



CHITTENANGO MIDDLE SCHOOL COURIER

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Principal's 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!

March 2020

3/2-3/6 Spirit Week		
3/2	5/6 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
3/3	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
3/4	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
3/4	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 - 5:00 PM
3/4	Robotic Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
3/4	Yearbook Club - Room 210	2:20 PM
3/5	Chain Reaction Club - Room 204	2:20 PM
3/5	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 - 5:00 PM
3/5	Mentoring Program - Cafeteria	2:20 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 High School	7:15 AM
3/10	Student Council - LMC	2:20 PM
3/10	Ukulele & Guitar - Room 131	2:20 PM
3/10	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	6:30 PM
3/11	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
3/11	Yearbook Club - Room 210	2:20 PM
3/12	5th Grade Drug Free Day	
3/12	Mentoring Program - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
3/12	Gardening Club - Room 138	2:20 PM
3/13	Superintendent's Day - No School for Students	
3/16	5/6 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
3/17	Chain Reaction Club - Room 204	2:20 PM
3/17	Chess & Graphic Novels - Room 217	2:20 PM
3/17	Ukulele & Guitar - Room 131	2:20 PM
3/17	7/8 Drama Club Dress Rehearsal	3:00 - 5:30 PM
3/17	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
3/19	French Field Trip - Educorock Concert	
3/19	Mentoring Program - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
3/19	7/8 Drama Club Performance	6:30 PM
3/20	3D Printing - Room 203	2:20 PM
3/20	MCMEA All-County Spring Festival - Camden	3:45 PM
3/20	Spring Dance Grades 7/8	6:00 - 8:00 PM
3/21	MCMEA All-County Spring Festival - Camden	8:00 AM
3/23	5/ BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
3/24	Ukulele & Guitar - Room 131	2:20 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		
3/25	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
3/26	Mentoring Program - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
3/26	7/8 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
3/26	CHS Spring Musical	7:00 PM
3/27	CHS Spring Musical	7:00 PM
3/28	CHS Spring Musical	2:00 & 7:00 PM
3/30	School Physicals - Nurse	
3/30	Echoes Performance - Grades 6-8	
3/30	5/6 BOTB - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
3/31	Ukulele & Guitar - Room 131	2:20 PM
3/31	Chess & Graphic Novels - Room 217	2:20 PM

PTA

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March is here once again and so is March Madness - Friday, March 6th 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 24th at 5:30 PM and we hope to see you there as we talk about all of our spring events and end of the year celebrations!



Character Education at CMS

Students at CMS participated in Penny Wars from February 25th through March 3rd to support the organization called Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. Bedding donations will continue to be accepted throughout the school year. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Penny Wars, and to all of those who have donated. #OTHERPEOPLEMATTER

Important Dates

Test Dates for 5th - 8th Grade

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

Important Upcoming Dates/Events

4/1	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
4/2	Mentoring Program - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
4/2	7/8 BOTB - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
4/2	Gardening Club - Room 138	2:20 PM
4/2	BPT Meeting	3:00 PM
4/3	End of Marking Period	
4/3	Staff Meeting - NO 10th Period	
4/6 - 4/10	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL	
4/13	Modified Sports Begin	
4/14	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
4/14	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	6:30 PM
4/16	Mentoring Program - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
4/17	District Volleyball Tournament @ CHS	6:00 PM
4/17	Report Cards Issued	
4/20	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	7:00 AM
4/21 - 4/22	NYS Math Testing - Grades 5-8	
4/23	Mentoring Program - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
4/30	Mentor Zoo Field Trip	



"Drug Free - The Way To Be"

On Thursday, March 12, 2020, 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.



"2020: A Science Odyssey"

On February 3, over 130 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:

William Smith	Aidyn Quiles	Cole Antonelli
Zachary Taylor	Sean Navin	Matthew Bartoszek
Sophia Allen	Finnegan Gardner	Matthew Bauder
Rocco Casolari	Chance Lenning	Izzy Vecchio
Molly Douglas	Natalie Fox	Leah Izzo
Lauren Machan	Landyn Buckley	Jacob Thomas
AJ Valente	Eulie Byrnes	Lauren Thompson
Molly Uryniak	Reese Ferstler	Kamri Meehan
Lauren Stolp	Daniel Byrne	Eli Lefort