

## Community Middle School Weekly Update

### PTSA News

- Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 17 and 19: **CMS Spirit Panther Wear will be on sale** during all lunch periods. Kids love CMS Panther Wear gear to show their school spirit! \*Note: This sale will be cash only.\*
- **VOLUNTEER** at CMS's Bookfair at Barnes & Noble (see info below in "School News").
- **During this season of giving, please consider donating to CMS PTSA**. The CMS PTSA has not yet received enough donations this year for the planned programs and activities -- INCLUDING TEACHER MINI-GRANTS. Your 100 percent tax-deductible donation is needed and will go directly to funding and implementing amazing programs for CMS students.
- **Support CMS Without Spending a Dime:**
  - **AmazonSmile:** Use the AmazonSmile program, a simple and automatic way for you to support CMS. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. To set up your account you will need to go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://Smile.Amazon.com) and type "Community School PTA" as our charitable organization. Once you do that, just go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) whenever shopping and CMS will receive the benefits.
  - **McCaffrey's Receipt:** Sending in your McCaffrey's receipts to CMS is an easy way for you to help the PTSA raise funds with your regular purchases. Note that McCaffrey's receipts expire three months from the purchase date.
  - **Box Tops:** The new way to collect box tops will be to scan your store receipt using the Box Top app. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label

(no more clipping / scan your receipt). If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online. Note: You only have two weeks to scan your receipt. It is extremely easy to do. Once you install the app on your phone, it takes seconds to do. \*If you have the old type of Box Tops, please clip and send those to school.\*

- *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.*

**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.

**Links:** [WW-P SEPTSA Facebook](#) | [WW-P SEPTSA Website](#) | [Membership Form](#)

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## **School News**

- **Reminder: CMS Barnes & Noble Bookfair** is tonight, Friday, Dec. 13. Activities will be held from 4-9 p.m. Click [here](#) for more details. Not able to make it? Shop online and use the Bookfair ID number found on the [flyer](#) at checkout.
- **On Friday, Dec. 20, the CMS cafeteria will be closed. No breakfast or lunch items will be sold. Students are encouraged to bring in snacks to eat during their shortened lunch periods. CMS will also dismiss all students at 12:12 p.m. There will be no late buses (4:15 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.).**
- **CMS Spirit Week** is from Dec. 16-20:

- Dec. 16: **Comfy Cozy Day** – Students and staff are encouraged to wear their coziest sweatshirts, sweatpants, or fuzzy socks!
- Dec. 17: **Teacher/Student Swap Day** – Students are encouraged to dress up like one of their favorite teachers, and teachers are encouraged to dress up like a student for the day! It’s like Freaky Friday, but on a Tuesday!
- Dec. 18: **Wacky Wednesday** – Students and staff are encouraged to come to school dressed a little wacky with crazy hairstyles, wigs, mismatched clothes, socks, or shoes! This is a day to have a little fun with your attire.
- Dec. 19: **Throwback Thursday** – Calling all bellbottoms, acid wash jeans, overalls, flower crowns, flannel, chokers, hammer pants, and peace signs! Students and staff are encouraged to pick out an outfit or wear some clothing/accessories from their favorite decade, ranging from the 20s to the 2000s!
- Dec. 20: **CommUNITY Spirit Day (Wear RED and BLACK)** – Students and staff are encouraged to wear their favorite Panther Wear, team t-shirt, or anything red and black! For the pep rally, teams A and B represent RED and teams C and D represent BLACK!
- The **CMS yearbook** is on sale. Click [here](#) for more information and for online ordering instructions. **The yearbook deadline is Dec. 20.**
- Check out the latest edition of the [CMS Parent Bulletin](#).
- **[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.
- Check out the [important upcoming dates for December and January](#).
- Are you signed up to receive text messages from WW-P Schools? Click [HERE](#) for the district’s communication process and make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up-to-date in Genesis. To sign up to receive additional messages from the townships please follow the links below.
  - [Plainsboro Township/Police Alerts](#)
  - [West Windsor Township/Police Alerts](#)

## Reminders

- 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.
- 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](#).
- 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 games.
- [WW-P athletes and fans can now find out about game and practice cancellations by calling our athletic hotlines](#).

### **Around the District News**

- What better way to ring in the holiday season than with a holiday concert? WW-P students and staff have been working all fall to prepare for some **wonderful concerts**. [Click here for a list of upcoming performances](#).

- **High School South's United Charity Drive** looks to brighten the holidays of local organizations and Pirate families. All donations not sent in with students may be dropped off in the bins at the school security desk. Monetary donations can be cash or in the form of a check made out to "WWP High School South" with "charitable giving" noted in the memo/note section. [Click here for more information.](#)
  - **Hands Across the Water Cookie Decorating and Bake Sale** event is Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Grover Middle School. Profits will go to Community Charter School, a school for orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo. [For more information and to RSVP, click here.](#)
  - GMS French students invite you to the **5th Annual White Elephant Sale** Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 3-7 p.m. at Grover Middle School. All proceeds will go to the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. [Check out additional information here.](#)
  - High School North Post Prom Committee will be holding a **Bollywood Dance Class fundraiser** event on Dec. 14, from 3-4:30 p.m. at New Jersey Athletic Club (NJAC). The cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per person with a coin embellished hip scarf. [For more information and to register, click here.](#)
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## District Updates

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

## Counseling and Wellness

- Check out the 2020 dates for our upcoming [Parent University Events](#) or review the previous presentations.

## Community Education

- [Winter After-School Enrichment is open for registration.](#) Registration closes Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020.
- Extended Day Program registration is ongoing throughout the school year. [Sign up by clicking here.](#)

- Upcoming SAT Programs - Community Education sponsored classes through [Kaplan](#), [Princeton Review](#), and [Lentz & Lentz](#) are offered throughout the school year at High School North and South.

### **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**

- Download the [Sodexo's So Happy app](#) to view nutritional information, allergens, [menus](#) and more.

### **WW-P Education Foundation**

- The Foundation is accepting requests through Dec. 15, 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 grants that enrich your child's education.
- The Foundation will hold its [Holiday Fair](#) for grades pre-K-5 on Dec. 7 in the Village School Cafeteria from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### **WW-P Board of Education**

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meeting](#) dates. Agenda and materials for Board meetings are published after 3:30 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting.

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

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Youtube](#)