

## Good evening, Catonsville Middle School Families!

*I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying their summer! Things are busy at CMS as we plan for the upcoming year. Summer school is in full swing, and it has been a gift to see not only some of current 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, but also some of our incoming CMS scholars who are participating in our Mega-Math program with Mr. Eisenberg!*

Here are some sunny summer updates!

### Welcome to Mr. Goetz!

Our new Assistant Principal, Mr. Jason Goetz, is fitting in nicely here at CMS! He is joining us from Sollers Point High School and has experience teaching both middle and high school math and special education. He has also honed his instructional expertise as a consulting teacher for math in Baltimore County. He will be working with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade and some 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.

### School Supply List:

This is what you've really been waiting for! The list is attached, just click on the link below. It will also be posted to our website tomorrow morning. All students will be using lockers this year, so we have recommended three-ring binders (one 2-inch binder for the entire day, or two 1-inch binders for before lunch and after lunch classes). While most learning materials are in Schoology, we still want to help students develop those organizational skills when they need to keep track of hard copies of items.

[School Supply List for 2022-2023.pdf](#)

### Summer Reading:

This summer every incoming sixth, seventh, and eighth grade student at CMS is expected to read at least one novel from the #CMSReads Summer Reading List. Each grade level has its own theme and book options. The novel choices vary in subject, genre, length, and reading level, so students and their families are encouraged to explore several options, check out reviews, and visit the local or school library sites together before choosing a novel that fits your needs. We understand that summer is a busy time for many of our families. Therefore, the due date for the #CMSReads project is extended until **Friday, October 7, 2022**. By that date, your student is expected to have read one novel from their grade level's list. To demonstrate comprehension, students will complete one of six different fun projects. For questions, please contact Ms. Jakubowski ([bjakubowski@bcps.org](mailto:bjakubowski@bcps.org)) or Mrs. Smith ([asmith3@bcps.org](mailto:asmith3@bcps.org)). See the attached flyer for more information and novel choices, or visit the CMS website for more details at <https://catonsvillems.bcps.org/>.

[Summer Reading @ CMS.pdf](#)

***The CMS Library will be open August 10<sup>th</sup> from 11 – 1 for any student who would like to come check out a summer reading book!***

**Sixth Grade Orientation:**

Sixth Grade Orientation will take place on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. More details will be sent to our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Families in August. We are looking forward to meeting our newest students!

**Summer Learning Hike:**

Even when school is over, the learning doesn't have to end. Baltimore County is making available - for free - Apex Learning tutorials in Math and ELA. All secondary students will have access to this Learning Hike. This is the perfect opportunity to catch up on learning that was missed or to brush up to avoid a summer learning slide. See the attached flier for details.

[Summer Learning Hike Secondary.pdf](#)

**Summer Reading at the Public Library:**

**BCPL Summer Reading Program Registration** is open! Find more information at the branch and on the [BCPL Summer Reading Webpage](#).

*Please enjoy a safe summer! Another message will be sent with additional details in August. Questions? Give us a call at 443-809-0803!*