

# *China Middle School*

## **Regional School Unit No. 18**

Belgrade – China - Oakland - Rome – Sidney

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December 4, 2019

**Photo retake day will be Thursday, December 5th.**

### **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:**

#### **Concert Information:**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am very excited to announce that the CMS Junior and Senior Band and Chorus students will be having their winter concert on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 pm. Students are asked to arrive at 6:00 pm in order to set up and warm-up.

Beginner band will not be performing in this concert. They will have a separate concert in February.

Concert attire is white on top, black on bottom with a festive pop of color.

Since every student is important to the success of the group, any students that are unable to attend are required to send a written excusal note signed by a parent or guardian.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns!

Ms. Katie Lyons  
Band Director/General Music  
China Middle School  
(207) 445 - 1500

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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.

Please have all applications for the Heritage Tour Fund returned by December 13th. Thank you.

### **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

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

Any girls interested in playing JV basketball this year who did not try out, including fifth graders, are invited to try out after school tomorrow from 2:45-4:15 at CMS. Please see Mr. Reed to let him know you are interested and get a physical form. Again, this is for any girls, including fifth graders, who are interested in trying out for JV basketball please see Mr. Reed.

### **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:**

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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.

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.**

12/5 - Picture Retake (**Date Change**)

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

12/11 - Holiday Concert 6:30 pm

12/11 - School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm

12/11 - G/T Parent Showcase @ MMS, 6:00 - 7:00pm

12/20 - Geography Bee, 1:00 pm

12/23 - 1/1 - Christmas Break