

Cedar Crest Middle School Newsletter March, 2020



Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

It's hard to believe, but we are currently at the midway point of the third marking period. Progress reports were posted to Skyward for all students. Please take this time to discuss your student's progress with him/her.

We recently recognized the Cedar Crest Middle School Student of the Year at the February School Board Meeting. Congratulations to Vinay Saraiya and his family on this fantastic accomplishment!

Our Performing Arts Program is busy working on their production of "Rock of Ages" and will present their performances to the student body on March 18, 19, and 20. Best wishes to Mrs. Dupler, Mrs. Glassford, and all of the performers!

Cedar Crest Middle School is excited to host our 11th Annual Mini-THON to benefit the Four Diamonds at Penn State Hershey Medical Center! We are so proud that Mini-THON has become such a large part of our school culture and #CommUNITY at CCMS. Our Falcons have shown how Falcons CARE for others by raising over \$264,000 in the last 10 years...We can't wait to see what this year has in store for us! CCMS is For the Kids!

As always, we appreciate your continued support of your child's education. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us here at the middle school.

Sincerely,

Mariah L. Rackley
Principal

Calendar of Events

- Mar. 2: Mini-THON meeting – Room A-13, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 3: Jump Start – After School Tutoring Program – B-28, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 3: Band Fundraiser at Chipotle – See last page of this newsletter for details – 4:00-8:00 pm
- Mar. 3: Quiz Bowl Blue Team @ Home versus Cocalico and Quiz Bowl GRAY Team at OMPH – departing CCMS at 3:30 pm.
- Mar. 4: Baseball Club (Gr. 8) – B-29, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 5: Jump Start – After School Tutoring Program – B-28, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar.6: First Friday Art Show – See next page for details
- Mar. 9-13: Spring Book Fair – Learning Center Classroom
- Mar. 9: Mini-THON meeting – Room A-13, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 10: Jump Start – After School Tutoring Program – B-28, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 10: Quiz Bowl Practice – Learning Center, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 11: Baseball Club (Gr. 8) – B-29, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 12: Jump Start – After School Tutoring Program – Learning Center Classroom, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 12: YAC Meeting – Learning Center, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 15: Deadline to apply for Falcon Foundation Grants and Awards
- Mar. 16: Mini-THON meeting – Room A-13, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 17: Jump Start – After School Tutoring Program – B-28, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 17: Quiz Bowl Practice – Learning Center, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 19: Jump Start – After School Tutoring Program – B-28, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 19: YAC Meeting – Learning Center, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 19: P-SP Meeting – Learning Center, 7:00 pm

Details Regarding CCMS Mini-THON

- Who?** All CCMS Students
- What?** Penn State University hosts an annual 46-hour dance marathon, known as “THON,” which is the largest student-run charity in the world. Our Mini-THON is an extension of Penn State’s THON. For five (5) hours, we will dance, play games, eat, win prizes, and have a great time, all while raising money for a great cause.
- Where?** CCMS
- When?** Thursday, March 26 – 3:00-8:00 pm
- Why?** To fight pediatric cancer and benefit The Four Diamonds at Penn State Children’s Hospital
- How?** Forms have already been handed out and are available at the registration table during homeroom in the Commons Area.

Students must bring in their registration by March 6 to receive a t-shirt. A minimum of a \$40.00 donation covers t-shirt cost, pizza dinner, snacks, supplies, and a donation to The Four Diamonds. Please consider donating to the event at our Sign Up Genius, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E48abac29a64-ccms2>

This is our 11th annual Mini-THON! Our Mini-THONs have donated a total of \$264,622.62 to the Four Diamonds. CCMS is For The Kids! FTK!

Music In Our Schools!

March is Music In Our Schools Month. The following ensembles will be showcasing their hard work in the CCMS Commons Area as students enter the building at the start of the school day. The following groups will be performing:

- March 6 – Gray Jazz Band
March 13 – Chamber Orchestra
March 20 – Blue Jazz Band

PSSA Information

As many of you know, the state mandated PSSA testing dates will be held in April. This year the English/Language Arts test will be administered April 20, 21, and 22 and the Math Assessment on April 27 and 28. Eighth grade students will take the PSSA Science test on May 4 and 5.

Calendar of Events - Continued

- Mar. 20 & 21: CCMS Performance of Rock of Ages, MS Edition – Auditorium, 7:00 pm
- Mar. 21: CCMS Performance of Rock of Ages, MS Edition – Auditorium, 3:00 pm
- Mar. 21: Quiz Bowl Tournament @ Ephrata MS – 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Mar. 23-25: Mini-THON Gear Sale – Commons Area, 8:00-8:25 am
- Mar. 23: Mini-THON meeting – Room A-13, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 24: Spring Picture Day
- Mar. 24: Team Enterprise Falcons CARE Group – Game night at Cedar Haven with the residents – 3:15-5:00 pm
- Mar. 24: Jump Start – After School Tutoring Program – B-28, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 25: Baseball Club (Gr. 8) – B-29, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Mar. 26: Mini-THON – Wear your Mini-THON shirts. Students and staff will participate in activities and we will reveal how much money we raised for the Four Diamonds. FTK!
- Mar. 27: NO SCHOOL for Students – Act 80 Day for staff (This will count as a curriculum day!)
- Mar. 31: Jump Start – After School Tutoring Program – B-28, 3:10-4:10 pm

