

Dec. 20, 2019

## Community Middle School Weekly Update

**All WW-P Schools will have an early dismissal today, Dec. 20, 2019. All schools will be closed Monday, Dec. 23, 2019, through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. The board offices will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019, through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. All schools and the board offices will reopen Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. This will be the final newsletter of 2019.**

### PTSA News

- **SAVE these January 2020 DATES:**
  - **Jan. 22:** CMS / GMS PTSAs -- West Windsor and Plainsboro Police Department presentation and discussion.
  - **Jan. 28:** [Parent presentation of "Mykee" assembly](#) at 7 p.m.
  - **Jan. 30:** CMS PTSA Coffee with the principals. Please join us for our annual round table discussion about the transition from middle to high school with CMS principal Dr. Shauna Carter and HSN principal Dr. Jonathan Dauber. Note: This meeting is scheduled one week before the Program of Studies meeting on Feb. 6, when 8th-grade parents will learn about scheduling for high school.
- **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](#):** When you shop Amazon, please shop to benefit CMS PTSA by using [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). You will find the exact same low prices and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to CMS PTSA!
  - **McCaffrey's Receipts:** 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:** Please clip BoxTops OR [get the new BoxTops app](#) to make scanning and donating to CMS PTSA super easy! \*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

- **Dec. 28: Lego Buddies - 9:45 a.m.** Join our informal gathering of elementary students with IEPs or 504s to socialize through Lego play at the West Windsor Library.
- **Jan. 7: Transition to College Talk & Pizza - 6:30 p.m.** High schoolers with IEPs or unclassified issues who are considering a two/four-year college are invited to Romeo's Pizza (10 Schalks Crossing, Plainsboro), to eat pizza and discuss navigating higher education with collegians who faced similar challenges.
- **Jan. 30: PTSA Meeting "Understanding How to Improve IEPs and 504s" - 7 p.m.,** at Community Middle School (55 Grovers Mill Rd, Plainsboro). The speaker, Beth Manes, J.D., Special Needs Attorney, will help parents understand how to effectively use IEP documents and evaluations to improve your child's school experience.

Please contact Jennifer Riccards ([jenballen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenballen@yahoo.com)) for questions or to RSVP.

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

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## School News

- Check out the [important upcoming dates for January and February](#).

- Make sure you are 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](#)
- The **CMS yearbook** is on sale. Click [here](#) for more information and for online ordering instructions. **The yearbook deadline is TODAY (Dec. 20).**
- **Parent Program: Supporting Teens in Reducing Their Stress (and Ours!) with Matt Bellace, Ph.D. on Thursday, Jan. 9,** at 7 p.m. in the CMS Theater. Dr. Bellace uses humor to convey a very powerful message about adolescent development, the impact of screen time and sleep deprivation on teens, and the need for healthy emotional outlets. [Click here for more information on this event.](#)
- 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.

## Reminders

- For everyone's safety, please do not drop-off your child in the main parking lot and follow the directions of district staff members supervising drop-off procedures. 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**

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

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

## **Counseling and Wellness**

- **Parent University:** A special Parent University event will be held Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m. at High School North. The topic: Is Video Gaming Addiction Real? will examine the impact of video gaming on children and adolescents. 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](#).
- Space is available in the morning and afternoon **Kindergarten Extension!** [Register 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!

### **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](#)