**CMS Contact Information:**

**Main Office:** 443-809-7626  
**Counseling Office:** 443-809-7630

**6th Grade Team Leader:** Mr Drought mdrought@bcps.org  
**6th Grade Counselor:** Mrs. Evert Brown jevertbrown@bcps.org  
**6th Grade Administrator:** Mrs. Williams kwilliams35@bcps.org

**7th Grade Team Leader:** Mrs. Sheggrud jsheggrud@bcps.org  
**7th Grade Counselor:** Mrs. Sueta msueta@bcps.org  
**7th Grade Administrators:** (Students A-M) Mr. Benjamin  
(Students N-Z) Mrs. Williams

**8th Grade Team Leader:** Mrs. Youngblood jyoungblood@bcps.org  
**8th Grade Counselor:** Mrs. Schlenoff nthompson2@bcps.org  
**8th Grade Administrator:** Mr. Benjamin jbenjamin2@bcps.org

**Website:** http://cockeysvillems.bcps.org

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**How Do I...?**

**Check my child’s grades?**

You can link to your child via Schoology (bcps.schoology.com). If you need assistance, you can contact our Main Office for support. It is highly recommended parents sign up for their own account and link to their child directly.

**Receive communication from the school?**

Mr. Carney sends a weekly update and a monthly newsletter with all school information. If your email address is on file and you have “opted in” to communications, you will receive these updates. If you are not receiving, please call the Main Office for support.

**Find out what is going on in school?**

We are on all social media and frequently post photos of our students doing amazing things as well as school announcements. These are our OFFICIAL accounts:

- Facebook: Cockeyesville Middle School  
- Twitter: @Cockeye MS  
- Instagram: cms_cougar s1

**Set up a parent/teacher conference?**

You can reach out to your child’s Advisory teacher or your child’s teacher directly via email or phone. If you would like to meet with all teachers, it is generally best to reach out to your child’s grade level Team Leader, Counselor, and/or Administrator via email or phone.

**Pick up my child for early dismissal?**

Write a note or call the Main Office in the morning. You MUST come into the Main Office to sign out your child with your Photo ID. We cannot release your child unless this occurs.

**Get my child more support?**

A wide array of supports exist for our students depending on need. Call or email your child’s administrator, counselor, or Team Leader and they can connect you to the right person.

**Get my child more involved?**

Our website cockeysvillems.bcps.org lists all our MANY sports and clubs! Info on joining is always shared on the announcements in the morning and displayed at lunch.

**Handle my child’s medications?**

A discretionary meds form must be filled out for any medication to be administered in school. For any health issues contact Mrs. Carrier, our School Nurse at acarrier@bcps.org

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Middle school is an exciting time in your child’s life – a time when they are rapidly developing academically, socially, and emotionally - a time of undergoing changes and finding identity. At CMS we seek to cultivate your child’s talents and critical thinking ability while motivating them to be the best version of themselves so they can find success in school this year and beyond. The partnership between us at school and you at home is invaluable in ensuring they find success in school. We look forward to collaborating to make this the best school year yet.
**What is Advisory?**

- Your child’s Advisory is their “home base” when at CMS, but it is also your “Cockeysville Connection” to our school.
- If you need anything from CMS, your child’s Advisory teacher is your point person for questions or concerns if you aren’t sure where to go. They will not only be able to steer you in the right direction, but they can also get you connected to whomever can best help you and your student. They are your partner in making sure your child is successful at CMS.
- In Advisory your child will have a space to check their binder, get themselves organized, check grades, receive a pass for extra assistance to another teacher, and learn soft skills like notetaking and studying.
- Advisory will meet Mondays and Fridays for 30 minutes at 8:00 AM.

**Arrival, Dismissal, and Transportation**

- The school doors open at 7:30 AM for students. Prior to that, students must wait outside regardless of weather conditions.
- Students must be dropped off at Greenside Drive. The Bus Loop is no longer open for parents to drop off students until after 8:00 AM. Please do not pull in the bus loop any more to drop off students in the morning.
- Dismissal is at 2:45 PM – no parents or visitors in the bus loop after 1:45 PM so that buses are not blocked.
- Students may cross Greenside Dr at the beginning and end of the day under the direction of the crossing guard.
- Parents MUST sign students out in the front office if picking them up early from school.
- Classes begin PROMPTLY at 8:00 AM each day. Dismissal is at 2:45 PM each day.

**Cellphone Rules**

While a convenient means of communication, cell phones are a SIGNIFICANT distraction to the learning environment. As such, CMS has adopted the following Cell Phone rules:

- Phones should be OFF and AWAY at all times throughout the day. Consequences will be assigned for students who do not comply.
- Texting/calling their parent will not absolve them of consequences.
- If you need to speak with your child, they should use the phones in the Main Office.
- Airpods or Bluetooth headphones of any kind are NOT ALLOWED in school. Wired headphones only.
- Parent conferences will be required for excessive and/or inappropriate student tech usage.
- Social Media: Please be aware that CMS admins have zero control over a student’s social media space. While we can intervene and assign consequences for school-related issues – parents are responsible and should check and control their own children’s social media usage.

**Supports For Students and Families:**

- Does your student have an IEP and you have questions?
  - Contact Mrs. Newberry (cnewberry@bcps.org)
- Does your student have a 504 plan and you have questions?
  - Contact your child’s School Counselor
- Do you think your child may need extra support because they are struggling across all their classes?
  - Contact your child’s Grade Level Team Leader first and request a Team Parent Conference
  - If a Student Support Team meeting is needed, the Grade Level Counselor and Team Leader will discuss with Mrs. Williams
- Have Athletics questions?
  - Contact our Athletic Advisor Mr. Salansky (msalansky@bcps.org)
- Bullying or Harassment concerns?
  - Your child’s grade level Administrator or Counselor