz](#) offered throughout the school year at High School North and South. Find the right program for you and register online.

Community Events

- [Teen Vaping: What You Need to Know](#) - An informative presentation by Dr. Michael Steinberg, director of Rutgers Tobacco Dependence Program, Monday, Nov. 25, 2019, from 7-9 p.m. at Princeton High School Performing Arts Center. The evening is sponsored by Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.
- 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 this month and take the parent/student surveys!

WW-P Education Foundation

- The Education Foundation is accepting requests through Dec. 15, 2019, for the [STAR Campaign](#). Give a STAR to honor your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal or staff member who makes a difference in their lives. Your donation helps fund our many grants that enrich your child's education. Click on the attached flyer for more information.

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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