



CHITTENANGO MIDDLE SCHOOL COURIER
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School Fair 2018 Invitation

The annual school fair will be held on Friday, May 11th, at the high school from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.. The fair contains exhibits and activities from all grade levels. Entertainment from various music groups and great food are showcased throughout the evening.

This celebration of learning is an event your family will not want to miss!

April 2018

4/2	Modified Spring Sports Begin	
4/3	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
4/5	Mentor Program	2:20 PM
4/5	French Club - Room 110	2:20 PM
4/5	BPT Meeting	3:00 PM
4/6	End of Marking Period	
4/6	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 PM
4/10	FOR Club - Room 204	2:20 PM
4/10	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	6:30 PM
4/11-4/12	ELA State Testing - Grades 5-8	
4/12	Mentor Program	2:20 PM
4/12	Chess & Graphics Novel Club - Room 217	2:20 PM
4/12	Spanish Club - Room 109	2:20 PM
4/13	Teen Esteem Field Trip	
4/13	Report Cards Issued	
4/13	District Volleyball Tournament @ CHS	6:00 PM
4/16	Board of Education Budget Vote @ CMS	7:00 AM
4/16	Maker Monday - LMC	2:20 PM
4/17	FOR Club - Room 204	2:20 PM
4/17	Student Council	2:20 PM
4/19	Mentor Zoo Field Trip	
4/23 - 4/27	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL	

IMPORTANT DATES

Test Dates for 5th - 8th Grade

April 11-12	5-8th Grade ELA
May 1-2	5-8th Grade Math
May 23-24	8th Grade Science Performance
June 4	8th Grade Science Written
June 12 (PM)	Algebra 1 Regents
June 14 (AM)	Earth Science Regents

NYS Testing Information

Dear Chittenango Central School District Parents/Guardians,

In a few weeks, the New York State Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests will be administered to students. Beginning this year, the number of test sessions for these annual assessments will be reduced from three days to two days. Additionally, like the 2016 and 2017 tests, the 2018 Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Tests will continue to be untimed.

The ELA tests will be given on two consecutive school days (April 11 and 12) and the Mathematics tests on two consecutive school days (May 1 and May 2).

Below you will find a summary of the changes that were made to the 2018 Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests.

- **Two testing days per subject.** The 2018 Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Tests have been reduced from three test sessions per subject to only two sessions per subject this year, meaning each subject will have two days of testing instead of three. With fewer test sessions, each test will have fewer questions than in recent years.
- **Test questions reviewed and written by New York State Teachers.** Hundreds of New York State educators were involved in creating and reviewing questions for 2018 Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Tests and selecting the questions for the test forms.

The changes below were implemented in prior school years and will continue in 2018.

- **The tests continue to be untimed so students who are still working on their exams will be allowed to continue to work, within the confines of the regular school day.**
- **Student performance on the 2018 Grades 3-8 ELA and Mathematics Tests will have no employment-related consequences for teacher and principal evaluations.**
- **Test questions and instructional reports will be released before the end of the school year.** Like last year, the State Education Department will release 75-percent of questions from the 2018 tests and the instructional reports for educators on or around June 1. You can view 2017 test questions on EngageNY (<https://www.engageny.org/3-8>).

You can find more information about the NYS tests (<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/ei/eigen.html>) on the State Education Department's website.

While an important part of the educational process, please know that we do not use these assessments as a sole determination in any type of program placement. To the CCSD these assessments are not high stakes or evaluative measures of Chittenango educators. Rather, assessment results are seen as yet another measure of performance, in addition to several other valuable measures – charting student progress and instructional efficacy.

CCSD Administrative Team

Changes to NYS Health Examination Requirements Effective July 2018

Starting July 2018, mandates in Education Law with regards to physical exams will change. Health examinations will be required for each student in kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth, and eleventh. All students who are entering the school district for the first time, students receiving certain special education services, and all students involved in interscholastic athletics.

Health examinations may be performed at school by the School Medical Director or performed by the student's primary medical provider. They must be dated no more than twelve months prior to the start of the school year in which they are required or the date of entrance to the school for new entrants.



Chittenango Middle School will be participating in a fundraising event for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central New York.

World Wish Day is April 29th and it is a global celebration of wish granting. Therefore, Chittenango Middle School will celebrate and fundraise the week of April 16th-20th.

Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. The foundation strives to provide the wish child and family with extra special memories of joy and laughter. A wish offers a welcome respite - a time for just plain fun!

Chittenango Middle School is helping Make-A-Wish celebrate World Wish Day by creating a business partnership with Dunkin' Donuts and TOPS of Chittenango. Donuts will be sold for \$1.00 during 10th period the week of April 16th-20th. All proceeds will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central New York.

In addition, Make-A-Wish wristbands will be sold during 10th period. Any student who makes a donation, purchases a wristband or a donut, will write their name on a Make-A-Wish star and their star will be displayed in the cafeteria to show their support for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Any additional donations will be appreciated by Make-A-Wish of Central New York. Please send your donation in to the school by Friday, April 20th. Students should give their donations to their ELA teacher.

Thank you in advance for supporting Chittenango Middle School's efforts in creating a climate of support, caring, and concern for each other.



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CMS March Madness Builds School Spirit

The March Madness event featured dodgeball tournaments with students and parents cheering on the teams. The CMS PTA would like to thank teachers, staff, parents, and students for helping us through supporting our gift basket raffles and concessions during the event. Special thank you to teachers, staff, and parents who donated items for the gift baskets.

Teacher appreciation and end of the year celebrations are right around the corner! We are looking for volunteers to help this spring! Please contact chittenangopta@gmail.com.

If you would like to be an officer or chairperson or know someone who would be interested for next school year, please let us know!

The last PTA meeting of the year will be Tuesday, May 15th at 5:30 pm in the middle school library. Hope to see you all there!

Important Upcoming Dates/Events

5/1	Grades 3-8 Math Assessments	
5/1	Board of Education Meeting - Budget Hearing @ CMS	6:30 PM
5/2	Grades 3-8 Math Assessments	
5/3	Mentor Program	2:20 PM
5/3	Modified Picture Day	2:15 PM
5/3	French Club - Room 110	2:20 PM
5/8	Staff Meeting - NO 10th PERIOD	
5/10	Mentor Program	2:20 PM
5/10	Spanish Club - Room 109	2:20 PM
5/10	Chess & Graphics Novel Club - Room 217	2:20 PM
5/11	Early Dismissal	12:30 PM
5/11	School Fair @ CHS	5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
5/15	Budget Vote @ CHS	12:00 PM - 9:00 PM
5/15	Student Council - Room 109	2:20 PM
5/15	PTA Meeting @ CMS Library	5:30 PM
5/15	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	7:30 PM
5/17	Mentor Program	2:20 PM
5/18	35 Week Progress Reports Issued	
5/18	Half Day of School - Early Dismissal	10:15 AM
5/23	Science Performance Test Grade 8	
5/23	Mentor Program Field Trip	
5/24	Science Performance Test Grade 8	
5/28	Memorial Day - No School	
5/31	BPT Meeting	3:00 PM