Good evening, Catonsville Middle School Families!

This is the Monday Message for August 21, 2023. We can’t wait to see our students!

But, first…

A heart-felt thank you to all of the families who pitched in to make our first morning back to school a warm and welcoming one. The generosity of our community never goes unnoticed by our staff. Thank you for the donations and time you took from your schedules. We are grateful for you! Thanks also to the parent who sent pizza today – another special treat!

New Student Orientation – this Thursday:

We are excited to welcome our students back into the building for the new year and are looking forward to acquainting our new students with Catonsville Middle School! All 6th grade students, and new 7th and 8th grade students are welcome to attend our orientation on Thursday, August 24th. This is a half-day program with doors opening at our normal time – 8:00 AM – and dismissal at 12:00. Buses WILL run that day, so it’s a great opportunity for bus-riders to ride to CMS for the first time! Orientation is a student only event. We will be trying our lockers, meeting teachers, getting to know new classmates, and becoming more familiar with our school. Students will need their devices, and should check their schedule to know who their first period teacher is on an A day.

Opie’s Night!

Join us this Thursday evening from 4 – 6 PM for our Opie’s Meet and Sweet! This is an opportunity to meet our school Administration, see teachers, and meet other students. This will be our third year meeting at Opie’s, and we are looking forward to seeing our students and families! Opie’s is located at 1603 Edmondson Avenue in Catonsville. I hope we see you there!

Transportation:

At this time, all bus information has been uploaded into FOCUS. Please check your account as parents, or your child’s account, to see this information. You should find the bus run, stop, bus number, and pick up times. If the bus number is missing, know that Transportation may be waiting to get numbers from any contracted buses that are assisting the county this year, however it is most important that students know the run and the stop where they will get on and off the bus.
Music Notes:

1. We are looking forward to a great new year of music making! Please check your student’s music class placement for this year and email Mr. Dickerson at tdickerson@bcps.org with any issues or questions you may have.

2. We will have an informational meeting about this year’s school musical after school on Wednesday, 8/30, until 4pm.

3. Music supplies reminder:
   - Band: method books
   - Orchestra: method books and rosin
   - Chorus: 1” binder with dividers

PE Uniforms:

Uniform sales are open from August 21st through September 15th! Sales are online only and uniforms will be distributed to roughly 2 weeks after the store closes. Use the link below to order. The link is also on our website!

https://catonsvillemspe2023.itemorder.com/shop/sale/