

# CHITTENANGO MIDDLE SCHOOL COURIER



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## Principals' Message

As we look to February, we are excited about our 5th Grade Science Fair on Monday, February 12th at 6:00 PM. We know our students have been working hard on their science experiments. We can't wait to see them.

On Friday, February 2nd, the second marking period report cards will be issued.

As the winter continues on, please remind your child how important it is to be responsible bus students. The roads are covered in snow and driving conditions can be more challenging. It is critical that our students stay seated, keep their voices down and remain respectful towards each other.

Stay warm and enjoy the upcoming winter break from February 19 - 23rd.

## February 2018

2/1	French Club - Room 110	2:20 PM
2/1	Building Planning Team	3:00 PM
2/2	Report Cards Issued	
2/5	F.O.R. Club - Room 204	2:20 PM
2/5	Grade 8 Parent Night @ CHS	6:00 PM
2/6	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
2/6	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
2/7	Yearbook Club - Room 219	2:20 PM
2/7	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
2/8	Chess & Graphic Novels Club - Room 217	2:20 PM
2/8	Spanish Club - Room 109	2:20 PM
2/9	Yearbook Order Deadline	
2/9	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
2/9	5th/6th Grade Activity Night	6:00 - 7:30 PM
2/12	5th Grade Science Fair	6:00 - 7:00 PM
2/13	French Club - Room 110	2:20 PM
2/13	F.O.R. Club - Room 204	2:20 PM
2/13	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
2/13	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	6:30 PM
2/14	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
2/15	Grade 6 Field Trip	
2/15	Chess & Graphic Novels Club - Room 217	2:20 PM
2/16	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 PM
2/16	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
2/19 - 2/23	Mid-Winter Break - No School	
2/24	Science Olympiad Invitational - Cornell University Day Hall Ithaca	6:00 AM
2/27	Student Council - Room 109	2:20 PM
2/27	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
2/27	Choral Night @ CHS	6:30 PM
2/28	Yearbook Club - Room 219	2:20 PM
2/28	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM

## Chittenango Middle School

### MARCH MADNESS

Admission \$1  
per person



Friday, March 9, 2018  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
CHS Gymnasium

Students and family of all ages are all welcome to attend!

Proceeds benefit student events at the Chittenango Middle School that are sponsored by the student council.

Raffle Basket Tickets and Concessions will be available benefiting the Chittenango Middle School PTA.





Learning how to manage and organize time is an important skill for middle school students. Parents can assist with this by structuring study time and helping their child find a healthy balance of work, rest, and play.

Establish a set time for homework every day, and use our school websites to monitor assignments and scheduled activities. Also, maintain the expectation that your child will use his/her agenda to keep track of assigned school work and review it every day with your child.

Help your child find the best time to work on assignments at home. For some it is best to complete school work immediately after school. For others a rest or activity break is helpful to allow the student to recharge after a day of classes. Experiment to find the best schedule that works for your child and fits in with your family's daily routine.

Encourage short regular breaks during work sessions at home. It is usually more productive for a middle school student to work for 20 minutes with a short break then another 20 minutes of study. The breaks help keep the brain alert and focused.

Create a calendar with your child that includes study and homework time, sports and club activities, and other family happenings. Have your child write down due dates for big assignments and tests. Help him/her find time to prepare to meet deadlines and work around extra-curricular activities. When involvement in too many activities seem to cause a decline in school performance, guide your child in making the decision to eliminate an activity. Set a regular bed time so your child gets enough rest each night, and be sure to find time to enjoy having fun as a family.

*Adapted from The Parent Institute brochure on Time Management*

### **Character Education at CMS**

If you're walking into the main entrance at CMS, take a peek at the bulletin board showcasing the students who were nominated as citizens of good character during the second marking period.

While we have focus words for each quarter, students can be nominated for any character trait they exhibit. During the third marking period, our focus is on courage and perseverance.

Congratulations to all of our winners and we're looking forward to the winners ahead!



### **SCIENCE FAIR**

On Monday, February 12, 2018, we will be having the Annual 2018: A Science Odyssey Science Fair at the Chittenango Middle School from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

**6:00 - 6:15 PM**

**Guest Speaker**

**6:15 - 6:30 PM**

**5th grade awards ceremony on the cafeteria**

**6:30 - 7:00 PM**

**View 5th grade projects in the gymnasium**

Please plan on attending this fair and share with your child some of the tremendous projects that are on display.

### **Important Upcoming Dates/Events**

3/2	Band Night @ CHS	6:30 PM
3/4	Orchestra Concert @ CHS	2:00 PM
3/6	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
3/9	25-Week Progress Report Issued	
3/9	CMS March Madness @ CHS	6:00 PM
3/13	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	6:30 PM
3/14	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students	
3/15	5th Grade Drug Free Day	
3/16	Spring Dance Grades 7/8	6:00 - 8:00 PM
3/22	School Play Performance	
3/26	Modified Lacrosse Begins	
3/27	PTA Meeting	5:30 PM
3/27	District Budget Info Mtg/BOE Mtg	6:00 PM
3/30	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL	