

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!



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March is here once again and so is March Madness - Friday, March 8th 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.

Mark your calendars for our Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser which will be March 31st! Get your tickets now as they will not be sold at the door!

Our next PTA meeting will be March 26th 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!

March 2019

3/1	Spring Dance - Grades 7/8	6:00 - 8:00 PM
3/4	5/6 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
3/5	Faculty Meeting - No Tenth Period	
3/5	7/8 Drama Club	2:50 - 5:00 PM
3/6	7/8 Drama Club	2:50 - 5:00 PM
3/7	Mentor Program - Cafe	2:20 PM
3/7	7/8 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
3/7	French Club - Room 110	2:20 PM
3/7	7/8 Drama Club	2:50 - 5:00 PM
3/8	25-Week Progress Reports Issued	
3/8	Chess & Graphics Novel Club - Room 217	2:20 PM
3/8	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 PM
3/8	CMS March Madness @ CHS	6:00 PM
3/9	Science Olympiad Regional Tournament North Syracuse Jr. High School	6:15 AM
3/9	The MOST VEQ IQ Northern NYS Championship Oneida Jazz Festival - Oneida HS	9:00 AM
3/11	5/6 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
3/12	Chain Reaction Club - Room 204	2:20 PM
3/12	Student Council - Room 109	2:20 PM
3/12	Yoga Club - Small Gym	2:20 PM
3/12	Technology Meeting - LMC	2:25 PM
3/12	7/8 Drama Club	2:50 - 5:00 PM
3/12	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 PM
3/13	Yearbook Club - Room 210	2:20 PM
3/13	7/8 Drama Club	2:50 - 5:00 PM
3/14	5th Grade Drug Free Day	
3/14	Spanish Club - Room 109	2:20 PM
3/14	7/8 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
3/14	Mentor Program - Gym	2:20 PM
3/14	7/8 Drama Club	2:50 - 5:00 PM
3/15	Chess & Graphic Novel Club - Room 217	2:20 PM
3/15	MCMEA All County Spring Festival - VVS	3:45 PM
3/16	MCMEA All-County Spring Festival - VVS	8:00 AM
3/18	5/6 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
3/19	Student Council - Room 109	2:20 PM
3/19	Yoga Club - Small Gym	2:20 PM
3/19	7/8 Drama Club	2:50 - 5:00 PM
3/20	Yearbook Club - Room 210	2:20 PM
3/20	7/8 Drama Club	2:50 - 5:00 PM
3/21	7/8 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
3/21	Mentoring Program - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
3/21	Character Education Meeting - LMC	2:30 PM
3/21	7/8 Drama Club Dress Rehearsal	3:00 - 5:15 PM
3/22	Drama Club Performance	6:30 PM
3/25	5/6 BOTB Building Competition	2:20 - 3:30 PM
3/26	Yoga Club - Small Gym	2:20 PM
3/26	PTA Meeting - LMC	5:30 PM
3/26	Board of Education Meeting (Budget Information)	6:30 PM
3/27	7/8 BOTB Building Competition	2:20 - 3:30 PM
3/28	Mentoring Program - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
3/28	CHS Spring Musical	7:00 PM
3/29	Chess & Graphic Novel Club - Room 217	2:20 PM
3/29	CHS Spring Musical	7:00 PM
3/30	CHS Spring Musical	2:00 & 7:00 PM
3/31	Flapjack Fundraiser @ Applebee's (Erie Blvd)	8:00 - 10:00 AM

CMS Student Council's 1st Annual Sock Drive

Warm Feet Happy Hearts

to benefit Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital



WHY: Socks are the number one most requested item at shelters.

WHAT KIND? NEW. Dark Colors are best.
Infant, child, and adult sizes.

DROP OFF AT: Chittenango Middle School
(box outside main office).

WHEN: March 1st - March 28th
*March Madness on Friday, March 8th
(One pair of new socks in lieu of \$1 cover charge)

Character Education at CMS

Chittenango Middle School has begun an initiative called "Motivational Monday." Each Monday on the announcements, a student with ZEST will deliver a motivational quote based on the character strength that The Positivity Project encourages and assigns for that week. The motivational messages will begin with a definition of the character strength and end with the reminder that OTHER PEOPLE MATTER!

Important Upcoming Dates/Events

4/1	Modified Sports Begin	
4/2 - 4/3	ELA State Testing - Grades 5-8	
4/4	Mentor Program - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
4/4	French Club - Room 10	2:20 PM
4/4	BPT Meeting	3:00 PM
4/5	End of Marking Period	
4/5	District Volleyball Tournament @ CHS	6:00 PM
4/6	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 PM
4/9	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
4/9	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	6:30 PM
4/11	Mentor Program	2:20 PM
4/12	Report Cards Issued	
4/15 - 4/22	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL	
4/22	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	7:00 AM
4/25	Mentor Zoo Field Trip	

Counselor Corner

"Drug Free - The Way To Be"
On Thursday, March 14, 2019,
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.

Important Dates

Test Dates for 5th - 8th Grade

April 2-3	5-8th Grade ELA
May 1-2	5-8th Grade Math
May 22-23	8th Grade Science Performance
June 3	8th Grade Science Written
June 19 (PM)	Algebra 1 Regents
June 20 (PM)	Earth Science Regents



"2019: A Science Odyssey"

On February 11, 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 and Elizabeth Shepard who organized this successful event.

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

Emmaline Noon	Adelina Black	Matthew Randall
Natalie DiGennaro	Ella Scimone	Brady O'Connor
Taylor Velardi	Muhammad Murray	Evan Molloy
Hope Rock	Dylan Brownson	Norman Coomer
Sydney Kent	Brindy Byrnes	Hannah DiCesare
Henry Miller	Jensun Becotte	Logan Mills
Mason Corlis	AJ Cullen	Leah Colunod
London Streeter	Ashlin McDermott	Chloe Payton
Lyndsie Joncas	Zachary Driscoll	Ryan Skoglund
Sophia Miller	Lilian Keville	Alexis Pugliano