Spirit Week Events – Mar. 23-26

- Mar. 23 – Battle of the Grades: 6th grade wear pink to raise awareness for breast cancer, 7th grade wear white to raise awareness for lung cancer and 8th grade wear black to raise awareness for melanoma cancer.
- Mar. 24 – Diamond Day/Shine Bright Like a Diamond: Wear blue and white to raise awareness for the Four Diamonds.
- Mar. 25 – Wisdom Wednesday – Wear purple or orange to raise awareness for leukemia and pancreatic cancer. During homeroom, FLEX, or NEST watch the recorded video of the original book that started Four Diamonds.
- Mar. 26 – THON Thursday – Wear your Mini-THON t-shirts and gear.

Parent-School Partners (P-SP)

The Spring Dance for all 6th and 7th grade students will be held on Friday, April 17. Tickets will be on sale during homeroom on April 15, 16, 17, in the Commons Area at the cost of \$3 with a signed parent permission form. We are looking for volunteers with clearances to help chaperone and sell tickets.

The 8th grade dance will be held on Friday, May 8. We are looking for a few volunteers to assist setting up and tearing down afterwards. If interested, please contact Katoora Rohrer at katoorarohrer@gmail.com.

Thank you to those that sent in direct donations in the beginning of the year to help offset costs for activities. A spring donation letter was sent out at the end of February for those that asked or were not able to donate in the Fall. We appreciate all you do!

The P-SP is already beginning to plan for next year, and we are looking for committee chairs. If you are interested in helping with any of our activities please contact Kristi Glassford at kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us. We are unable to do all the activities we do without the help and support from our wonderful parents!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 pm in the Learning Center.

Spring Book Fair at CCMS March 9-13

Scan the QR code below or use this [LINK](#) to access the homepage for the Spring Book fair. On the homepage you can:

- Set up an *eWallet* for your student. Student *eWallets* are available for set up February 21 through March 13. A preauthorization charge will appear on the credit card account in the amount parent selected as the *eWallet* spending limit. Parents will only be charged for what is purchased at the book fair (up to the spending limit they selected). On the last day of the in-school book fair, any unspent funds will be released back to the credit card on file.
- Parents/adults may shop online at from March 3-16. Online orders are now shipped to your home.
- Volunteers are still needed to assist with the school book fair. If you have any time during the school day and have all the required clearances on file, please use the Volunteer link on the book fair homepage or contact Mrs. Raytick by email at praytick@clsd.k12.pa.us.



Hersheypark Ticket Sales!!!

Discounted Hersheypark tickets are available from the P-SP! Orders and money are due March 20. Ticket prices: \$36.95 each (ages 3 & up)
Meal tickets: \$12.99 each
Snack vouchers: \$4.50 each

Tickets will be distributed on or before the week of April 30, 2020. Any questions please email kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us.

First Friday Art Show

March 6 is First Friday at the Lebanon Council on the Arts building, 770 Cumberland Street in Lebanon. Select CCMS students will have their artwork displayed from 5:00-8:00 pm. Artwork from all buildings within CLSD will be showcased. Artwork will be displayed for the month of March. This is a free event open to everyone!

Read Across America

During the week of March 2-6, we will be celebrating "Read Across America" at CCMS! This year, faculty and staff will use our scheduled Flex time to read with a book of choice. Additionally, students will have an opportunity to submit five guided responses via Instagram or Twitter, Schoology, or hard copy. These submissions are opt-in and are not mandatory, but do extend the learning and focus conversations on the impact reading has on ourselves, relationships, and communities. Students who participate in each of the five responses will be entered to win gift cards to our Falcon School Store! Students received a handout on the celebration of "Read Across America" and the opt-in activities.

CCMS Performing Arts to Perform Rock of Ages: Middle School Edition

Rehearsals are underway for the CCMS Performing Arts Program's production of Rock of Ages: Middle School Edition. This ROCKIN' Jukebox musical tells the story of Drew Boley and Sherri Christian who travel to LA to chase their dreams of becoming stars and fall in love. This story is set against the backdrop of the troubled Dupree Room, a legendary rock temple, which is under the threat of being torn down by land developers. Can this love story be rescued? Will the Dupree Room be saved? To find out the answer, join us Friday, March 20 at 7:00 pm and/or Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale for the public on Monday, March 9 and Wednesday, March 11 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and free for residents with a CLSD Gold Card and preschoolers.

News from the Nurse

Attention parents of 6th grade students: The state requires all 7th grade students to have both the Tdap and MCV vaccines. If your child is missing these immunizations, please contact your doctor as soon as possible. All 7th grade students will be required to provide documentation of Tdap and MCV to the nurse PRIOR to the first day of the 2020-2021 school year. Immunization records may be faxed to 717-389-1858. Please contact Mrs. North, CCMS school nurse, at 717-389-1845 if you have any questions.

