



## CHITTENANGO MIDDLE SCHOOL COURIER



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## November 2017/2018

11/1	Modified Sports Start	
11/1	Yearbook Club - Rm 219	2:20 PM
11/2	French Club - Rm 110	2:20 PM
11/3	1st Marking Period Ends	
11/3	Buddy Program	2:20 PM
11/3	Board Game Fridays - Library	2:20 - 5:00 PM
11/7	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 PM
11/7	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
11/9	Report Cards Issued	
11/9	Spanish Club - Rm 109	2:20 PM
11/9	Graphics Novels & Chess Club - Rm 217	2:20 PM
11/10	Veterans' Day - NO SCHOOL	
11/13	Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL	
11/14	Student Council - Room 109	2:20 PM
11/14	PTA Meeting - CMS LMC	5:30 PM
11/16	Character Education Meeting	2:20 PM
11/17	Buddy Program	2:20 PM
11/20	CMS Fall Concert Grades 7/8 at CHS	6:30 PM
11/21	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 PM
11/21	Emergency Early Dismissal Drill	1:57 PM
11/22 - 11/24	Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL	
11/30	5th/6th Grade School Play	6:30 PM

## Emergency Early Dismissal Drill

On Tuesday, November 21, 2017, the school district will conduct an emergency early dismissal drill. Students at the middle school will be dismissed at 1:57 p.m. Parents are encouraged to review locations that students will go to in the event of an actual early dismissal situation. Students will be transported to their regular bus stop location on this date. Parents are requested to contact the individual school buildings if your child should be sent to a different location on the date of the drill.

## Principals' Message

During the month of November, there are two opportunities for you to receive important information about your child's progress. The first report card will be issued on November 9th. You are also invited to participate in parent/teacher conferences on November 13th. All of your child(ren)'s teachers are available for conferencing. If you have not yet scheduled a time to meet, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Here are "Five Steps for a Successful Conference" from the Parents Make the Difference newsletter:

1. **Plan for it.** Before you come to your conference, write out the questions you would like to ask. Here are some suggestions:
  - What is my child's attitude about learning?
  - Does my child show respect for others? ... accept responsibility for his/her own behavior? ...seem happy?
  - What are my child's strengths? What needs further development?
2. **Keep an open mind.** Your goal is to work for cooperation between you and your child's teacher. Even if the teacher says something you disagree with, try to listen to what he/she has to say.
3. **Ask to see your child's work.** If your child is doing well, ask what you can do to keep things on a positive track. If there are problems, ask what you can do to help.
4. **Clarify and summarize as you go.** If you don't understand something the teacher says, just ask.
5. **What can I do to support my child's learning at home and school?**

## Student Council

The Middle School Student Council is off to a great start this year.

Congratulations to the following elected officers:

**President:** Carmela Morano

**Vice-President:** Brooke Walters

**Secretary:** Regan Ford

**Treasurer:** Savannah Drake

**Community Outreach Officers:**

Cassidy Brink, Jayda Lawrence, Alexis Collins, Kira Jock, and Bradley Randall

**Historians:** Kyra Penny and Jacob Rose

The 7th and 8th grade Halloween Dance was a great success and prizes were awarded for the most creative, funniest, and best group costumes. Our annual Food Drive to benefit the Sullivan Food Pantry kicks off December 4th. Please start collecting canned food items and other essentials to benefit local families in need. Thank you!



Parent/Teacher  
Conference Day is  
November 13th! This is  
a wonderful opportunity to

get to know your child's teachers, discuss your child's areas of strength, and to address any challenges they may be experiencing.

Creating a strong connection between home and school is very important. Parents, you know your child the best and sharing your insight with teachers will help to make for a successful school year. We are here to help children grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Working together makes a difference!

Please call the Main Office at (315) 687-2800 to schedule a conference.

## Important Upcoming Dates/Events

12/1	Buddy Program	2:20 PM
12/4	Student Council Food Drive Kick-Off	
12/5	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
12/7	Building Planning Team Meeting	3:00 PM
12/8	Buddy Program	2:20 PM
12/8	5th/6th Grade Activity Night	6:00 - 7:30 PM
12/12	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 PM
12/13	Grades 6/7 Winter Concert @ CHS	6:30 PM
12/15	15 Week Progress Reports Issued	
12/15	Library Squad Field Trip	
12/15	Buddy Program	2:20 PM
12/19	Student Council - Rm 109	2:20 PM
12/20	Buddy Program's Community Service Project	
12/25 - 1/1	Holiday Recess - No School	
1/2/18	Classes Resume	



Happy Holidays from the  
Chittenango Middle School  
PTA.

The next CMS PTA meeting will be Tuesday, November 14th at 5:30 p.m. in the CMS Library. We hope you will attend.

Our first fundraiser of the year was a success! We raised almost \$300 with our Boo Grams sale. Thank you to everyone who bought one. We will be having a Fall apparel sale so watch for the link and watch our Facebook page. We also have set up a fundraiser at Chittenango Bottle Return, behind La Cocina. Please consider bringing your bottles there and let them know it is for Chittenango Middle School PTA. Money raised will go directly to next years field trips!

## F.O.R. Club Students to Clear Path

On Friday, October 13th, members of the Middle School F.O.R. Club volunteered at Clear Path for Veterans. Students spent the morning doing community service work up at Clear Path including moving furniture into the dining hall and setting up tables. Students also had an opportunity to tour the grounds and learn all about the amazing programs that Clear Path has to offer to our Veterans. We are very proud of these students for their hard work and dedication. The F.O.R. Club was honored to be of service on this day. We are also honored to be able to raise money throughout the school year from a bottle and can drive to present a monetary donation in June to Clear Path on behalf of the entire Middle School.