

CHITTENANGO MIDDLE SCHOOL COURIER



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Principals' Message

Good attendance is essential for a child's successful experience and academic performance in school. Here are a few ways you can help with attendance issues:

- **Arrival:** Students can arrive as early as 7:20 a.m. Please do not drop off your child before 7:20 a.m. Students begin their academic task at 7:33 a.m.
- **Tardiness:** It is very important that students arrive at school on time. Frequent tardiness interferes with learning and sends students the message that promptness is not important.
- **Absences:** Please remember to call the school in the morning if your child is absent from school. It is important, for the safety of the students, to know where all of our students are. If you would like homework assignments, books, etc. to be sent home to a sick child, it is necessary to request this as early in the day as possible to allow teachers time to collect the needed materials. You may also contact teachers directly through email for homework assignments.
- **Excuses:** While calls about absences are essential, a written excuse is still required when your child returns to school. The excuse should consist simply of the absence date, student's name, reason for the absence, and your signature.
- **Educational Trips:** If your child will be absent for what could be considered an educational trip (visits considered to have educational value), please ask for an educational trip form from the office. If a completed form is submitted to school, your child would not be considered absent on those days, but will **not** be eligible for perfect attendance.

Your support of all these attendance areas sends a strong message to your child about the value of learning and time management. With your help, we will continue to provide the best education possible for your child!

Important Dates

Test Dates for 5th - 8th Grade

April 11-12	5-8th Grade ELA
May 1-2	5-8th Grade Math
May 23-24	8th Grade Science Performance
June 4	8th Grade Science Written
June 12 (PM)	Algebra 1 Regents
June 14 (AM)	Earth Science Regents

March 2018

3/1	Mentor Program - Cafe	2:20 PM
3/4	Orchestra Night @ CHS	2:00 PM
3/6	Faculty Meeting - No Tenth Period	
3/7	Yearbook Club - Room 219	2:20 PM
3/7	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
3/7	Band Night @ CHS	6:30 PM
3/8	Mentor Program - Gym	2:20 PM
3/8	Spanish Club - Room 109	2:20 PM
3/8	Reality Check Movie - Grades 5 & 6	3:00 - 5:00 PM
3/9	25-Week Progress Reports Issued	
3/9	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
3/9	CMS March Madness @ CHS	6:00 PM
3/13	FOR Club - Room 204	2:20 PM
3/13	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
3/13	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 PM
3/14	Superintendent's Day - No School	
3/15	5th Grade Drug Free Day	
3/15	Mentor Program - Cafe	2:20 PM
3/15	Chess & Graphic Novels Club - Room 221	2:20 PM
3/15	Character Education Meeting - LMC	2:30 PM
3/15	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
3/16	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
3/16	SEPTSA Movie @ CHS	5:00 - 9:00 PM
3/16	Spring Dance - Grades 7/8	6:00 - 8:00 PM
3/19	Maker Monday - LMC	2:20 PM
3/20	Student Council - Room 109	2:20 PM
3/20	Technology Meeting - LMC	2:25 PM
3/20	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
3/21	Yearbook Club - Room 219	2:20 PM
3/21	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
3/22	Mentor Program - Classrooms	2:20 PM
3/22	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
3/23	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
3/23	Board Game Night - LMC	3:00 - 5:00 PM
3/26	Modified Lacrosse Begins	
3/27	7/8 Drama Club - Cafe	3:00 - 5:00 PM
3/27	PTA Meeting - LMC	5:30 PM
3/27	Board of Education Meeting (Budget Information)	6:30 PM
3/28	7/8 Drama Club Dress Rehearsal	3:00 - 5:00 PM
3/29	Mentor Program - Gym	2:20 PM
3/29	Chess & Graphic Novels Club - Room 221	2:20 PM
3/29	Drama Club Performance	6:30 PM
3/30	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL	

Character Education at CMS

Congratulations to the students who have been nominated to receive a character education award this marking period! We are very proud of the students at CMS. The following students received a certificate and FREE pizza coupons from Twin Trees!

Mya Vincent	Cate McGork	Kole Rode
Karlee Paone	Alison Navin	Rachel Shackelford
Sean Eiffe	Caroline Porter	Hailey Wesseldine
Miranda Cobb	Hailey Smith	Cassidy Brink
Rachel Shackelford	Seamus Gardner	Acadia Wingard
Ally Smith	Heavenly Reynolds	Sophia Smith
Michele LaTour	Marcus Perretta	Kaitlyn Brink
Jacob Snyder	Austin Salay	Reanna Entwistle
Sarah Fragale	Tabitha Hill	Gabby Collins
Sophia DiGennaro	Will MacAlpine	Rachel Molloy
Jonna Denney	Braeden Morris	Donny Snyder
Kaelyn Rudd	Jaden Miner	Shannon Galster



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March is here once again and so is March Madness - Friday, March 9th at the high school. PTA is still accepting raffle baskets and items for raffle baskets for our biggest fundraiser of the year! We will be raffling the baskets off at March Madness! Any questions, contact Patty Damon 315-440-8527.

Our next PTA meeting will be March 27th at 5:30 p.m. and we hope to see you there as we talk about all of our spring events and end of the year celebrations!

Important Upcoming Dates/Events

4/2	Modified Spring Sports Begin	
4/3	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
4/5	Mentor Program	2:20 PM
4/5	BPT Meeting	3:00 PM
4/6	End of Marking Period	
4/6	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 PM
4/10	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	6:30 PM
4/11-4/12	ELA State Testing - Grades 5-8	
4/12	Mentor Program	2:20 PM
4/13	Report Cards Issued	
4/13	District Volleyball Tournament @ CHS	6:00 PM
4/16	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	7:00 AM
4/17	NYSSMA/Piano Recital @ CHS	6:30 PM
4/19	Mentor Zoo Field Trip	
4/23 - 4/27	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL	



"Drug Free - The Way To Be"

On Thursday, March 15, 2018, the fifth graders at Chittenango Middle School will participate in a drug prevention student conference.

The Objectives of the day are to:

- Increase understanding and importance of positive self-esteem.
- Enhance effective communication skills.
- Strengthen decision making skills.
- Encourage the use of effective stress management techniques.
- Explore healthy and positive alternatives to drugs and alcohol.
- Assist in the transition to middle school.

This special day will allow students to meet new friends, gain support from peers, and enhance skills necessary to resist drugs.

Home, school, and community must work together in order to give consistent drug prevention messages to our students.



"2018: A Science Odyssey"

On February 12, over 150 fifth grade science projects were displayed throughout the gymnasium for judges to view and critique. The topics were interesting and the displays continue to improve each year. Thank you to all teachers and parents who helped students design and construct these creative projects. A special thank you to Marianne Quinn who organized this successful event.

Congratulations to the following students who received special recognition for their projects:

Gabrielle Billington	Jacob Cheek	Claire Kelso
Jackson Blaszkow	Zailor Caras	Evelynn Keville
Nathaniel Cleveland	Torin Ferguson	Jacob Wagner
Angelina Sgarlata	Hunter Flanders	Austin Waldron
Caroline Litman	Olivia Skoglund	Ciara DeBlieux
Ryan Thousand	Aubrey Eddy	Hannah Stiles
Connor Timian	Mason Ferstler	Daniel Cross
Holden Alling	Carmella Furco	Lyra McKinley
Shayna Baker	Lily O'Brien	McKenzie LaCotta
Owen Clark	Tyler O'Connor	Dominic Leonard
Peter Schulz	Parker Schmidt	