

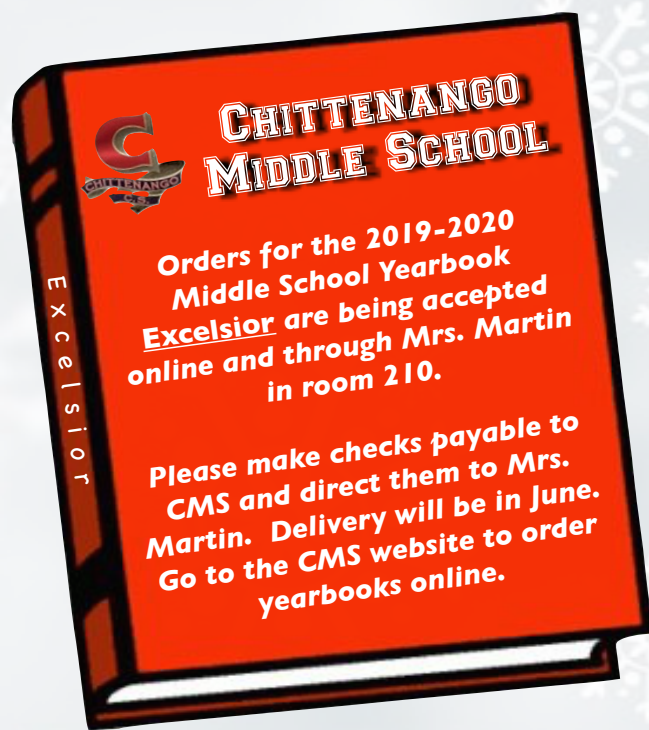


# CHITTENANGO MIDDLE SCHOOL COURIER

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## December 2019

12/2	Student Council Food Drive Kick-Off	
12/3	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
12/4	Lunch Advisory Group - Room 114	2:20 PM
12/4	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
12/4	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
12/4	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 PM
12/4	Yearbook Club - Room 210	2:20 PM
12/5	Gardening Club - Room 138	2:20 PM
12/5	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
12/5	Building Planning Team Meeting	3:00 PM
12/5	Volleyball Sport Picture	3:00 PM
12/5	Basketball Picture - LSE	4:30 PM
12/6	APE Students - YMCA Field Trip	
12/6	BOTB Field Trip	
12/6	3D Printing - Room 203	2:20 PM
12/6	5th/6th Grade Activity Night	6:00 - 7:30 PM
12/10	Chess & Graphics Novel Club - Room 217	2:20 PM
12/10	Chain Reaction Club - Room 204	2:20 PM
12/10	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 PM
12/11	Select Choir Field Trip	
12/11	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
12/11	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
12/11	Science Olympiad Room 225	2:20 PM
12/11	Holiday Concert @ CHS	6:30 PM
12/12	Grade 6 General Music Field Trip	
12/12	Chain Reaction Club - Room 204	2:20 PM
12/12	7/8 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
12/13	Student Council Food Drive Ends	
12/13	15 Week Progress Reports Issued	
12/16	5/6 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
12/16	Holiday Concert @ CHS	6:30 PM
12/17	Student Council - LMC	2:20 PM
12/18	Select Choir Field Trip	
12/18	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
12/18	Yearbook Club - Room 210	2:20 PM
12/19	Select Choir Caroling - Boilvar Height Neighborhood	6:00 - 7:00 PM
12/20	Student Council Food Drive Assembly	
12/23	- 1/3 - Holiday Recess - No School	
1/6	Classes Resume	



## Principal's 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 13, 2019, 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 13th 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 6th 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 next PTA meeting is January 7th 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.



## The Chain Reaction Club

The Chain Reaction Club has kicked off our yearlong "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" initiative! Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a volunteer organization that builds and delivers beds to children and families in need. Throughout the year, we will be doing different fundraisers to purchase twin size bedding for the beds. For the month of December, if you spy some twin bedding at great prices and want to support the cause, you can send in a twin bedding set to the office and we will happily deliver it for you! Stay tuned for more fundraisers and contests.

We are also teaming up with student council for the annual holiday food drive. The Chittenango Teachers Association has once again donated beautiful canvas bags for us to decorate and load up with goods for the Sullivan Food Cupboard. Not only do families receive food for the holidays, they also have a great bag to use as they please, decorated by yours truly! #otherpeoplematter

## Important Upcoming Dates/Events

1/6	Classes Resume	
1/6	Modified Wrestling, Boys' Volleyball & Girls' Modified Basketball Starts	
1/6	5/6 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
1/7	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
1/7	BOE Meeting @ CHS	6:30 PM
1/7	PTA Meeting - LMC	5:30 PM
1/8	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
1/8	Ski Club Begins	
1/10	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 PM
1/10	3D Printing - Room 203	2:20 PM
1/10	Music Boosters Coffee House	6:30 PM
1/17	Curriculum Half Day Dismissal	10:15 AM
1/20	No School - Martin Luther King Day	
1/21	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	6:30 PM
1/24	Marking Period 2 Ends	
1/30	Talent Show - Cafeteria	6:00 PM
1/31	Report Cards Issued	



## 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.