

# China Middle School

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October 15, 2019

### **Parent Teacher Conferences at CMS:**

10/17 - P/T Conferences for students M-Z (3:30 - 7:00)

If you have any questions please call the CMS office at 445-1500.

### **Job Opportunities:**

Recess/Lunch Monitor (5 days per week/10:50 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.) CMS & CPS Combined

Morning Monitor position (45 minutes per day/5 days a week) CPS

Substitute Teachers Needed. For more information please call the CMS office, 445-1500.

**Substitute Teacher Training** - China Middle and many other schools in the area need substitute teachers. If you enjoy working with children and want to learn more about the rewards of working as a substitute in local schools, check out the Mid-Maine Regional Adult Community Education Program training offered at Waterville Senior High School on Thursday, Nov 14, 5:30-7:30 pm (\$11 self-supporting fee). For more information about this and many other adult ed offerings, or to register, contact [www.midmaine.maineadulted.org](http://www.midmaine.maineadulted.org) or call 873-5754.

### **School News:**

Free & Reduced Price Meal Applications

Applications for free and reduced priced meals at school must be submitted for each school year. Forms were sent home with all students in their First Day Student Packets. Please submit your completed application to CMS or to RSU 18 Nutrition Director Barbara Bonnell at 41 Heath Street, Oakland, ME 04963. This year, in order for CMS to qualify for federal grant monies, we are asking that all families file a response to this form. If you do not qualify or do not wish to participate, please check off the box on the form or send in a note along with your child's name and return it to us as soon as possible. Students that qualify for free/reduced meals will also receive a reduced rate on their laptop insurance. If you need an application form or need help in filling it out, please call the school office at 445-1500 or Barbara Bonnell at 465-7384 Ext 2661. If you would like to apply online, go to [www.schoollunchapp.com](http://www.schoollunchapp.com).

Thank you.

**CMS School Pictures will be taken November 7th.** Due to the construction project in our gymnasium we have scheduled this a little later in the fall than we normally do. Photo packets will be sent home shortly.

### **8th Grade News:**

Sales are underway for our Quilt Raffle. The raffle will be drawn at the end of November. Tickets and information were sent home with the 8th grade students. If everyone can sell 10 tickets that would be great! Tickets can be purchased in the CMS office.

**China Middle School  
Quilt Raffle**  
All Proceeds Benefit  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class 2020**  
for Class Trip, Promotion Ceremony and Activities



Queen Size Quilt valued at over \$300  
**Tickets \$1 Each or 6 for \$5**  
Winner to be drawn at the end of November.  
You do not need to be present to win.  
Thank you for your support!

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I have sent an email with the information for this year’s Craft Fair Luncheon Fundraiser. There is a sign up started for volunteers and food item donations. Items still needed are; bagels & cream cheese, 2 more cooked turkeys, white bean chili and baked goods for the bake sale table. The time slots are 8:30 to 10:30 & 10:30 to 2:30. Please send me an email if any of these times will work for you or if you can donate one of the food items. Thank you.

Thank you for your support.

Tina Strout  
8th Grade Class Advisor

### **News from Nurse Bonnie:**

Reminder: Dental Clinic, Oct. 16th.

### **Athletic Department:**

Tuesday, 10/15

Girls HOME SEMIFINAL vs Vassalboro 4:15

Boys PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15

Wednesday, 10/16

Girls PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15

Boys PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15

Thursday, 10/17

Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, 10/18

Boys HOME QUARTERFINAL vs Chelsea or Whitefield 4:15

Monday, 10/21

Boys AWAY SEMIFINAL vs Palermo 4:15 (if win Friday)

Girls PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15

Tuesday, 10/22

Girls PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15

Boys PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15

Wednesday, 10/23

Boys and Girls CHAMPIONSHIPS at Piggery 4:15pm (if win)

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**\*\*Congratulations Girls Soccer on winning the 2019 SVAC Sportsmanship Award\*\***  
This schedule is based on both teams continuing on to the Championship Games.

