

CHITTENANGO MIDDLE SCHOOL COURIER



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September/October 2020/2021

9/24	Curriculum 1/2 Day - Early Dismissal	10:30 AM
10/1	Building Planning Team Meeting	3:00 PM
10/6	Picture Day	
10/6	Staff Meeting	
10/8	Picture Day	
10/8	Curriculum Night Information sent out - Schoology	
10/9	5-Week Reports Mailed	
10/13	PTA Meeting	5:30 PM
10/13	Board of Education Meeting at Bridgeport Elementary School	6:30 PM
10/12	Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL	
10/30	Curriculum Half Day Early Dismissal	10:30 AM

Student Cell Phone Procedure

Reminder for parents/guardians regarding middle school cell phone procedures. Cell phones including any type of electronic equipment is not to be used during the instructional school day, which starts at 7:35 a.m. and concludes at 2:10 p.m. Cell phones **are allowed** in the building but are to be shut off and kept in the student's backpack for the duration of the day. Students are **not allowed** to have their phones in their possession. If a student does not adhere to these expectations, consequences will be forthcoming only after an initial verbal warning. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

In the event of an emergency, there is a phone in the main office that students are allowed to use. If you need to talk to your child, please call the main office and we will locate them and provide them with a message or have them call you back if necessary. Thank you again for your support!

Attendance Procedures

If your child will be absent from school, please call the attendance desk at 687-2803. If we do not hear from you by 8:30 a.m. an automated phone call will be made notifying you that your child is absent from school.



Principal's Message

Welcome back! The official start of our new school year has begun. I am very excited to begin another year as the Chittenango Middle School Principal and look forward to working with you throughout the school year!

The beginning of a school year is always an exciting time when we renew friendships, make friends, and become reacquainted with school routines. It is also an opportunity to establish a home-school partnership with the teachers who work with your child.

The students are not only applying themselves to learning, but have demonstrated outstanding levels of cooperation and excellent behavior as they return to school.

I don't believe any of us could have predicted the challenges our school community and families would face as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic. What I can promise you is that every staff member at Chittenango Middle School is working endlessly to ensure that your students receive the best education possible under the current learning guidelines. We are committed to educating the whole child and ensuring all students feel they are learning in a safe environment.

As always, your support of your child's educational program is an integral part in his or her success. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns, or wish to pass along information. Establishing strong communication between home and school is an important goal for all of us.

Together, we will have a productive, positive year!

Mr. Merola

CMS Welcomes New Staff Members

Edward Blanch - Counselor
Brian Brzuszkiewicz - 6th Grade Teacher
Patricia Calcara - Occupational Therapist
Caitlin Hauf - Special Education Teacher
Adrianna Kam - Counselor
Cheryl Moore - Special Education Teacher
Meggie New - Special Education Teacher
Emily Prial - 6th Grade Teacher
Christian Rohrer - School Psychologist
Micael Speirs - School Psychologist
Joe White - SRO

Counselors' Corner

Chittenango Middle School welcomes all of our new students. Many students have recently registered to be a part of our school family, as well as all of our 5th graders who joined us in September! The students have adapted to Chittenango Middle School and their smiling faces indicate that they have embraced the change. Parents, if for any reason you or your child has concerns, please contact the Counseling Office at 315-687-2806 and we will help in any way possible. A proactive approach is always best and the counselors can act as a liaison for you to establish connections and communication. The counselors can arrange conferences with teachers to create a plan for success. Your counselors at the middle school are Mr. Blanch, Ms. Kam, and Mrs. McCarthy. They are available and willing to help problem solve any issues or concerns, creating a home and school connection essential to your child's school success.

Nurse Notes

Mrs. Gronau

Here are just a few reminders for the school year. We will soon be into the cold and flu season. If any child has been home or sent home from school with a temperature or vomiting, it is best that the child be fever free for 24 hours without the use of analgesics or free from vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school. If a child needs to take any medication, doctor's orders and parental permission are required. A parent/guardian must bring the medicine to school for the student. **No child should bring any medicine to school.**

All students in UPK, K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th or 11th grades and all students new to the school district must have a physical either from a private physician or it will be done at school in Spring 2021. If you have any health related questions, please feel free to call me at 315- 687-2810.

How's My Child Doing?

Middle School teachers hope to keep you informed of your child's progress electronically through Schooltool. Don't wait for report cards to come home, find out how your child is doing by regularly checking his or her grades online. You can get passwords and class words from your child or your child's teachers.



School Pictures

Welcome back to school everyone! Chittenango Middle School's Picture Day will be sooner than you think!

Students will be given a BJK form to bring home from school related to picture information.

Picture Day is Tuesday, October 6th and Thursday, October 8th.

Parents and Guardians can choose to order their pictures by bringing this form and payment to school on picture day, or they can go to bjkphotos.com and use the keyword CHITMS20 to order online.

Retake Days are November 17th & 19th.

Late Arrival and Early Dismissal

- Late Arrival (parent drop-off): Due to the restriction of visitors, an authorized adult who is dropping off the student will need to call the main office to advise they have arrived. The student would then be greeted by a staff member and will take part in a health screening (completed attestation and temperature check) before being admitted into the building.
- Early dismissal (parent pick-up): Due to the restriction of visitors, students will be released to an authorized adult when the person picking up the students calls the main office to advise they have arrived. The student would then be escorted to the authorized adult.
- All nonessential visitors to school are prohibited.