

Feb. 14, 2020

## Community Middle School Weekly Update

**All WW-P schools will be closed Monday, Feb. 17, 2020.**  
**Please note: The next newsletter will be sent on Feb. 28.**

### PTSA News

**FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** CMS Student Council March Madness, Friday, Mar. 6, 6 - 8 p.m.

The CMS Student Council will be holding its annual March Madness Basketball Tournament and the PTSA is looking for parent volunteers to help with the event. If you can help, [please sign up](#).

**High School South PTSA parent program**, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. @ HSS

The HSS PTSA invites all parents to their parent program on STEM. Interested in learning more about STEM? Patrick Riccards, chief communications and strategy officer of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and the former executive director of the Pennsylvania STEM initiative will discuss the fields of STEM in college and career. Click [here](#) to register.

**Please consider donating to CMS PTSA.**

- **Support CMS Without Spending a Dime:** When you shop Amazon, please shop to benefit CMS PTSA by using [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).
- **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.
- **Box Tops:** Please clip Box Tops OR [get the new Box Tops app](#) to make scanning and donating to CMS PTSA super easy!
- **JOIN: You are needed!** In order for the CMS PTSA to be able to run effectively, [parent membership is needed!](#)

*\* 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 ([Kkz4@verizon.net](mailto:Kkz4@verizon.net)) for questions. Visit our website [www.WWP-SEPTSA.org](http://www.WWP-SEPTSA.org) to become a member and find out more about SEPTSA.
- **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 ([mjwannabe829@yahoo.com](mailto:mjwannabe829@yahoo.com)) and for other volunteer inquiries contact Kathleen ([Kkz4@verizon.net](mailto:Kkz4@verizon.net)).
- **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 ([jenballen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenballen@yahoo.com)) 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 ([jenballen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenballen@yahoo.com)) with questions or RSVPs.

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

## School News

**T.E.A.M COMMUNITY - [December/January Parent Bulletin](#)**

**Attention 6th Grade Parents:** Outdoor Ed Parent Meetings will be held **Tuesday, Mar. 3 and Thursday, Mar. 5** at 7 p.m. in the CMS Commons. You **must attend one meeting** in order for your child to attend the trip in June. [Click here for more details.](#)

**March Madness 3v3 Basketball Tournament:** Student Council is holding their annual March Madness 3v3 Basketball Tournament Friday, Mar. 6 from 6 - 8 p.m. Team sign up sheets/permission slips will be available Tuesday, Feb. 18 in the main office and outside of room 409 in the 8th grade concourse. **Sign up sheets/permission slips are due Wednesday, Feb. 26** outside of room 409 in the 8th grade concourse. This basketball tournament is open to all CMS students to participate and is a FREE event for CMS families to spectate.

**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.

**Spring Clubs:** Club rosters will be posted during the week of Feb. 17. Spring clubs will start Tuesday, Feb. 25 or Thursday, Feb. 27. Please direct your child to Mr. James or email him directly if there are questions.

**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.

### **Reminders:**

- Check out the [important upcoming dates in February](#). Reminder, schools will be closed 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.

### **Athletics:**

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

### **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**

- 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." A panel of stakeholders will present the risks, challenges and realities of vaping among adolescents within our community. 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, Mar. 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!
- In mid-March, homes will begin receiving invitations to complete the **US Census**. Responses may be submitted online, by phone, or via mail. Results will impact the federal funds our communities and our schools receive.

### **Food Services**

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

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

- [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.**

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