

Mar. 6, 2020

## Community Middle School Weekly Update

### PTSA News

Thank you to all those who recently volunteered -- we could not support the students of CMS without all of our families!

**[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](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 the last SEPTSA meeting, 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)).

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

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## School News

- **Warm Weather Update:** As the weather temperatures increase, please remember that CMS has air-conditioning throughout the building. Students are encouraged to dress in layers as parts of the building can become quite cool. Please also note that all students should adhere to the dress code policy in our middle school handbooks.
- March Madness 3v3 Basketball Tournament: Student Council is holding their annual March Madness 3v3 Basketball Tournament TODAY, 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.
- Attention 6th and 7th Grade Parents: Selection of middle school courses for the 2020-2021 school year will take place in your Genesis Parent Portal account. **Online course requests via Genesis must be completed by Mar. 15, 2020.** Directions were emailed and available via the link below. You may also view a continuation of your child's current academic program for the 2020-2021 school year under the "scheduling" tab in Genesis. For special education students, final placement will be determined during the IEP team annual review meeting. Please discuss course options with your child per the [Middle School Program of Studies](#).
- 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.

#### **Around the District:**

- **WW-P presents... spring theater!** [Click here for additional details](#) and ticket information regarding 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.
  - **GMS's Hands Across the Water Club** is holding a clothing drive through the month of March to benefit the Community Charter School, a school for orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Clothing donations may be dropped off at the Grover Middle School.
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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.
- Take a look at the [Athletic Department's flyer](#) with contact information and details on our local spring sports programs.

## 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.
- [Sign up to participate](#) in the May 16 [Innovation Fair 2020](#). The deadline to register is Apr. 10, 2020. Participation is open to all after-school clubs, groups and teachers with STEAM activities. Registration is also open for the [Fair's Chess Tournament](#).

### **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](#)