

T.E.A.M. CommUNITY

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Welcome to CommUNITY Middle School

As you and your family enjoy the final weeks of summer vacation, please know that we have been working very hard to prepare the building for your sixth grader's arrival on **Thursday, September 5th**. Middle school is truly a journey that you and your child will take together along with our caring and dedicated staff. Here at CMS, we understand the importance of this transition and value getting to know your child in order to optimize the middle school experience. Please continue to stay connected and informed by reading communication from the district as well as from the building. In addition, you can always reach out to your child's teacher, counselor, or case manager through e-mail or by phone. In the meantime, please enjoy the remaining days of summer and thank you for being a part of **T.E.A.M. CommUNITY!**

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Meet the CMS Administrative Team

Dr. Shauna Carter - Principal

Mr. Peter James – Assistant Principal, 6B & 6D, 8th Grade

Mr. Kyle Schimpf – Assistant Principal, 6A & 6C, 7th Grade

Meet the WW-P Supervisors

Ms. Karen Abrams – 4-8 Special Services Supervisor

Ms. Andrea Bean – 6-12 Mathematics Supervisor

Mr. Carl Cooper – K-12 Social Studies Supervisor

Mr. Richard Stec – K-12 Science Supervisor

Ms. Cathy Reilly – 6-12 Language Arts/Literacy Supervisor

Mr. Jeffrey Santoro – K-12 Fine Arts Supervisor

Ms. Sherry Sizemore – K-12 World Language Supervisor

Ms. Susan Totaro – K-5 Curriculum and Instruction Supervisor

Mr. Mark Wise – 6-12 Curriculum and Instruction Supervisor

Dr. Russell Wray – K-12 Industrial Arts Supervisor

Staying Connected with CMS

- Please make sure your e-mail and mailing address are accurate in Genesis. We utilize Genesis to update you on important school events and deadlines.
- Please use the district website to review our [daily announcements](#).
- Please follow us on Twitter. Several district staff members tweet engaging articles and pictures about student learning: @DrCarterCMS @MrJamesCMS @MrSchimpfCMS
- Please attend [PTSA](#), [AAPSG](#), and [SEPTSA](#) meetings. These parent organizations support CMS in many ways and would appreciate your involvement in fostering our parent-school connections.

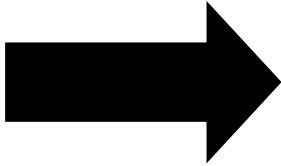
Important Dates and Times

This year's date for **Open House for New Students** is:

- **Monday, August 26th** from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.. Become familiar with the building through a fun scavenger hunt, enjoy opening a locker, and purchase Panther Wear from our PTSA. Please bring a copy of your schedule with your locker combination to the Open House.

Upon arriving to school during the school year:

- **6th Graders** should report to the **Auditorium** between 7:05 a.m. - 7:35 a.m.



Regular school hours are **7:40 a.m. - 2:46 p.m.** If your child comes to school **after 7:40 a.m.**, he or she should report to the **main office**. If your child will be absent or late, please call **Tele Safe: 609.716.5300 ext. 5310**. If your child needs to leave early, please bring a note to the main office.

This year's dates for **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are as follows and scheduled through Genesis:

- **Thursday, October 17th – Evening Conferences** (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)
- **Friday, October 18th – Day Conferences** (will begin at 1:00 p.m.)
- **Monday, February 10th – Day Conferences** (will begin at 1:00 p.m.)
- **Tuesday, February 11th – Day Conferences** (will begin at 1:00 p.m.)

Middle School Sports Information: Middle school students may participate in interscholastic sports that consist of one team per sport. Grade 6 sports include: Baseball; Cross Country; Field Hockey; Boys and Girls Lacrosse; Softball; Track; Wrestling; Cheerleading.

Season	Genesis Registration Opens	Genesis Registration Closes (at 11 p.m.)	Physicals Due to CMS Nurse (by 2 p.m.)	First Day of Practice (tentative)	First Games
Fall	8/5/19	9/6/19	8/30/18 (must be dated on or after 9/9/18)	9/9/19	9/19
Winter	10/7/19	11/4/19	11/4/19 (must be dated on or after 11/4/18)	11/13/19	12/5
Spring	1/28/20	3/4/20	3/4/20 (must be dated on or after 3/4/19)	3/12/20	4/9

Middle School Club/Activities Information:

Please make sure your child listens to the daily announcements for information pertaining to any after-school clubs and activities. We have late buses that leave CMS at 4:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Your child must know the [late bus letter](#) he or she has to take as the late buses do not drop off at the numbered bus stops. Please make sure your child knows his or her **address** and **phone number** before you give them permission to stay after school.



- The first day of school for students is **Thursday, September 5th**, and your sixth grader may be anxious about class locations and lockers, but all our sixth graders will report to the auditorium as soon as they arrive to the building. There we will have our first administrative assembly and our sixth grade team teachers will meet their students. Please make sure your sixth grader knows **the last name of their Period 1 teacher**. This teacher is your child's homeroom teacher and they will have a hard copy of your child's schedule on the first day of school.
- For the first day of school, please do not have your child purchase and bring all of their school supplies for the first day of school. Allow your child's teachers to identify the essential supplies from our [CMS school supply list](#). In addition, please do not buy an oversized backpacks. Our lockers vary in sizes and oversized backpacks will not fit in some of our lockers.
 - **Helpful Hints for Students:** Lockers will vary in location, so do not plan to go to lockers between each period. Get to know where your teachers post homework so that can be shared with your parents. Label all of your belongings with your name, and make sure everything is locked in your hallway and Physical Education lockers!
- Please note that we will have breakfast and lunch for purchase at CMS. If you want to place money on your child's [lunch account](#) or view the [monthly lunch menu](#), please go to the district website or have your child give money to our cafeteria manager, Mr. Al Bossio.
- We want to keep all our students safe and healthy while at CMS. Please review with your child the [CMS 2019-2020 Student Handbook/Code of Conduct](#) so you can reiterate our expectations of being a student at CMS.
- Please make sure all emergency contact numbers and health records are updated. Please call our school nurses, Ms. Michelle Decker and Ms. Kathryn Johnson, if there are any concerns pertaining to your child's health. We have a number of students and staff members with severe allergies and we are using specific health alert signs as well as reviewing safety procedures with our staff and students. **Please refrain from bringing in food or drink that contain ingredients, such as peanuts, tree nuts, milk or eggs, for the safety of our staff and students.**

