

Chardon Middle School

Newsletter

March 2016

The Mission of Chardon Middle School:

To provide experiences that encourage responsibility, communication, collaboration and critical thinking while promoting a tolerance for individual differences.





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A Message from the Principal:

CHARDON MIDDLE SCHOOL ***Commitment to Learning for ALL!***



Another beautiful day in Chardon and SPRING is near! We have less than three months remaining, so I ask ... have you met your goals for this school year? If not, time is running out.

If your child is currently a sixth or seventh grade student, course selection sheets have been collected. Our school counselors have met with the elementary schools for fifth grade transition and scheduling. The high school counselors have met with our eighth grade students on their transition to the high school as well. If you have any questions about the course selection form or course description guide, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Hillman (A-L) or Mrs. Bobinski (M-Z).

I am very proud of our Power of the Pen and Science Olympiad competitors at Chardon Middle School. Both groups have been very successful of late in local competitions. I'm pleased to announce that both Div B (CMS) and Div C (CHS) teams for Chardon Science Olympiad advanced to State Competition that will take place at Ohio State University in Columbus on April 9, 2016.

I want to congratulate the entire Chardon community for earning the EPA Energy Star award. This is the fourth consecutive year we have earned this distinction. Our building

has been a beacon for conserving energy and I am sure this will continue in the future.

The end of the third quarter is fast approaching. Please be sure to check your child's grades on Infinite Campus to ensure they are keeping up with their schoolwork. The end of the third quarter is March 11th.

Please be sure to check our middle school website on a regular basis for up-to-date important information. If there is something your son/daughter is involved in (in or outside of school) that deserves recognition, please share your good news with us. It is our desire that the second half of the school year be excellent for all. If you need to meet with a school counselor, assistant principal, or myself, please do not hesitate to contact us. We suggest that parents call first to schedule appointments before coming in so that you will not experience any delays.

I encourage you to continue to [check out the Chardon Schools webpage](#) and the [Chardon Weebly](#) to find out about all of the events and activities happening at Chardon Middle School. It is updated regularly to keep you informed. Please be sure to follow me on twitter at [@ChardonMiddle](#) for the most up to date information at CMS. I am starting an initiative to reach 1K followers by the end of the school year, please consider being 1 of the 1K.

I am very proud of all that CMS has to offer our students. If you should have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Go Hilltoppers!

Douglas Higham, Principal

Important upcoming dates:

March 9 - Band Concert ... 6:30 pm

March 11 - End of Third Quarter

March 22 - Spring Art Show ... 5:00 - 7:00 pm

March 24 - April 1 ... Spring Break

A Message from the Assistant Principal:

School Attendance Equals Great Success:

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: going to school every day. In fact, research has shown that your child's attendance record may be the biggest factor influencing his/her academic success.

Benefits of daily attendance:

By attending class regularly, your child is more likely to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments, and take quizzes and tests on time.

Achievement: students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass reading and math assessments than students who don't attend school regularly.

Being part of the school community: Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.

The importance of education: Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, and that it's important to take your responsibilities seriously including going to school.



What you can do as a parent?

As a parent or guardian, it is possible to plan ahead in order to limit your child's absences, make school attendance a priority, and help your child from falling behind if it is necessary to miss a day of school. You can do this in the following ways:

Help your child get to school on time every day. Teach your child how to set and use an alarm clock. One should also allow time for traffic and congestion if driving to school.

Follow the school's guidelines and attendance policy, and report excused absences immediately. At the beginning of the school year, review the school's rules and make sure you understand whom you need to call if your child is going to be absent.

Information provided by: Atkins Technology High School- 2002-2014 Schoolwires, Inc.

Dress Code at Chardon Middle School

Please be aware that we take our dress code seriously here at CMS. Students should come to school dressed for success. Our complete dress code is outlined on page 6 "Dress Code Discipline Policy (Rule #6)" and page 10 "Rule #6 Student Dress" of the student planner. Some highlights include: belts must be worn with loose pants; any garment which reveals under garments will not be permitted; shirt straps must be at least the width of the student's 3 fingers (no spaghetti straps); shorts, skirts and dresses must be appropriate length (mid thigh) with no fringed edges.

Students that do not meet the requirements of the dress code will be given clothes to wear at school or a parent may be called based on administration determination. Repeated violations in the dress code will result in disciplinary action.

As spring gets closer, please review the dress code section of the student planner with your child. Please also note that administration reserves the right to revise, assess, and review the dress code at anytime.

