



# CHITTENANGO MIDDLE SCHOOL COURIER



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## November 2019/2020

11/1	1st Marking Period Ends	
11/1	7/8 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
11/1	3D Printing - Room 203	2:20 PM
11/1	Jr. High Area All-State at Ithaca High School	
11/2	Jr. High Area All-State at Ithaca High School	
11/4	5/6 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
11/5	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
11/5	PTA Meeting - CMS LMC	5:30 PM
11/5	Board of Education Meeting at Bolivar Road Elementary	5:00 PM
11/5	Rachel's Challenge Community Event - CHS Auditorium	7:00 PM
11/6	CMS Chain Reaction Day	
11/6	Lunch Advisory Group - Room 114	2:20 PM
11/6	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/6	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 PM
11/7	Gardening Club - Room 138	2:20 PM
11/7	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/7	5th & 6th Grade School Play	6:30 PM
11/8	Report Cards Issued	
11/8	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
11/11	Veterans' Day - NO SCHOOL	
11/12	Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL	
11/13	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
11/13	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/13	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 PM
11/13	Student Council - LMC	2:20 PM
11/13	Yearbook Club - Room 210	2:20 PM
11/14	Character Education Meeting - LMC	2:20 PM
11/14	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/14	CHS Fall Play	7:00 PM
11/15	3D Printing - Room 203	2:20 PM
11/15	CHS Fall Play	7:00 PM
11/16	CHS Fall Play	7:00 PM
11/18	CMS Fall Concert Grades 7/8 at CHS	6:30 PM
11/19	Chain Reaction Club - Room 204	2:20 PM
11/19	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/19	Board of Education Meeting at CMS	6:30 PM
11/20	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
11/20	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/20	Yearbook Club - Room 210	2:20 PM
11/21	7/8 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
11/21	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
11/23	7/8 Chorus - Syracuse Crunch Game	
11/25	5/6 BOTB - LMC	2:20 PM
11/26	Early Dismissal Drill	1:57 PM
11/27 - 11/29	Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL	

### Emergency Early Dismissal Drill

On Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 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.

### Principal's 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 8th. You are also invited to participate in parent/teacher conferences on November 12th. 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 "Four 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.



Happy Holidays from the  
Chittenango Middle School PTA.

The next CMS PTA meeting will be Tuesday, November 5th 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: Jack Lamphere**  
**Vice-President: Evelyn Keville**  
**Secretary: Mason Corlis**  
**Treasurer: Taylor Velardi**

The 7th and 8th grade Halloween Dance was a great success and prizes were awarded for the scariest, most creative, and the best group costumes. Our annual Food Drive to benefit the Sullivan Food Pantry kicks off December 2nd. Please start collecting canned food items and other essentials to benefit local families in need. Additionally, the Student Council is collecting Box Tops to support our school and community service efforts. Box Tops to be donated to the Student Council can be dropped off at the middle school library. For those with a smartphone, consider downloading the Box Tops app which allows users to scan any receipts with Box Tops items and donate their Box Tops digitally. Thank you!

### Important Upcoming Dates/Events

12/2	Student Council Food Drive Kick-Off	
12/3	Staff Meeting - No 10th Period	
12/4	Lunch Advisory Group - Room 114	2:20 PM
12/4	Grade 5 Math Olympiad	2:20 PM
12/4	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
12/4	Science Olympiad - Room 225	2:20 PM
12/4	Yearbook Club - Room 210	2:20 PM
12/5	Gardening Club - Room 138	2:20 PM
12/5	Robotics Club - Room 111	2:20 PM
12/5	Building Planning Team Meeting	3:00 PM
12/6	3D Printing - Room 203	2:20 PM
12/6	5th/6th Grade Activity Night	6:00 - 7:30 PM
12/10	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 PM
12/11	Holiday Concert @ CHS	6:30 PM
12/13	15 Week Progress Reports Issued	
12/16	Holiday Concert @ CHS	6:30 PM
12/23 - 1/3	Holiday Recess - No School	
1/6/120	Classes Resume	



Parent/Teacher Conference Day is November 12th! 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 Counseling Office at (315) 687-2806 anytime to schedule a conference to address any concerns you may have.



## 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

The Chain Reaction Club kicked off its first meeting on October 15th. Together we talked about what we've done in the past and this year's initiatives. We are going to be doing fundraisers to buy bedding for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which is an organization that builds beds for children. We are too young to volunteer to build the beds but we are the perfect age to help with providing new bedding! Stay tuned for more details. A lot of new faces and many returning members joined the meeting. It was great! Our next meeting is on November 19th. Come one, come all!