

Feb. 7, 2020

Community Middle School Weekly Update

Monday, Feb. 10 and Tuesday, Feb. 11: Grades 6-8 will have early dismissal for parent/teacher conferences.

All WW-P schools will be closed Friday, Feb. 14 (professional development day for staff) and Monday, Feb. 17, 2020.

PTSA News

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday, Feb. 12 and Wed., Feb. 13. Students will be registering for spring after school clubs during their lunch periods. The CMS PTSA will be providing [parent volunteers](#) to help out.

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. 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.

JOIN: 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.

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

SEPTSA Events & Notices

- Contact [Kathleen](#) for questions. Visit our website www.WWP-SEPTSA.org to become a member and find out more about SEPTSA.
- **Saturday, Feb. 8 - Lego Buddies** - 10:15 - 11:15 a.m., West Windsor Library. Join our informal gathering of elementary students with IEPs or 504s to socialize through Lego play. RSVP by Friday at 10 p.m. to [Kathleen](#).
- **Accepting Volunteers for Next Year** – Further to our announcement at last week's meeting, SEPTSA is accepting nominations for those interested to help in an officer capacity until Mar. 1. We welcome offers to help in any capacity throughout the year. For officer nominations, contact [Sophie Hanstveit](#) and for other volunteer inquiries contact [Kathleen](#).
- **Sunday, Feb. 23: "Office Hours"** 4 - 6 p.m., McCaffrey's (upstairs cafe). Come meet other special education parents to talk or get informal advice on your issues! Contact [Jennifer Riccards](#) with questions.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 26: SEPAG meeting**, 7 - 9 p.m., Grover Middle School. The topic is TBD, but will likely be the special education program review that just began. Contact [Jennifer Riccards](#) with questions or RSVPs.

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

School News

- **CMS Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Monday, Feb. 10 and Tuesday, Feb. 11, CMS will have an early dismissal at 12:12 p.m. for students so we can hold parent-teacher conferences from 1 - 3 p.m. Please note that February conferences will be teacher-initiated this year as we need to follow-up with as many families as we can during this time. As always, if you have a need to

contact your child's teachers, please email them using their firstname.lastname@ww-p.org. **Students are not permitted to visit other schools during the partial days.**

- **CMS Media Center Update:** We are excited that CMS is getting a new media center through the recent WWPRSD Referendum. To prepare for the move, the media center will be closed Wednesdays through the end of the year for collection management. Please help your child plan accordingly.
- **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.

Athletics:

- Spring sports registration for middle school students is now open in Genesis and will close at 11 p.m. Mar. 4.

Reminders:

- Check out the [important upcoming dates in February](#). Reminder, schools will be closed Friday, Feb. 14 (Professional Development Day for staff) and Monday, Feb. 17.
- Click [here](#) for the district's communication process and please make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up-to-date in Genesis.
- 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.
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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.
- With rising concern over the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak that is currently centered in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, WW-P continues to carefully monitor the situation and heed guidance that has been provided by state and national health organizations. For more information, please click [here](#).

Community Education

- Registration for **Spring After-School Enrichment** is now open. [Spring after-school programs](#) are here and spaces fill fast. Do not delay registration! Registration closes Tuesday, March 24, 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 events 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 Feb. 9, for the [HEART Campaign](#). Give a HEART to honor your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal or staff member who makes a difference in their life. Your donation helps fund grants that enrich your child's education.
- [Innovation Fair 2020](#): The Foundation's Youth Committee will hold auditions for **WW-P's Got Talent** at the HS South Playhouse, from Mar. 5 - 7. The district-wide talent show will be held May 16, 2020, and is a fabulous forum for kids to show off their talents. Acts may include individuals, groups and bands and is open to students in grades K-12! [Click here](#) to register to audition.

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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