

# CHITTENANGO MIDDLE SCHOOL COURIER



## Principal's Message

As we look to February, we are excited about our 5th Grade Science Fair on Monday, February 3rd at 6:00 PM. We know our students have been working hard on their science experiments. We can't wait to see them.

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 17th - 21st.

## Chittenango Middle School

## MARCH MADNESS

Admission  
\$1  
per person

Friday, March 6, 2020

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.

## February 2020

2/3	Grade 5 Science Fair	6:00 - 7:00 PM
2/4	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
2/5	Gardening Club - Room 138	2:20 PM
2/5	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
2/5	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
2/5	Yearbook Club - Room 210	2:20 PM
2/6	Chess & Graphics Novels - Room 217	2:20 PM
2/6	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
2/6	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 - 4:00 PM
2/6	Building Planning Team	3:00 PM
2/7	3D Printing - Room 203	2:20 PM
2/7	5/6 Activity Night	6:00 - 7:30 PM
2/10	5/6 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
2/10	8th Grade Parent Night @ CHS	6:00 PM
2/11	Jared Campbell - Guest Speaker Character Building Assembly @ CMS	
2/11	Student Council - LMC	2:20 PM
2/11	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
2/11	Ukulele & Guitar - Room 131	2:20 PM
2/11	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	6:30 PM
2/12	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
2/12	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
2/12	Yearbook Club - Room 210	2:20 PM
2/13	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
2/13	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 - 4:00 PM
2/13	Jared Campbell Character Building Presentation @ CHS	6:30 PM
2/17 - 2/21	Mid-Winter Break - No School	
2/25	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
2/25	Ukulele & Guitar - Room 131	2:20 PM
2/25	MIOSM Concert @ CHS	6:30 PM
6/7	Band, 7/8 Band, 7/8 Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra & 7/8 Chorus	
2/26	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
2/26	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
2/27	7/8 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
2/27	Chess & Graphics Novels - Room 217	2:20 PM
2/27	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
2/28	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 - 4:00 PM

## The Chain Reaction Club

The Chain Reaction Club is gearing up for a great fundraiser! A schoolwide effort to raise money for Sleep in Heavenly Peace will be underway right after February break. Each student will be learning about the fundraiser on Friday, February 14th, so please ask your child to share the great contest with you! It will run from Tuesday, February 25th through Tuesday, March 3rd. Also, on February 14th, each student will write a Sweet Tweet for another student. The tweets will be displayed on the big screen in the gym atrium. Cheers to spreading kindness! #otherpeoplematter

## **Testing Dates for Grades 5-8**

### **5th - 8th Grade:**

English Language Arts	March 25 & 26, 2020
Mathematics	April 21 & 22, 2020

### **8th Grade:**

Science Performance	May 19 & 20, 2020
Science Written	June 1, 2020
Algebra Regents	June 18, 2020
Earth Science	June 19, 2020
French/Spanish Level 1	June 22, 2020



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.*



### **SCIENCE FAIR**

On Monday, February 3, 2020, we will be having the Annual 2020: 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 in 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**

3/2-3/6	Spirit Week	
3/2	5/6 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
3/3	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
3/4	Gardening Club - Room 138	2:20 PM
3/4	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
3/4	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 - 5:00 PM
3/5	Chain Reaction Club - Room 204	2:20 PM
3/5	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 - 5:00 PM
3/6	25-Week Progress Report Issued	
3/6	3D Printing - Room 203	2:20 PM
3/6	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 - 5:00 PM
3/6	CMS March Madness Game Day @ CHS	6:00 PM
3/7	CMS Science Olympiad Regional Tournament - North Syracuse Jr. HS	7:15 AM
3/10	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	6:30 PM
3/12	5th Grade Drug Free Day	
3/13	Superintendent's Day - No School for Students	
3/19	7/8 Drama Club Performance	6:30 PM
3/20	Spring Dance Grades 7/8	6:00 - 8:00 PM
3/24	PTA Meeting	5:30 PM
3/24	District Budget Info Meeting/BOE Mtg	6:00 PM
3/25-3/26	NYS ELA Test Grades 5-8	
3/30	School Physicals	