Community Middle School Weekly Update

PTSA News

- VOLUNTEER at CMS's Bookfair at Barnes & Noble (see info. below in "School News").
- During this season of giving, <u>please consider donating to CMS PTSA</u>. The CMS PTSA has not yet received enough donations this year for the planned programs and activities -- INCLUDING TEACHER MINI-GRANTS. Your 100% <u>tax-deductible donation</u> is needed and will go directly to supporting programs and activities for CMS students.
- **Support CMS without spending a dime**: Collecting and sending Box Tops and McCaffrey's receipts to CMS is an easy way for you to help the CMS PTSA raise funds with your regular purchases. Note that McCaffrey's receipts expire 3 months from purchase date. Box Tops and receipts can be put in the PTSA drawer in the front office. Questions?
- More members are needed. You are needed! In order for the CMS PTSA to be able to run effectively, <u>parent membership is needed</u>. With more members, the CMS PTSA can better fund, plan, support, implement and provide amazing programs.
- Please note: If using a mobile device to <u>join</u> or <u>donate</u>, the mobile site may require you to click the redirect button to make it load correctly.
- Make sure to check back each week for important updates and volunteer information.

Useful links: PTSA Email | PTSA Website

SEPTSA

SEPTSA is a districtwide PTSA supporting parents, guardians and students who
receive special education, related services and accommodations for physical,
emotional and or learning challenges.

Links: <u>WW-P SEPTSA Facebook</u> | <u>WW-P SEPTSA Website</u> | <u>Membership Form</u>

School News

Check out the important upcoming dates for December and January.

- Are you signed up to receive text messages from WW-P Schools? Click <u>HERE</u> for the district's communication process and make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up-to-date in Genesis. To sign up to receive additional messages from the townships please follow the links below:
 - Plainsboro Township/Police Alerts
 - West Windsor Township/Police Alerts
- The CMS yearbook is on sale. Click <u>here</u> for more information and for online ordering instructions.
- Check out the latest edition of the <u>CMS Parent Bulletin</u>.
- Grovers Mill Road Utility Pole Work CMS has been notified of continued
 utility pole work in Plainsboro. The work will continue onto Grovers Mill Road and
 may cause closures that can impact timely access to the school through the end
 of 2019.
- Save the Date for CMS's Bookfair at Barnes & Noble, Marketfair Mall, Princeton from 4-9 p.m. Dec. 13.
 - Join us for special book readings, student performances, arts and crafts for all ages, free gift wrapping from 4-9 p.m. and more.
 - Mention "CMS" at the register and café. A percentage of all your B&N purchases will benefit CMS Media Center Events.
 - Support us online from Dec. 13-18 by entering Bookfair ID
 #12536611 at checkout.
 - VOLUNTEER at CMS's Bookfair at Barnes & Noble.

Reminders

• Families, please remind your child that they are responsible for personal devices and technology they bring with them to school. From our Student Handbook: 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 be turned off and stored in the student's assigned

locker during school hours (7:40 a.m. – 2:46 p.m.). These devices should never be in possession of students during the school day 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 <u>updated</u> information.
- For everyone's safety, please <u>do not drop-off your child in the main parking lot</u>.
 To find more information about drop-off/pickup procedures, please click on the link: <u>Community Middle School Drop-Off/Pick-Up Reminders</u>. 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.
- 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

- Please view the <u>CMS athletic schedule</u> for games.
- <u>WW-P athletes and fans can now find out about game and practice cancellations</u> by calling our athletic hotlines.

Around the District News

- The HSS Annual Holiday Craft Show is Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at High School South. Admission is \$1. Parking is available at HS South with overflow parking at Maurice Hawk and a shuttle that will run attendees to and from the Craft Show throughout the day. Click here for more information on this event.
- What better way to ring in the holiday season than with a holiday concert? WW-P students and staff have been working all fall to prepare for some wonderful concerts. Click here for a list of upcoming performances.

- **Adult ESL Classes** Free adult evening ESL classes for parents/guardians of WW-P ESL students are being offered Monday or Tuesday evenings 6:30 8 p.m. starting the week of Dec. 9. <u>Click to register and for more details</u>.
- High School South's United Charity Drive looks to brighten the holidays of local organizations and Pirate families. All donations not sent in with students may be dropped off in the bins at the school security desk. Monetary donations can be cash or in the form of a check made out to "WWP High School South" with "charitable giving" noted in the memo/note section. Click here for more information.
- Hands Across the Water Cookie Decorating and Bake Sale event is Dec. 14
 from 10 a.m. 2 p.m. at Grover Middle School. Profits will go to Community
 Charter School, a school for orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo. For
 more information and to RSVP, click here.
- GMS French students invite you to the 5th Annual White Elephant Sale on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 3 - 7 p.m. at Grover Middle School. All proceeds will go to the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. <u>Check out additional information</u> here.
- High School North Post Prom Committee will be holding a Bollywood Dance
 Class fundraiser event on Dec. 14, from 3 4:30 p.m. at New Jersey Athletic
 Club (NJAC). The cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per person with a coin
 embellished hip scarf. For more information and to register, click here.
- Dutch Neck Elementary School PTA is looking for teen volunteers for their holiday event, **Dexter's Emporium**, Saturday, Dec. 7. There are two time slots for volunteers: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 12 -2 p.m. Middle school and high school students can earn volunteer credit hours. Just write "student" when you sign up.
 PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER.

• <u>District Website</u> | <u>Academic Calendars</u> | <u>Event Calendar</u>

Counseling and Wellness

• Check out the 2020 dates for our upcoming <u>Parent University Events</u> or review the previous presentations.

Community Education

- <u>Winter After-School Enrichment is open for registration</u>. Registration closes Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020.
- Extended Day Program registration is ongoing throughout the school year. <u>Sign</u> <u>up by clicking here.</u>
- Upcoming SAT Programs Community Education sponsored classes through
 <u>Kaplan</u>, <u>Princeton Review</u>, and <u>Lentz & Lentz</u> 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 event section on the district's website!

Food Services

 Download the <u>Sodexo's So Happy app</u> to view nutritional information, allergens, menus and more.

WW-P Education Foundation

- The Foundation is accepting requests through Dec. 15, for the <u>STAR Campaign</u>.
 Give a STAR to honor your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal or staff member who makes a difference in their lives. Your donation helps fund grants that enrich your child's education.
- The Foundation will hold its <u>Holiday Fair</u> for grades pre-K-5 on Dec. 7 in the Village School Cafeteria from 10 a.m. 2 p.m.

WW-P Board of Education

• Check out the upcoming <u>Board of Education Meeting</u> 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.

<u>Twitter | Facebook | Instagram | LinkedIn | Youtube</u>