

# China Middle School

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November 19, 2019

### **Clipper Gear For Sale!!!**

We have various items available to order ... sweatshirts, polo shirts, vests, hats, water bottles, athletic wear and baseball shirts! This would make a great Christmas present!!! Information is attached to this email. If you are interested, call 445-1500 to order.



### **Communication Feedback**

RSU 18 wants to ensure that we communicate effectively with all parents/guardians. Please tell us how we could improve our efforts to communicate with you. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete. Parent Communication Survey <https://forms.gle/CZrnXdp2dwFMzTHi7>  
Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey!

### **RSU #18 Job Opportunities: Ongoing Openings:**

Substitute Bus Drivers, Van Drivers/Aids, Substitute Custodians, Substitute Nurses, Substitute Nutrition Workers and Substitute Teachers. Please go to <https://rsu18.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/> to apply or contact Lois Bowden @ 445-1500 if you have any questions.

**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:**

**Lost and Found** will be donated to a charity after Thanksgiving break. Please have you child take the time between now and then to look for lost items. Thank you.

**Gymnasium Renovation Expansion Update:** We have great news to share! We are now in the gymnasium! There are still some areas that are being completed but it does not interfere with us being back in the gymnasium and cafeteria. The stage will be accessible as soon as the stage curtains are put up, which we are expecting to occur this week.

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### **Yearbook News:**

Pre-order your 2019/2020 yearbook now. Order forms can be found in the office or see Ms. Armour. They cost \$10 each (checks can be made out to CMS. Please include “Yearbook Order” on the memo line.)

### **Parents of 8th Graders**

Baby Photos: We would love to have a baby and younger photo of your student for the slideshow/yearbook. Photos may be emailed to [darmour@rsu18.org](mailto:darmour@rsu18.org) or [tstrout@rsu18.org](mailto:tstrout@rsu18.org). Photos can also be given to Ms. Armour or Mrs. Strout. Thank you to everyone who have already sent in their photos.

If you are interested in placing an ad or a special message for your graduate you may do so by going to <https://www.jostens.com/apps/jcom/router.mvc?affiliateId=2736385>

Follow the steps provided. Space is limited so get yours today.

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

Ticket sales are going great 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. Keep up the good work everyone!

Thank you for your support,  
Tina Strout  
8th Grade Class Advisor

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

In accordance with MDOE Rule 20-A.M.R.S. 6451 to 6453, Vision & Hearing Screenings for 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades will begin immediately. Students who currently wear glasses will be tested with their glasses on. Any student considered to fail the screening will be referred to their parents and provided with a referral form to bring to their health care provider or specialist. A student whose parents object in writing to screening shall not be screened unless a sight or hearing defect is reasonably apparent.

Also, height and weight measurements are recommended as this is the most practical method for assessing children’s growth, and assist with calculating Body Mass Index (BMI). A student whose parent objects in writing shall be excused from the height/weight portion of screening.

Thank you B. Newcombe RN

**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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### **Athletic Dept. News:**

Soccer uniforms need to be turned in before students are able to try out for winter sports.  
Participation packets needs to be completed and turned into Mr. Reed or myself in order to try out.

Basketball Tryouts will be November 18th - 21st.

November 18th

Girls Basketball 2:45 to 4:15 CMS Gym

November 19th

Boys Basketball 2:45 to 4:15 CMS Gym

Girls Basketball 4:15 to 5:45 CMS Gym

November 20th

Boys Basketball 4:15 to 5:45 CMS Gym

November 21st

Boys Basketball 2:45 to 4:15 CMS Gym

We also have a scrimmage at Messo Middle next Tuesday the 26th.

Girls at 4pm

Boys at 5:15pm

### **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:**

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 Rec News:**

Rec Basketball registrations are now final, any late registrations at this point will be decided on a case by case basis. If you have any Basketball related questions, please reach out to Todd Dunn at 514-4923. For any registration or miscellaneous questions reach out to Raigan York at 242-6515.

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Great news! We'll be having a FREE basketball clinic, sponsored and run by Central Church, on November 23, 2019. The clinic will be held at the places and times listed below:

### **CPS Gym:**

8:30-9:30am Pre-K and Kindergarten

10:00-11:30am 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

### **CMS Gym:**

8:30-10am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade

10:30am-12:00pm 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade

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.**

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

12/3 - Early Release Day, Noon Dismissal

12/3 - Picture Retake (**Date Change**)

12/5 - China PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm CMS Lib.

12/11 - Holiday Concert 6:30 pm

12/23 - 1/1 - Christmas Break