

Jan. 17, 2020

## Community Middle School Weekly Update

**Monday, Jan. 20: All WW-P schools and board offices will be closed.**

### PTSA News

**THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, Jan. 22:** @ GMS

**6:30 p.m.** -- CMS PTSA meeting.

**7 p.m.** -- Combined CMS/GMS PTSAs police presentation specifically for middle school parents. Get important information directly from the West Windsor and Plainsboro Police Departments, who will hold a combined presentation and discussion on all kinds of topics about keeping teens safe, including social media safety and drugs/vaping. **\*\*** Please note this presentation is for parents only, no children will be permitted to attend.

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**Jan. 28:** 7 p.m. @ HSS

[Parent presentation of "Mykee" assembly](#). CMS 8th graders will see a similar presentation during an in-school assembly. Come to the parent presentation to see what your kids learned. 8th - 12th graders are also welcome to attend. All presentations are paid for by the middle and high school PTSAs thanks to your generous donations.

**Jan. 30:** 8:30 a.m. @ CMS

CMS PTSA Coffee with the Principals and subject area supervisors. Please join us for our annual round table discussion about the transition from middle to high school. Talk with CMS principal Dr. Shauna Carter, HSN principal Dr. Jonathan Dauber and subject area supervisors. 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.

**[Please consider donating to CMS PTSA.](#)**

- **Donations:** The CMS PTSA is still in need of more donations in order to fully fund the programs and activities planned for this school year -- 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](https://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 Box Tops OR [get the new Box Tops 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

- **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](#)

- **Jan 28:** [SPAN, Parent Advocacy Network](#) will present "**Look to the Future: Transition from School to Adult Life**" hosted by WW-P and the West Windsor-Plainsboro Education Association Jan. 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at Community Middle School. Click [here](#) for more details and registration information.

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## School News

- **8th Grade Parents:** High school administrators and content supervisors will be hosting a Program of Studies Orientation for 8th grade Community MS parents at **HS North Auditorium, Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020, 7 p.m.** A special education parent presentation will begin at 5:45 p.m. in the HS North media center. Curriculum details, scheduling procedures and the importance of making sound course selections will be reviewed. The information provided at this forum will be of great assistance as you and your child plan courses for next year.
- **Opportunity to Donate: *Project Full Stop*,** a student-led initiative on menstruation equity, is collecting feminine hygiene products for students in the school. Donations can be left in the main office in the Project Full Stop box.
- **Pickup/Drop-off:** 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. 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 not be in use during school hours (7:40 a.m. – 2:46 p.m.). 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.
- Check out the [important upcoming dates for January and February](#).
- Click [here](#) for the district's communication process and please make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up-to-date in Genesis.

## Athletics

- Spring sports registration for middle school students will open on Genesis at 8 a.m. on Jan. 27 and will close at 11 p.m. on Mar. 4.

### **Around the District News**

- [WW-P athletes and fans can now find out about game and practice cancellations by calling our athletic hotlines.](#)
  - **Tuesday, Jan. 28:** A special free [presentation of the "Do You Know Mykee" assembly](#) at 7 p.m. in the HSS New Theater sponsored by the district PTSAs. Parents and students in grades 8-12 are invited to attend.
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### **District Updates**

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

### **Athletics**

- Check out the [WW-P Athletics monthly newsletter](#) with information on spring sports registration, exciting upcoming competitions, and honors achieved by our student athletes.

### **Counseling and Wellness**

- **Parent University:** The next Parent University event will be held Thursday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m. at CMS. The topic is "Vaping: What Your Kids Don't Want You to Know." Check out the 2020 dates for our upcoming [Parent University Events](#) or review the previous presentations.

### **Community Education**

- **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!

### **Food Services**

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

### **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.**

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