Good evening, Catonsville Middle School Families!

This is the Monday Message for November 21, 2022.

School’s close three hours early this Wednesday, November 23, and are closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving.

CMS Music

Joe Corbi’s Music Fundraiser

Orders will be delivered TODAY, Monday, 11/21. If your music student sold items, please be prepared to pick up after school on 11/21 no later than 5:30PM. We will have all products stored in the band room, so it would be easiest to park at the back of the school and meet us at the music wing (our rooms are surrounded by the outdoor classrooms). There will be A LOT delivered, so we appreciate your patience as we make sure that everything has arrived just right. If items are not picked up on Monday, we cannot ensure that they will be preserved overnight.

REMINDER: our concert season begins sooner than we think! See our winter concert dates below, and make sure your calendars are marked:

- Tuesday 12/6 – Chorus
- Wednesday 12/7 – Orchestra
- Thursday 12/8 – Band

From the PTSA - Message to families:

The PTA teacher appreciation committee is looking for volunteers for a few upcoming activities.

- On December 9th we are hosting a soup and chili luncheon and are asking families to donate to the luncheon. Click here to sign up for an item and show off your culinary talents!

- To help get in the holiday spirit, we have created an Amazon Wish List for the teachers. Our goal is to collect items from Amazon and then have a random drawing every day in December where we allow the teachers to pick from a prize box.

Thank you for your support!

Clubs and Activities:

In addition to the many clubs and activities we offer at CMS, Mr. Eisenberg will be starting a Rummikub club!

Do you like working with numbers? Do you enjoy manipulating patterns and sequences? How about improving your problem solving and critical thinking skills? Or just having a fun time hanging out with your friends and learning a new game?? Then the Rummikub Club is for you!!

Please join Mr. Eisenberg in Room 8 on Wednesdays from 3:15 – 4:15 beginning on Wednesday November 30 for Catonsville Middle School’s first year of the Rummikub Club. Please stop by Mr. Eisenberg’s room (room 8) to pick up a permission slip – no students will be allowed to stay after school without a signed permission slip. Hope to see you there!!!
Attached below is a comprehensive list of the clubs and activities we have at CMS.

CMS Clubs & Activities.pdf

Reports Cards!!!

Student Report Cards became available in FOCUS on November 14th. If you have any difficulty accessing your child’s report card, please contact the office and we will happily print a copy to be sent home! Directions for accessing are included below, as well! Also, if you would like to meet with a teacher or your child’s team, please reach out to any of the grade level Team Leaders:

Grade 6 – Mr. Tim Lovell – tlovell@bcps.org
Grade 7 – Mr. Dylan Linhart – dlinhart@bcps.org
Ms. Brooke Psenicska – bpsenicka2@bcps.org
Grade 8 – Ms. Kelly Dixon – kdixon2@bcps.org
Ms. Katie Tucci – ktucci@bcps.org

Mentoring Matters – Fundraiser for Boys to Men and Ladies of Legacy:

Our mentoring clubs in Catonsville make a huge difference in the lives of young men and women. We offer academic and behavioral support, experiences, skill development, and build bonds that last a lifetime. In order to help these programs meet success, please join us at McDonalds on 11-22 (this Tuesday), from 5-7 pm. Thanks in advance for your support!

Next Saturday ACT Program Tutoring Session:

The first session of the Saturday Act program was a great success. Let’s keep that rolling. The next in person tutoring session will be Saturday, December 3rd from 8:30-11:30am. The program is designed for those students who need additional skill work, may demonstrate gaps in learning, need help with organization or study skills, or are struggling to settle into the school setting and are missing assignments. Cold lunch is provided.

The program will meet two Saturdays per month from 8:30am-11:30am with students who require this accelerated support between now and June. Students may attend several Saturdays or just one or two. Saturday ACT will meet again on 11/12/22 followed by the dates listed below—check out the school website for the full list of offerings:

- December 3rd - We are hoping to have bus transportation from local elementary schools starting this session. We will keep families updated.
- December 17th
- January 14th
- January 28th
- February 11th
If interested, please complete the attached permission slip and email to Brittany Jakubowski (bjakubowski@bcps.org) or deliver it to the front office.

2022-23 CMS Saturdays - Permission Slip Update.docx

Ladies of Legacy

Our club is rooted in empowering and supporting young women, starting with the premise that we must have each other’s back. Our girls’ mentoring group has been hard at work creating “Got Your Back Bags”. We’ve been able to pack over 20 bags, so far, that will be distributed throughout the building for students who need a helping hand. We are seeking more donations of the following items so that we can work towards our goal of 60 prepped bags and being able to restock the bags throughout the year.

Donation items:

- Hair ties, bobby pins
- Feminine hygiene products
- Travel sized toiletries (lotion, sanitizer, toothbrush, toothpaste, spray deodorant, etc.)

If you have any donations, please send them to the front office or have them dropped off to Ms. Jak in Room 1 or Ms. Bull in LC4. Thank you.

From the Library:

We are looking for some volunteers who like wrapping gifts. We have hundreds of books that need to be gift wrapped and tagged. If you have some time to help us with this project, please let us know or stop in and we will get you set up! We have some gift wrap but are always willing to accept donations of generic papers – holiday, plain or all occasion!

Questions? Contact Mrs. Jeremenko or Mrs. Smith in the library

CMS Presents - Matilda, Jr.!

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Matilda, Jr.! What an amazing experience our families, staff, and students who attended had thanks to your weeks of hard work!

Updates for Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball

Congratulations to all students who tried out for the teams! It is not an easy risk to take, and we are proud of all of you!

Happy Thanksgiving