Early Dismissals

There are occasions when a student must leave school early for a medical appointment or some other business which cannot be scheduled outside the school day. When such an occasion occurs, the student **must bring a note** from home explaining the reason for the early dismissal and the time that the student will be picked up. **The student should take the early dismissal note to the office in the morning before classes begin.** When the student leaves the building, she/he must be signed out by a school official.

Sincerely,
Mr. Rothstein

PTO BOARD FOR 2015-2016

President – Erin McKnight	erinbmcknight@gmail.com	440-6675025
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In preparation for next school year the Chardon Middle School PTO would like to find some energetic, fun, creative people willing to take on a board position for next school year. We are also looking to develop a "Fundraising Team" for our fundraisers next year! Please email Erin McKnight @erinbmcknight@gmail.com if you are interested or know someone that might be interested!

PTO NEWS

HERE IS AN EASY WAY TO MAKE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!



Thank you CMS students and families for clipping and saving Box Tops for Education. Your donations helped our school earn \$790 so far this school year! Please continue to turn in your Box Tops to our school office all year long.

Sign up at www.BTFE.com to get coupons and stay updated on our school's earnings. Clip, save and send in your Box Tops with your student(s). We have a collection bin located in our school office. Thanks for helping!

Amazon

Please use our school link when accessing Amazon.com:
www.amazon.com/?tag+charmidscho-20. This school rewards link takes you directly to Amazon.com, where you are able to browse and shop just as you normally would. Each month, Amazon pays Chardon Middle School PTO up to 10% of all purchases made by shoppers who reached Amazon through our link. You will see the regular Amazon homepage and there is not a welcome to CMS message. All of the bookkeeping takes place behind the scenes.

Apples for the Students

From October 1 through March 17, 2015, all purchases made with a Giant Eagle Advantage Card will earn points for CMS. Registering is easy. Just follow the following steps:

1. Visit www.gianteagle.com/AFTS
2. Enter your Giant Eagle Advantage Card® number (which appears under the bar code).
3. Enter the school code.
4. Done! Please encourage your extended family and friends to register too.

Tasteful Rewards Members

As a member of Heinen's Tasteful Rewards™ Program, when you shop at Heinen's you can help area schools through the school donation program. Up to 1% of your qualified purchases during September to April can be donated annually by Heinen's. The Teaming Up for Education Program is a Tasteful Rewards™ membership benefit and enrollment with your email address is required.

Members of the Tasteful Rewards Program are required to RE- SELECT their school every year. To select a school you have three choices:

1. Simply log into your account at www.heinensrewards.com with your registered email address and password, Click on "My profile" at the top of the page, scroll down to the bottom of the page. Select Chardon School Foundation and save changes.
2. Select Chardon School Foundation at any Heinen's Store Location - Customer service booth.
3. Call our Customer Relations department at [1.855.475.2300](tel:1.855.475.2300) Ext 2337.



News from the Art Department:

SAVE THE DATE!!! Second semester **Art Show** will be March 22, 2016 from 5-7 P.M. in the CMS Cafe'. We are excited to see all of the wonderful works of art and "Food" art. Look for more information to come home. Information will also be sent home for the **Middlefield Historical Society Art Show** coming up in April. This show will showcase work from both first semester and second semester students.

FROM NURSE STRICKLAND, MEd, RN, CSN

**ATTENTION SIXTH GRADE PARENTS: NEW STATE
IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SEVENTH GRADE**

By the start of next school year, your child is required to have a Tdap AND a Meningitis shot. You must provide the school with written verification of both of these vaccinations from your healthcare provider. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from school until this requirement is met. This requirement is a new state law. Please contact your child's physician now to see if your child has already had these shots or to make arrangements to receive them. We have already begun accepting written verification of these vaccinations for next school year. This vaccination can also be obtained through the Geauga Co. General Health District. The health district holds monthly walk-in immunization clinics. For more information call them at 279-1950.

Scoliosis Screening

In February, all students enrolled in second semester physical education classes participated in a postural screening conducted by Lori Strickland RN, the school nurse. Students' backs were checked for signs of possible scoliosis, a lateral curvature of the spine. Referral letters were mailed home to the parents/guardians of those students who failed the screening. The letters recommended that parents have their child examined by their physician.

Pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Once again we will be collecting pull-tabs from beverage cans this school year. Please help by collecting pull-tabs at home and bringing them to the school clinic. The money obtained from the recycling of the pull-tabs helps to support the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland - a home away from home for families of children with serious illness who require extended hospitalization in one of the Cleveland hospitals. Please help us support this worthwhile charity.

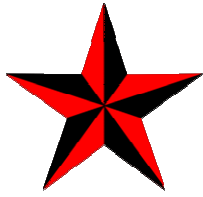
Attendance Hotline at CMS

Hotline # 440-279-0537

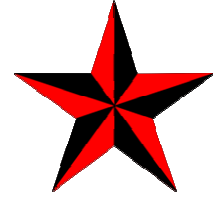
Parents and Guardians are able to report their child's absence, early dismissal, or late arrival using an automated voicemail system. Parents and Guardians are asked to report their child's absence no later than 9:00 am on the day of absence. (Absences you are aware of, may be called in prior to the day of the actual absence.)

When reporting an absence on the attendance hotline, please be prepared to clearly state the following information:

- Student's first and last name
- Spelling of the student's **last name**
- Grade level of student
- Date of absence, time of late arrival or early dismissal time
- Reason for absence, late arrival, or early dismissal
- Name of parent or guardian recording the absence



Students of the Month



6A: Valentina Crea, Luke Danison

6B: Aidan Ischay, Morgan Fisher, Sara Ulmer

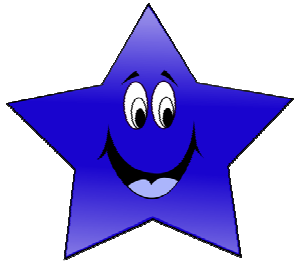
7A: Emily Browne, Jared McGill

7B: Nick Cusick, Emma Gittins

8A: Lizzie Love, Nick Tilton

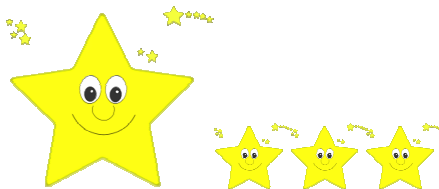
8B: Isabella Patti, Seth Cornuet

Exploratories: Cecillia Gullo, Kevin Doyle



POSITIVE BEHAVIOR REFERRAL

Christopher Shea, Kristopher Kastor & Louisa Piotrkowski





Band Notes

7th and 8th Grade Band Concert Information

Concert Start Time: 6:30 PM (THIS IS A CHANGE)

Student Report Time: 6:15 PM

Location: CMS gymnasium

Student Attire: band and jeans, tasteful shoes

8th Grade Trills and Thrills registration payment is due by March 4.

Solo and Ensemble registration and money is due by March 4.

Jazz Band's big event this year is entitled, "Letters from Home: The Sounds of WWII," and tickets are available. Money is due by March 21. **THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT.** All are welcome! If you would like to attend but do not have a student in Jazz Band, please email Ms. Paroubek for ticket information.

Important Dates

March 4 Money for various activities due

March 9 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert

March 21 Jazz ticket orders due

April 5 Final payment for Trills and Thrills due

April 8 Jazz Band Concert

April 16 Solo and Ensemble Contest

May 7 Tag Day (mandatory for 8th Grade Band & Choir)

May 10 Spring Band Concert (all bands)

May 13 Trills and Thrills (8th Grade)

May 26 8th Grade Band plays at Promotion Ceremony

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were chosen to participate in the Mentor High School honor band: Sophia Alexandrou, Josh Campbell, Mitchell Ewaska, Marisa Organiscak and Mario Trillo.

Also, **CONGRATULATIONS** to Marisa Organiscak, John Meleski, and Laney McBean on being chosen to participate in THE Ohio State University Middle School Honor Band on 2/27 in Columbus! Go Bucks!

Team 7A~Happy Spring!

Many things are happening in this month on 7A. The month will be flying by as 3rd quarter ends March 11th and spring break begins March 24th.

In language arts, students will be continuing in their 7 Wonders unit. Students will be choosing a new Wonder of the World and creating a brochure integrating tech skills used in computer classes. An article of the week has also been assigned to practice informational text comprehension.

In math, students will be continuing building pre-algebra skills as they go through chapter 7. With the state testing coming up, students are required to bring in a Texas Instrument (T-I) calculator before break in order to become comfortable with it before the test.

Students will be going microscopic in March. The periodic table of elements will be the topic of study in science for the month. Students will learn the basics of chemistry and even discover a few scientific laws.

