

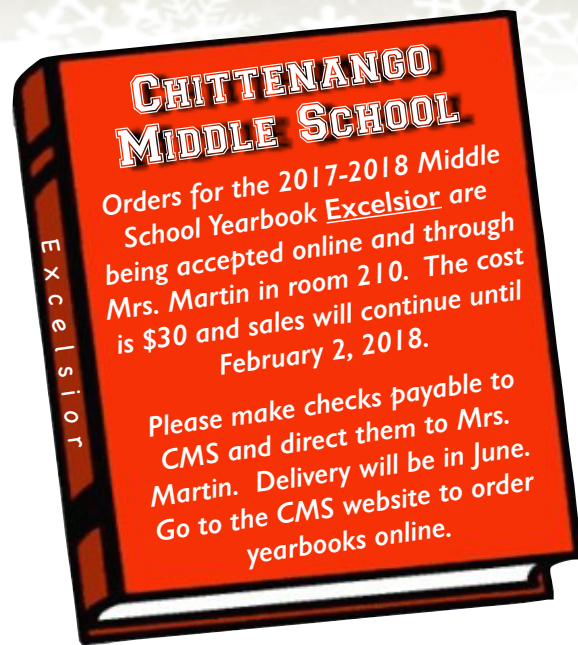


# CHITTENANGO MIDDLE SCHOOL COURIER

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## **December 2017/2018**

12/1	Buddy Program	2:20 PM
12/4	Student Council Food Drive Kick-Off	
12/5	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
12/7	French Club Rm 110	2:20 PM
12/7	Building Planning Team Meeting	3:00 PM
12/8	Buddy Program	2:20 PM
12/8	5th & 6th Grade Activity Night	6:00 - 7:30 PM
12/12	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 PM
12/13	Grades 6/7 Winter Concert @ CHS	6:30 PM
12/14	PTA Meeting	5:30 PM
12/15	15 Week Progress Reports Issued	
12/15	Food Drive Ends	
12/25 - 1/1	Holiday Recess - No School	
1/2/18	Classes Resume	



### Creating Holiday Caring Connections

Middle School is a very important time for students to begin to explore ways in which they can give to others during the holiday season. There are many ways in which young people can serve their community and the holidays is a great time to start. CMS students will be serving our community through various programs and activities during the holiday season. Promoting a season of giving has so many benefits!

#### **Community Service: Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer**

- #10: It's good for you.
- #9: It saves resources.
- #8: Volunteers gain professional experience.
- #7: It brings people together.
- #6: It promotes personal growth and self-esteem.
- #5: Volunteering strengthens your community.
- #4: You learn a lot.
- #3: You get a chance to give back.
- #2: Volunteering encourages civic responsibility.
- #1: You make a difference.

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## **Principals' Message**

It's been a busy and productive fall at Chittenango Middle School. Many parents attended our recent parent/teacher conferences to learn about their children's progress and share information about their children. It is through this strong communication and commitment to working together that we can continue to provide the best educational support for your child. Please continue to communicate your questions and comments.

As we approach the holiday season, we try to focus our attention on those who are less fortunate than we are. This year, we are once again collecting canned foods for the Sullivan Food Cupboard. Students are encouraged to bring nonperishable foods and place them under the tree in the lobby. These items will be collected through December 15, 2017, then boxed by the Chittenango Middle School Student Council representatives. We recognize how fortunate we are and would like to help those who are in need.

During this holiday time, we hope you find many opportunities to enjoy relaxing times with your families. These quality times with family and friends are one of the greatest gifts to give and receive.





We celebrated our wonderful transportation staff November 15th with a breakfast put on by CMS, Bridgeport, and Bolivar Road PTAs. Thank you to all of

our transportation staff! Also, thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make the Transportation Breakfast a success!!

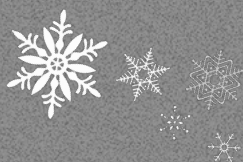
We will be hosting a 5th/6th Grade Activity Night on Friday, December 8th from 6:00-7:30 pm at the middle school. We hope to see a lot of the 5th and 6th graders in attendance. There will be an Ugly Sweater Contest with a prize, so make sure to wear your ugly sweaters!

Our November apparel sale was a success! All apparel orders will be ready for pickup Tuesday, December 12th 4:00-5:30 pm at the middle school or Wednesday, December 13th 4:00-5:30 pm at the middle school. If these times don't work for you, please contact Patty at 315-440-8527 to arrange a pick up time.

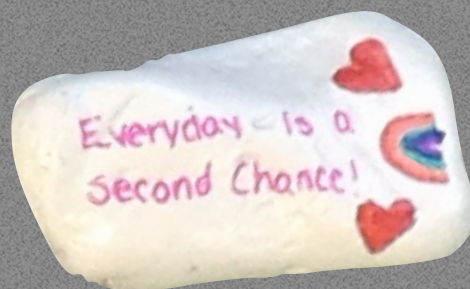
Our next PTA meeting is December 14th at 5:30 pm in the CMS library. We hope to see you all there!

The Chittenango Middle School PTA wishes you a happy and healthy holiday season and Happy New Year!

During the winter, bad weather could result in school delays, closures or early dismissals. We ask that you listen to one of the local radio/tv stations whenever there is inclement weather, as announcements will be made on radio and TV as soon as a decision is made to close. Parents will also be notified through School Messenger, our Emergency Notification System.



On those few occasions, it is very important that you and your child(ren) have a plan as to where they would go in the event of an early closing. This helps to avoid confusion and anxiety.



## #CMSKindnessRocks

The Chittenango Middle School Character Education themes for the first marking period were *Kindness* and *Compassion*. The Character Education Committee collaborated to create a building-wide project that was inspired by Megan Murphy of Massachusetts who started the *Kindness Rocks Project*. All of the middle school students watched an interview conducted by the Today Show on the origin of *Megan's Kindness Rocks Project*. Then, we continued the chain reaction of kindness by painting kind and inspirational thoughts and images on stones that will be spread throughout the Chittenango community.



## Important Upcoming Dates/Events

1/1	Holiday Recess - No School	
1/2	Classes Resume	
1/2	Modified Winter Sports Begin	
1/5	Buddy Group Meeting	2:20 PM
1/5	Music Boosters Coffeehouse @ CMS	6:30 PM
1/9	BOE Meeting @ CHS	6:30 PM
1/9	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
1/15	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School	
1/16	PTA Meeting	5:30 PM
1/23	BOE Meeting @ CMS	6:30 PM
1/26	Second Marking Period Ends	
1/26	Half Day of School - Early Dismissal	10:15 AM