The Health Office is in need of elastic-waisted pants and shorts. If you have new or gently used pants and/or shorts with elastic waistbands that you would like to donate, please send them to the middle school nurse's office. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Please remember to keep your emergency contact information updated in Skyward. Now is a great time to review and update any information which has changed.



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Star Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students selected as their team's "Star Student of the Month" for February. Stop by the bulletin board located between the main office and the attendance office to see the star students and why they were chosen by their team of teachers.

Team Blast 6-1 - Ohm Patel
Team Blue Aggies 6-2 - Nathan Meng
Team Ironmasters 6-3 - Destiny Colon
Team Horizon 7-1 - Stefanya Davis
Team Spartans 7-2 - Nora Fields
Team Knights 7-3 - Camilla Zimmerman
Team Academy 7-4 - Natalie Yeingst
Team Mariner 8-1 - Ashlan MacDonald
Team Enterprise 8-2 - Lilly Eaken
Team Endeavor 8-3 - Justin Long

Youth Action Club - YAC

YAC is a school and community service club that meets about twice a month. In March, the club members are working on a fundraiser for the field trip for the MDS class. We will also be choosing our United Way Day of Caring activity (April 18). New members are always welcome at our meetings. The club is open to students in grades 6 through 8. Contact praytick@clsd.k12.pa.us or cmuritz@clsd.k12.pa.us for additional information.

News from Yearbook Book Staff

Yearbooks may still be purchased using the website, www.yearbookordercenter.com or orders may also be submitted to Ms. Oblinsky in Room A-19. The cost of the book is \$25.00. If you have any questions regarding yearbook orders, please contact Ms. Oblinsky at (717) 272-2032.

CCMS Boys Volleyball Club

Do you love volleyball? This club is for boys in grades 6-8. Practices will start on Monday, March 2 and go through April/May on Mondays, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:10-5:00 pm in the middle school gym. Games will start the month of April on Monday nights against other local middle school teams. Contact Mr. Johnson with questions at sjohnson@clsd.k12.pa.us.

Call us at 717-272-2032 or
visit www.clsd.k12.pa.us

News from the Café....

Not only is March National Nutrition Month, but Food Service has many other things to celebrate as well.

On March 2 join us in the cafeteria and enjoy our Dr. Seuss themed meal to celebrate Read Across America.

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Read Across America Day!

1 Fish... 2 Fish... – Double Fish Sticks

Truffula Trees & Grinch Dip

The Last Can of Hash-browns

Red Fish... Blue Fish... Dessert



In addition, we are celebrating National School Breakfast Week. We love breakfast so much that we are having it for lunch too!

National School Breakfast Week March 2 - 6, 2020

To celebrate, we will serve our most popular breakfast items during Breakfast for Lunch!

Any student who purchases a breakfast between March 2-6 will be entered to win various prizes!

We will give away over 100 prizes across the entire district!

Make sure to purchase a breakfast during National School Breakfast Week and join us in celebrating all day long with Breakfast for Lunch!

We are celebrating Mini-THON at CCMS by serving a nature-themed lunch! Good luck to everyone participating in this awesome event!

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MiniThon Lunch

Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap

Baked Lay's Chips

Fresh Strawberry Salad

Chocolate Pudding Dessert

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News from the District

The calendar of key district dates for the 2020-2021 school year has been approved by the Board of School Directors. Check on the district website: www.clsd.k12.pa.us under the Community tab.

Want to take a swim or sign-up for swim lessons? Check the District website under the Community tab for the aquatics calendar, open swim schedule and the Spring Swimming brochure of activities.

March 15: Deadline to apply for Falcon Foundation grants and awards. Click on the "Falcon Fnd." tab on the district web site for more info, www.clsd.k12.pa.us. Questions? Contact co-chairs for Grants and Awards Committee, Arianne Chernich or Tamara Gross: falconfoundation@clsd.k12.pa.us or 717-679-5782.

March 24: "Constellations of the Spring and Summer Sky," the final Planetarium program for the school year, 10–10:45 am for Senior Citizens; 7:00–7:45 pm for the General Public. Visit the "Community Events & Activities" tab on the District website for details.

Looking for information about family activities, athletic opportunities for students, summer camps, before-and-after school care programs? Check out the listings on the CLSD **online Community Bulletin Board**, under the "Community" tab on the District website: <www.clsd.k12.pa.us

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#FalconsCARE



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CCMS Band – Chipotle Fundraiser

Eat at Chipotle on Tuesday, March 3 and help the CCMS Band! Dine in at Chipotle on Tuesday, March 3 between 4:00-8:00 pm and Chipotle will donate a portion of the sales back to the CCMS Band! When you order, tell the cashier you are here to benefit the CCMS Band Fundraiser. All proceeds will go directly to the CCMS Band.



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Cedar Crest Middle School Band. Come in to the Chipotle at **1451 Quentin Road** in Lebanon on **Tuesday, March 3rd** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Cedar Crest Middle School Band.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

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