

# CHITTENANGO MIDDLE SCHOOL COURIER

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## November 2020/2021

11/3	Staff Meeting	
11/3	PTA Meeting - CMS LMC	5:30 PM
11/3	Board of Education Meeting at Bolivar Road Elementary	6:30 PM
11/6	1st Marking Period Ends	
11/11	Veterans' Day - NO SCHOOL	
11/13	Report Cards Issued	
11/16	Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL	
11/17	Picture Retake Day	
11/19	Picture Retake Day	
11/17	Board of Education Meeting at CMS	6:30 PM
11/25 - 11/27	Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL	

## 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 13th. You are also invited to participate in parent/teacher conferences on November 16th. More information will follow regarding the parent/teacher conference day.

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.



Parent/Teacher Conference Day is November 16th! 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.

## Student Council

The Chittenango Middle School Student Council had its first official meeting on October 19th via Zoom, and over 50 CMS students participated. Our first order of business was to come up with the themes for the first spirit week of the 2020-2021 school year. Student Council meets once per month via Zoom, and our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 9th at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

## Important Upcoming Dates/Events

12/1	Staff Meeting	
12/2	Student Council Food Drive Kick-Off	
12/3	Building Planning Team Meeting	3:00 PM
12/8	Board of Education Meeting @CMS	6:30 PM
12/16	Student Council Food Drive Ends	
12/18	15 Week Progress Reports Issued	
12/24- 1/1	Holiday Recess - No School	
1/4/21	Classes Resume	



Happy Holidays from the  
Chittenango Middle School PTA.

The next CMS PTA meeting will be Tuesday, November 3rd at 5:30 p.m. in the CMS Library. We hope you will attend.

## The Chain Reaction Club

The Chain Reaction Club had our virtual kickoff meeting on October 20th. We had a great turnout! We will continue to accept new members throughout the school year. Students can check the post made by Mrs. Samsel about CRC to join our Schoology course.

During our first meeting, we talked about why it's important to spread kindness and positivity. We also brainstormed ideas for reaching out to our school community, our Chittenango community and beyond. Our first project is one that focuses on doing something positive at home and/or in our community. Each member will have a Positivity Project prop (kind of like Flat Stanley) to hold up as he/she is doing something kind and positive. Our goal is to do this with all of our CMS students this year!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next Zoom meeting on Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00.