

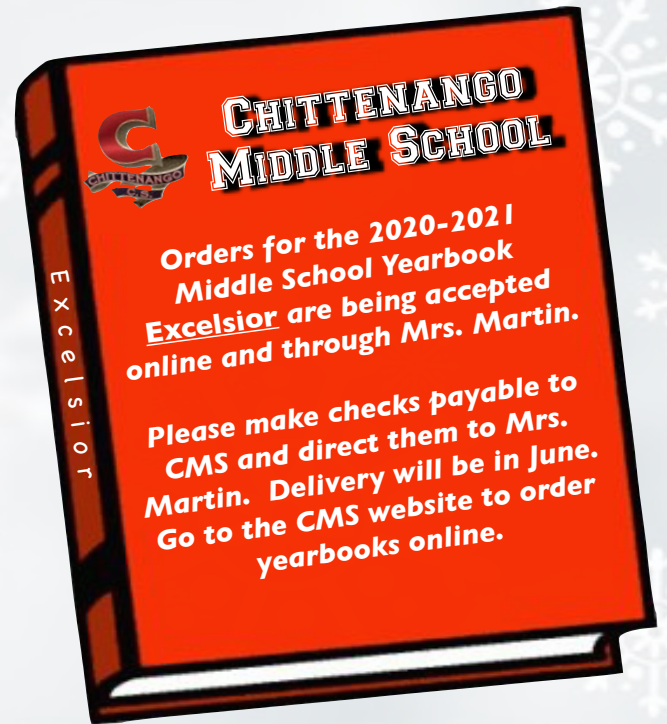


CHITTENANGO MIDDLE SCHOOL COURIER

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December 2020

- 12/2 Student Council Food Drive Kick-Off
- 12/3 Building Planning Team Meeting 3:00 PM
- 12/8 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM
- 12/16 Student Council Food Drive Ends
- 12/16 Virtual Materials Pick-Up 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- 12/18 15 Week Progress Reports Issued
- 12/24 - 1/1 - Holiday Recess - No School
- 1/4 Classes Resume



Principal's Message

It's been a busy and productive fall at Chittenango Middle School. Many parents participated in 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 16, 2020. 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.

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.



Counselor Corner

Kindness and gratitude are vital to our welfare, especially during the ongoing pandemic. People that give of themselves in a balanced way tend to live a happier, longer, and healthier life. Kindness not only improves mood and connectivity with others, but it also enhances overall relationships, and it is often contagious! Kindness can be as simple as saying a heartfelt “good morning,” “hello,” or “have a good night.” Gratitude increases feelings of wellbeing and calm while decreasing stress and anxiety. This holiday season, take a few minutes each day to keep a gratitude journal. Each day simply write down a couple of big and small things in your life that you are thankful for. Also, track in the journal your regular efforts to do something kind for others. Let us all commit to an attitude of gratitude and kindness in our lives! Happy holidays to all Chittenango Bears and their families from the middle school Counseling Center.

Student Council

Congratulations to the following elected officers:

President: Isabelle Damon
Vice-President: Taylor Velardi
Secretary: Margaret Geer
Treasurer: Kole Rode

The Chittenango Middle School Student Council annual Sullivan Food Pantry Food Drive will run from December 2nd through December 16th this year. The goal for 2020 will be to collect 6,300 items, which would be the highest number CMS has ever raised. The top contributors for arrival/first period classes at each grade level (5-8) will earn a class prize donated by the Student Council. If CMS students are able to reach their goal of 6,300, Mr. Merola and Mrs. Samsel have agreed to participate in a fun holiday virtual challenge! In-person students will bring goods to their arrival/first period classes. Virtual students should bring their goods in a bag labeled with their name and first period teacher to Chittenango Middle School from December 2nd - December 16th. Let's all work together for this incredible cause!



We celebrated our wonderful transportation staff with a breakfast put on by CMS, Bridgeport, and Bolivar Road PTAs.

Our next PTA meeting is January 12th 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!

Important Upcoming Dates/Events

1/4	Classes Resume	
1/5	BOE Meeting @ CHS	6:30 PM
1/12	PTA Meeting - LMC	5:30 PM
1/18	No School - Martin Luther King Day	
1/19	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	6:30 PM
1/29	Marking Period 2 Ends	
1/29	Curriculum Half Day Dismissal	10:15 AM