Good evening, Catonsville Middle School Families!

This is the Monday Message for June 5th!

The 8th Grade Family Picnic & Farewell will be held this Wednesday, June 7th from 4 - 7. Monday, June 12th, and Tuesday, June 13th will be half days for students. CMS will close at 12:00 PM. June 13th is the last day of school for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Cross-Country – Interest Meeting for Fall 2023 (Nothing like thinking ahead!!)

There will be an information meeting held tomorrow at 3:15 in Ms. Psenicska’s class.

Yearbook Distribution

Pre-ordered yearbooks were distributed to students today at lunch. If your student was absent or did not pick up his or her copy, the yearbooks can be picked up in the library.

We were able to purchase some additional copies for those that did not pre-order. Those books cost $35 for a soft cover and $40 for a hard cover. These extra copies will be sold on a first-come first-served basis. We can only accept cash payments at this time.

Fifth-Grade Family Fun Night

Fifth-grade students who will be joining us next year, along with their parents/guardians, are welcome to join us this evening from 5 – 7 for our Fifth Grade Summer Fun Night. This informal event is presented by the CMS NJHS, and there will be games, combination lock practice, and opportunities to meet staff and other new students! This is only for students entering 6th grade for the upcoming year, and students must be accompanied by their families (parent/guardian). We are looking forward to meeting many of our new students!

This event was primarily advertised through our feeder elementary schools.

CMS Summer Fun Night.pdf


The official 2023-2024 #CMSReads Summer Reading information has been posted to the school website. Every 6th, 7th, and 8th grade student is expected to read a novel from the summer reading list and complete a project to demonstrate their comprehension of the theme of the novel. Students are encouraged to get a jumpstart on the project and read over the summer, but we do understand that summer can be busy, so the project is due on Friday October 13, 2023, to the students ELA teacher for 2023-24 school. There you will find a PowerPoint that breaks down the project expectations and contains FAQs, the novel and project choices, and an annotated book list with descriptions of the novels to help students choose. ELA teachers will be covering the presentation in their classes in the next week or so, but if you or your student have any questions please contact Ms. Jakubowski (bjakubowski@bcps.org) or Ms. Smith (asmith3@bcps.org).

CMS Summer Reading Information (PowerPoint)
CMS Summer Reading Book Lists and Project Ideas
Annotated Book Lists
School Schedule for the 2023 – 2024 School Year

Next year CMS will be moving to the block schedule. This means that A Days and B Days will be for more than just specials! The decision to move to the block schedule was made at the end of the 2021-2022 school year, in preparation for the 2023-2024 school year. This will more accurately reflect both the elementary and high school schedules and we hope this will ease students’ transitions both to and from CMS. Please see the attachment below for additional information!

CMS Bell Schedule 23-24.pdf

Residency Reverification 8th Grade Families:

The link included in the reverification letter is no longer live. Please feel free to email Ms. Tyler, ttyler3@bcps.org, or Kristine Alexander, kalexander6@bcps.org, any documents. Families are also welcome to send in information with their student to drop by the School Counseling Office or bring in the paperwork themselves. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Reminder from the Physical Education Department:

Students need to be dressed appropriately for physical education class with athletic shorts or sweatpants and the uniform t-shirt. This also includes appropriate footwear. Students should be wearing athletic shoes. While fashionable, skater style slip on shoes, Crocs and Hey Dudes do not provide the correct support, non-slip, or a secure fit on feet to be safely worn during physical education classes. Please be sure your students continue to bring their uniform t-shirts and appropriate footwear. Your cooperation and attention to student safety is greatly appreciated!

Reminder from the Library

Reminder that all library books WERE due on June 1. Please have your students log in to Destiny and click on “My Info” to see what materials need to be returned.

Lost Items

Please ask your child to check the Lost and Found, many items have been turned in recently. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Locker Cleanout

Please ask your child to start cleaning out their lockers and take items home. Items left in lockers are not able to be stored in the school.

COVID Tests

We have MANY Covid test kits and would be more than happy to distribute these to our families. Let us know using the link below if you would like us to send one home for you!

https://forms.office.com/r/gsqkpUDMgc