Finally, the many inventions and innovations of the Renaissance will be unveiled to students in social studies this month. Lights! Camera! Action! Students will demonstrate learning through the production of a video with peers. Watch for some serious student creativity coming your way.

Team 8B

In language arts, students are finishing up *The Diary of Anne Frank* unit. They have completed research about the Holocaust and World War II in order to help them understand the conditions the Frank family endured in the Secret Annex. Students are working on final projects for this unit. Students are also in the process of reviewing grammar and preparing to identify verbals. This is an important eighth grade standard, and students need to work diligently to understand this complicated grammar topic.

English I students are reading *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*. To help them understand Shakespeare's language, they are writing commercials that would have appealed to an Elizabethan audience. They will continue to review grade level grammar standards.

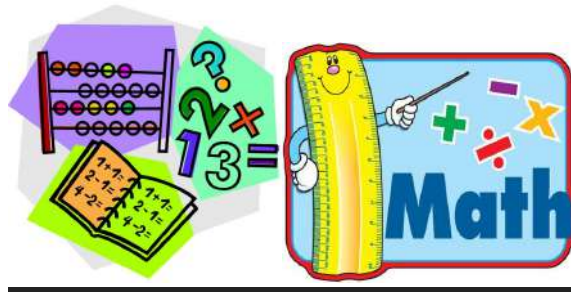
In science, students will be continue their studies of genetics, DNA and how traits are passed from parent to offspring. We will start to intertwine the new material into our study of the history of the Earth.

During the month of March students will learn about compound interest and use patterns of growth to write expressions. They will analyze patterns in tables, graphs, and expressions to compare linear and exponential growth. They will also learn new ways to rewrite numbers and expressions involving exponents. Finally, students will investigate a variety of functions and learn how to describe them completely. .

In American History, students will examine all the differences that exist between the north and the south. These differences occur in society, economics, and politics. Eventually, these differences create a “House Divided”.



Hello, track will be starting March 7! We have an interest survey on the athletic weebly for any 7th or 8th grader who is interested.



On February 20th, 28 CMS 6th graders competed at Greenview Elementary School at the Greater Cleveland Council of Teachers of Mathematics Math Competition. Each of Chardon's 7 teams earned a reward for their mathematical performance. The competition consisted of rigorous 6th grade concepts created by the GCCTM where students competed against different schools. These students have been practicing for the competition every week after school leading up to the competition. We congratulate all of our students and are proud of both their accomplishments and dedication!



CMS 2016-2017 Cheerleading Clinics and Tryouts

Students entering 7th and 8th grade at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year will be eligible to tryout for Football and Basketball Cheerleading. Tryouts for the 2016-17 season will be held on:

Friday, June 3 at CMS Gym at 10:00 a.m.

Cheerleading clinics will be held starting on **Tuesday, May 31-Thursday, June 2 from 10:00 am - 12:00pm**

The 2015-2016 CMS 8th-grade Football and Basketball cheerleaders will be teaching the clinic participants the cheers, chants, and dances for tryouts. Judges will be selected from the 2016 CHS Senior Football and Basketball Cheerleaders.

More information will be posted when details become available. If you have specific questions regarding the clinics or tryouts, please contact:

Mrs. Suzanne Whiteman at Chardon Middle School
suzanne.whiteman@chardonschools.org



COUNSELING CORNER



During the month of March, the counseling department continues to focus on scheduling needs. The high school counselors will meet with the 8th grade students individually March 14th & March 16th to review personalized schedule options. The scheduling for the other grade levels will continue.

There are a select number of 8th grade students able to attend a field trip with University Hospitals Geauga Campus. This field trip is offered through the career assessments the students completed with the counselors. This field trip will offer a mock accident where students will learn the professionals' roles and responsibilities who assist with similar situations in the hospital settings. They will have the opportunity for a tour and interview the professionals at UH.

If there are any parents or guardians interested in volunteering their time or place of employment for future opportunities with career education and counseling, please complete our form: [Parent Career Speaker Interest form](#) or contact the school counselors.

WASHINGTON, D.C.



