



# CHITTENANGO MIDDLE SCHOOL COURIER



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## November 2018/2019

11/1	Modified Sports Start	
11/1	French Club - Room 110	2:20 PM
11/1	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/1	5/6 Drama Club Speaking Roles & Jury	2:50 - 4:30 PM
11/2	1st Marking Period Ends	
11/2	Board Game Fridays - LMC	2:20 - 5:00 PM
11/5	5/6 Battle of the Books Club - LMC	2:20 PM
11/5	5/6 Drama Club Speaking Roles & Jury	2:50 - 4:30 PM
11/6	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
11/6	5/6 Drama Club Speaking Roles & Jury	2:50 - 4:30 PM
11/6	PTA Meeting - LMC	5:30 PM
11/6	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 PM
11/7	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/7	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 PM
11/7	5/6 Drama Club Dress Rehearsal	
	Speaking Roles & Jury	2:50 - 4:30 PM
11/8	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/8	7/8 Battle of the Books Club - LMC	2:20 PM
11/8	Spanish Club - Room 109	2:20 PM
11/8	BPT Meeting - LMC	3:00 PM
11/8	5th/6th Grade School Play - <i>Big Bad</i>	6:30 PM
11/9	Battle of the Books Sullivan Free Library Field Trip	
11/9	Report Cards Issued	
11/12	Veterans' Day - NO SCHOOL	
11/13	Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL	
11/14	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/14	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 PM
11/15	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/15	Buddy Program - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
11/15	7/8 Battle of the Books Club - LMC	2:20 PM
11/15	Character Education Meeting	2:20 PM
11/19	Student Council - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
11/19	5/6 Battle of the Books Club - LMC	2:20 PM
11/19	CMS Fall Concert Grades 7/8 at CHS	6:30 PM
11/20	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 PM
11/20	Emergency Early Dismissal Drill	1:57 PM
11/21 - 11/23	Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL	
11/27	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/27	Yoga Club - Gym	2:20 PM
11/28	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/29	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/29	Buddy Program - Cafeteria	2:20 PM

## 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.

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Happy Holidays from the  
Chittenango Middle School PTA.

The next CMS PTA meeting will be Tuesday, November 6th at 5:30 p.m. in the CMS Library. We hope you will attend. Our first fundraiser of the year was a success! Thank you to everyone who attended 5/6 Activity Night.



## Student Council

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

Congratulations to the following elected officers:

President: Kira Jock  
Vice-President: Manu Tipa  
Secretary: Anna Cavotta  
Treasurer: Keagan Terry

The 7th and 8th grade Halloween Dance was a great success and prizes were awarded for the most scariest, funniest, and best group costumes. Our annual Food Drive to benefit the Sullivan Food Pantry kicks off December 3rd. 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

12/3	Student Council Food Drive Kick-Off	
12/4	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
12/6	Buddy Program - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
12/6	Building Planning Team Meeting	3:00 PM
12/7	5th/6th Grade Activity Night	6:00 - 7:30 PM
12/11	Yoga Club - Gymnasium	2:20 PM
12/11	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 PM
12/12	Holiday Concert @ CHS	6:30 PM
12/13	Buddy Program - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
12/14	15 Week Progress Reports Issued	
12/17	Holiday Concert @ CHS	6:30 PM
12/18	Student Council - Atrium	2:20 PM
12/18	Yoga Club - Gymnasium	2:20 PM
12/20	Buddy Program - Cafeteria	2:20 PM
12/24 - 1/2	Holiday Recess - No School	
1/3/19	Classes Resume	

### Emergency Early Dismissal Drill

On Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 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.



## CMS Peer Mediation

Students at Chittenango Middle School have the opportunity to resolve any conflict through our Peer Mediation Program. Mediation allows students to discuss issues and work through their differences in a neutral, nonjudgmental and congenial environment. Trained eighth grade mediators guide their peers through the process which gives students time to talk about the conflict, calm emotions and create an agreement that satisfies both sides.

Each year a new group of students are trained by our school counselor in communication skills and the mediation process. Students must apply in the spring of seventh grade and receive at least two staff recommendations to be selected for training which begins in June and concludes in September. For more information about this program, contact Vicki McCarthy, School Counselor at (315)687-2805.



## The Chain Reaction Club

This month the Chain Reaction Club spent their time making cards. The sympathy cards were for a beloved teacher from Lynch Literacy Academy, Mrs. Jackson, who was killed tragically in the Limousine accident on October 6th. Students made cards for both the students and colleagues of the school where she worked. Mrs. Jackson has been quoted as an infectious teacher and someone who was always there for her colleagues. The Chain Reaction Club will continue to work throughout the school year to support the communities in our area as well as build a culture of kindness within our school.