

CHITTENANGO MIDDLE SCHOOL COURIER



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September 2019/2020

9/12	Curriculum Night for Parents	6:00 - 8:00 PM
9/17	PTA Meeting	5:30 PM
9/17	Board of Education Meeting @ CMS	6:30 PM
9/18	Picture Day	
9/23 - 9/27	Book Fair	
9/26	Curriculum 1/2 Day - Early Dismissal	10:15 AM
9/26	Family Night Book Fair	3:00 - 7:00 PM

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 2:20 p.m. Cell phones **are allowed** in the building but are to be shut off and kept in the student's locker 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!

Late Bus Schedule

Students who stay after school for clubs, extra help, or sports may ride late busses.

Chittenango area late busses leave CMS at 2:55 p.m.
Bridgeport area late busses leave CMS at 3:10 p.m.
Sports late busses leave CMS at 5:20 p.m.

Principals' 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!

September 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.

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 early 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

Curriculum Night

Our annual Curriculum Night will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. In order to give you more specific information about curriculum and instruction, classroom teachers will be making brief presentations to describe their programs and explain their expectations for students. More detailed information will be sent home shortly. **We look forward to seeing you!**

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.



CMS Welcomes New Staff Members

Megan Dudden - Spanish Teacher
Sarah Schiralli - French Teacher
Samantha Mayer - 5th Grade Teacher
Deb Peterson - School Counselor
Bridget McGlynn - School Psychologist (LTS)
Amelia Spade - Instructional Aide
Christine McGregor - Instructional Aide

Special Transportation Requests

If you are planning to pick up your child early or want him/her to get off the bus at a different location, please help us by doing the following:

- Always send a written note stating specifically your child's destination or pick-up time.
- Please avoid phoning in a request and never send a verbal message with your child (for example, "tell your teacher, I'll be picking you up today").
- Try to avoid unnecessary bus passes (for example, sending your child to a friend's house to play).
- If you are picking up your child at dismissal, be here at 2:12 p.m. before the buses leave. *Please be aware that if we have not received written notification or a telephone call and you have not arrived to pick him/her up by the time buses are ready to leave, your child will be sent home on the bus.
- If you plan to transport your child from school on a regular basis, written notification must be sent informing the office.
- If you are dropping off your child in the morning, he/she should arrive between 7:20 a.m. and 7:25 a.m. We do not provide supervision before 7:20 a.m.

We appreciate your efforts to communicate with us about your child's transportation schedule change. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

What to Wear

Recess: The days are getting cooler in CNY and students go outside almost every day. Students should be prepared with a jacket, sweatshirt, hat, gloves, etc.

Physical Education Class: Students are reminded that they must have appropriate athletic wear for class. This is to include sneakers designed for athletics, worn with socks, as well as shorts, sweats, wind pants, or stretch pants, and a t-shirt. Jeans, dress slacks, platform sneakers, and other types of street clothes and shoes do not meet the requirements for physical education class.

Visitors

If you are volunteering in the building, have a scheduled meeting or visitation with teachers, or are picking up your child, please report to the office to sign in when you arrive.



All visitors to the building are required to submit a drivers license to be scanned. A visitor's badge will be created and issued. At the conclusion of your visit, please return to the office to sign out.

School Pictures

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

Students will be given a Lifetouch form to bring home from school on Friday, September 13th.

Picture Day is Wednesday, September 18th and the Picture Day ID is [WL619059YO](#).

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 [Lifetouch.com](#) and use the Picture Day ID to order online.

Retake Day is October 29th.

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.

Important Upcoming Dates/Events

10/3	Building Planning Team Meeting	3:00 PM
10/4	5 Week Reports Issued	
10/4	5th/6th Grade Activity Night	6:00 - 7:30 PM
10/8	Board of Education Meeting @ Bridgeport Elem.	6:30 PM
10/14	Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL	
10/18	Halloween Dance	6:00 - 8:00 PM
10/25	Curriculum 1/2 Day - Early Dismissal	10:15 AM (Chittenango)/10:20 AM (Bridgeport)
10/26	Girls' Modified Volleyball Starts	
10/29	Picture Retake Day	
10/31	Boys' Modified Basketball Starts	