- If you were unable to attend the September 17th meeting regarding the 8th grade Washington DC class trip, you can find information and sign up your child by doing the following:
 - go to tourwithdiscovery.com
 - register, if you have not already done so (you should already be registered if your son/daughter went to Chicago last year)
 - click on “enter a new trip code” or “join a new trip”
 - enter our trip code: IQKAA
 - all important documents can be found under “Resources” at the Discovery Tours website
- You can also find the information by going to team8a.com and click on TEAM and then SPRING 2016 WASHINGTON DC TRIP. There you will find information to set up your account and the itinerary for the trip.
- If you would like a hard copy of the information, please have your child see Mrs. Mysyk.
- The first payment of \$150.00 is due October 15, 2015.
- For future updates about the DC Trip, please join the CMS-DC Remind service:
text the message @cms-dc to 81010.

*****PARENTS: VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION*****

PLEASE READ REGARDING ATTENDANCE **SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

File: JED

STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

Regular attendance by all students is very important. In many cases, irregular attendance is the major reason for poor school work; therefore, all students are urged to make appointments, do personal errands, etc., outside of school hours.

Reasons for which students may be excused include, but are not limited to:

1. personal illness of the student;
2. illness in the student's family;
3. death in the family;
4. quarantine for contagious disease;
5. religious reasons or
6. as determined by the Superintendent.

Each student who is absent must immediately, upon return to school, make arrangements with his/her teacher(s) to make up work missed. Students who are absent from school for reasons not permitted by Ohio law may, or may not, be permitted to make up work. Each case is considered on its merits by the principal and the respective teacher(s). Students are requested to bring a note to school after each absence explaining the reason for the absence or tardiness.

From time to time, compelling circumstances require that a student be late to school or dismissed before the end of the school day.

The school must be notified in advance of such absences by written request of the student's parent or guardian, which states the reason for the tardiness or early dismissal.

No student is permitted to leave the school before the close of the school day without verifiable consent unless met in the school office by a parent or a person authorized by the parents to act in his/her behalf.

A record is kept indicating the legal custodian of each student. Such custodian is responsible for informing the Board of any change in the student's custodian.

If one parent has been awarded custody of the student in a divorce settlement, the parent in custody as defined in Ohio law informs the school of any limitations in the rights of the noncustodial parent. Absent such notice, the school presumes that the student may be released into the care of either parent.

The Board does not believe that students should be excused from school for nonemergency trips out of the District. Students who are taken out of school for trips or vacations are not given permission to do so by the school. The responsibility for such absence resides with the parent(s), and they must not expect any work missed by their child to be retaught by the teacher. If the school is notified in advance of such a trip, reasonable efforts are made to prepare a general list of assignments for the student to do while he/she is absent.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish a hearing and notification procedure for the purpose of denying a student's driving privileges if that student of compulsory school age has been absent without legitimate excuse for more than 10 consecutive days or a total of at least 15 days during a semester or term.

[Adoption date: October 12, 1998]
[Re-adoption date: January 13, 2003]
[Re-adoption date: October 8, 2007]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.609
3321.01; 3321.03; 3321.04; 3321.13; 3321.14; 3321.19; 3321.38
4507.061
OAC 3301-51-13

CROSS REFS.: IGAC, Teaching About Religion
JEDB, Student Dismissal Precautions
JHC, Student Health Services and Requirements

Explore. Create. Discover.



Chardon Family Science Day

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Chardon High School Gymnasium

12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Open House Format

3:45 P.M. Prize Drawing

The Chardon Local Schools Faculty invites you to a **FREE** Family Event where Chardon students can explore, create, and discover the magic of

SCIENCE!

Students can visit over 20 different hands-on stations during the event to have fun while exploring science. Topics will include straw rockets, mini-hovercrafts, experimental design, and forensic science with fingerprint identification! A concession stand will be open during the event.

The first 300 students in grades K-8 will receive a complimentary backpack and pen when arriving at the event to carry anything they create and hand-outs they receive at the stations. All participants will be given a ticket at each station they investigate to put in a drawing to win many great prizes including... a GoPro HERO! Winners need not be present, so be sure to fill out the tickets completely.

Questions: scott.brown@chardonschools.org



SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Registration Now OPEN!

ChardonSoftball.com

Divisions: Teeball, 8U, 10U, 12U & 14U

Registration Ends 3/20

NOTE: SIGN UP AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

- Team rosters will be limited to 13 players or less
- Availability based on how many coaches volunteer
- LATE REGISTRATION IS NOT GUARANTEED AND ADDITIONAL FEES WILL APPLY

Register **NOW** online at
ChardonSoftball.com



Boys/Girls 3rd – 8th Grade

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call us at 440-286-6671. Or return this form to Ernst Lanes.

Starts Thursday March 3rd, 2016 @ 4:00pm

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

Email Address _____