

Feb. 28, 2020

Community Middle School Weekly Update

PTSA News

TELL YOUR KIDS... FUN TIMES FOR CMS NEXT WEEK!

CMS/GMS PTSA ICE SKATING: NEXT Sunday, Mar. 8, 5-7 p.m.

Tickets will be ON SALE during lunches next week for CMS and GMS PTSAs joint ice skating event. Open skate with all your WW-P middle school friends! Tickets are \$10 and include skate rental. Cash only.

TIME TO GET GEARED UP: NEXT Tuesday through Thursday, Mar. 3, 4 and 5.

CMS PTSA will be selling Panther spiritwear during all lunch periods. Kids can buy t-shirts, hoodies and more! Cash only. Next Friday is school spirit day and CMS gear is a great way to show the panther spirit!

***URGENT NEED FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS -- >

- NEXT Tuesday - Friday, [Mar. 3rd - 6th during lunches](#) - Ice skating ticket sales
- NEXT Friday, [Mar. 6, 6 - 8 p.m.](#) - March Madness event volunteers
- NEXT Sunday, [Mar. 8, 5 - 7 p.m.](#) - Ice skating chaperones

CMS MARCH MADNESS: NEXT Friday, Mar. 6, 6-8 p.m.

The CMS Student Council is 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](#).

CMS/GMS PTSA ICE SKATING: NEXT Sunday, Mar. 8, 5-7 p.m.

The CMS and GMS PTSAs are again hosting a fun, joint event -- Ice Skating at Mercer County Ice Rink. The PTSA is looking for parent volunteers to help with ticket sales and to chaperone the event. If you can help, [please sign up](#). Kids can buy tickets during lunches Tuesday through Friday next week. Tickets are \$10 and include skate rental. Cash only.

[Please consider donating to CMS PTSA](#) to help fund programs for ALL CMS students!

- **Support CMS Without Spending a Dime:** When you shop Amazon, please shop to benefit CMS PTSA by using 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) for questions. Visit our website www.WWP-SEPTSA.org to become a member and find out more about SEPTSA.
- **Saturday, Feb. 29 - Lego Buddies - 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.,** West Windsor Library - Join our information gathering of elementary students with IEPs or 504s to socialize through Lego play. Please RSVP by Friday, Feb. 28 at 10 p.m. to Kathleen (Kkz4@verizon.net).
- **Accepting Volunteers for Next Year** – Further to our announcement at the last SEPTSA meeting, we are 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) and for other volunteer inquiries contact Kathleen (Kkz4@verizon.net).

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

School News

Message from 8D Students: The students of team 8D have been working hard on an advocacy project in our IRLA classes. We are trying to raise awareness for a social issue of our choosing. In an effort to raise awareness we will be holding an **Advocacy Fair Wednesday, Mar. 4 during 8th grade indoor recess.** We are asking that students bring single dollar bills so that they may support the good causes at the fair. We appreciate all your help and can't wait to spread awareness on Mar. 4!

Attention 6th Grade Parents: Outdoor Ed Parent Meetings will be held on **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 on Friday, Mar. 6 from 6 - 8 p.m. This basketball tournament is a FREE event for CMS families to spectate. [Parent volunteers needed.](#)

WW-P Special Services Middle School Parent Orientation: All parents of upcoming grade 6 students who receive special services are invited to attend this orientation Wednesday, Mar. 11 at 6 p.m. in the Grover Middle School Library. Child study team members from both middle schools will be available.

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.

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. 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.

Around the District:

- **WW-P presents... spring theater!** [Click here for additional details](#) and ticket information regarding High School North's *Mary Poppins* (Feb. 27-29 and Mar. 1), High School South's *Guys and Dolls* (Mar. 5-7), Grover Middle School's *Freaky Friday* (Mar. 13-14) and Community Middle School's *Dorothy in Wonderland* (Mar. 19-21).
 - Check out the district [academic calendar](#) for important upcoming dates. The 2020-2021 School Year Calendar is posted on the [district website](#) as is the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar that was approved by the WW-P Board of Education at the Feb. 25, 2020 meeting.
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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, Mar. 26, 7 p.m. at CMS. The topic is "Understanding Child and Adolescent Anxiety." Click [here](#) to review this year's previous Parent University presentations.
- With rising concern over the new coronavirus (COVID-19) 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

- The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office presents "[A Parent's Guide to Your Child's Cellphone.](#)" A free and informative presentation that aims to educate parents about internet safety and the dangers of certain phone applications. The

presentation will be held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy (1001 Fire Academy Dr., Sayreville, NJ 08872), **Wednesday, Mar. 11 at 6 p.m.**

- 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. For more information on why this census is so important for WW-P children, check out the Advocates for Children of New Jersey's [Census 2020 NJ website](#).
- 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

- [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](#)