### **COUNSELING SERVICES**

Sweetser Services accepts MaineCare and most other insurance programs. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Lois Bowden or Meaghan Murphy at 445-1500.

### **China PTO News:**

China Maine Craft Show  
Sponsored by The China PTO  
Saturday, November 2, 2019  
China Middle School 9am-2pm

Once again as part of the PTO sponsored China Maine Craft Show, we will be having Homeroom Basket Raffle. This is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year and funds raised from the raffle help fund extra resources and activities for our school.

**Every donation is appreciated!** Themes have been assigned to classes and students are asked to bring in a new item, gift card, or gift certificate based on their assigned theme. **Collection will begin on Tuesday, October 1st and end no later than Friday, October 25th.** Suggestions for items are listed next to the theme as a guideline but all ideas are welcomed and appreciated. Boxes will be placed in Primary School classrooms for students to place donated items and Gift cards will be sent to the office for safe keeping.

**Grade 5 and 6- Food/Restaurant Gift Cards/Certificates** (Gifts Cards from your favorite restaurant or take out spot, Visa Gift Cards)

**Grade 7 and 8- Retail Therapy Gift Cards/Certificates** (Gift Cards from your favorite place to shop- TJMaxx, Wal-Mart, Olympia Sports, Amazon, Visa Gift Cards)

Polar Pals Holiday Shop is coming to the China Maine Craft Show on November 2, 2019, from 9am-2pm! Flyers were sent home with kids this week. This will be a place for kids to shop for affordable gifts for their family and friends, with prices ranging from .35 cents to about \$16! Each purchase at the Holiday Shop will be wrapped in a self-sealing gift bag and will then be placed in a shopping bag. There will be budget envelopes available at the door so that kids will know how much they can spend on each item, and there will be volunteers available to help them stay within budget! Come join us for what will hopefully be our first annual Polar Pals Holiday Shop for kids!

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Upcoming PTO events - email [Chinaschoolspto@gmail.com](mailto:Chinaschoolspto@gmail.com) to volunteer an hour or two of your time!

Paint Night Fundraiser - 10/18/19 at 6pm. The FaceBook event has been created, tickets will be up for sale shortly! Painting with Lori will be creating a custom painting for us for the event! \$30 per ticket, and all proceeds go to the China Schools PTO!

Zumba Workouts - weekly! Starting on Friday, 9/13/2019, we will hold a Zumba class (45 minutes) in the CPS Gym. Attendance is \$7 for ages 13 through adult, ages 12 and under are free!

China Maine Craft Show - 11/2/2019 - We will need a lot of volunteers for this event! Stay tuned on the PTO FB page for electronic volunteer signups!

### **China Rec News:**

It's time to send in your basketball registration forms!

Contact Raigan York at 242-6515 or Ashley Allen 952-2019 if you have any questions!

Like our FB page to stay informed of weather cancellations and updates from the league!

### **Calendar of Events: For a more detailed calendar please see our website.**

10/16 - Dental Clinic

10/17 - P/T Conferences for students M-Z (3:30 - 7:00)

10/18 - PTO Paint Night Fundraiser, 6:00 @ CPS

10/21-10/22 - JMG Leadership Overnight Trip

10/28 - First Responder Day

11/1 - Quarter 1 Ends

11/2 - PTO China Craft Fair

11/6 - Drama Production for Parents/Community 6:30 pm

11/6 - School Board Meeting @ JHB, 7:00 pm

11/7 - School Photo Day

11/7 - Fall Sports Banquet, 5:30 pm

11/7 - PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm

11/8 - Teacher Inservice - No School

11/11 - Veteran's Day - No School

11/12 - Honor Roll Recognition Assembly 8:15-8:45

11/12 - Report Cards Sent Home

11/27-11/30 - Thanksgiving Break, No School

12/3 - Early Release Day, Noon Dismissal

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