

China Middle School

Regional School Unit No. 18

Belgrade – China - Oakland - Rome – Sidney

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December 10, 2019

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.

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

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.)

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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 or 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 5th and 7th 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:

Come join us for our first home game in our new gym!

Thursday, Dec. 12th

Chelsea @ China GJV/GV 4:15

China @ Chelsea BV/BJV 4:00

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.

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China PTO News:

Join us for our meetings and add your voice! We meet the first Thursday of every month, at 6pm. Most often in the CMS Library. Join our closed FaceBook group for regular updates on meetings& the meeting agenda, upcoming events, volunteer needs or to watch our meeting on FB Live! Find us by searching for China Schools PTO.

Upcoming Events:

Zumba – returning with a new instructor (from China) starting 1/8/2019 at 5:30pm at CPS. Class will be every Wednesday at 5:30pm, at CPS going forward.

Paint Night – 2/7/2020 at 6pm, in the CPS Café. More details and event ticket sales link to follow.

Family Fun Night – 3/6/2020, free family event...more details to follow!

Annual Fun Run & 5K – 5/30/2020, more details and event ticket sales link to follow.

Health & Wellness Week – 5/25/2020-5/29/2020, leading up to our Fun Run & 5K and our Health & Wellness Fair below. More details to follow!

Health & Wellness Fair – 5/30/2020, this will begin after the Fun Run & 5K end! More details to follow!

Volunteers are always needed! In order to continue to provide events like the above, we need more parent volunteers. Don't want to join the PTO? Not a problem! Consider becoming a 2 hour power volunteer. Pledge two hours of your time to volunteer at an event, and we'll contact you with our specific needs! After that, you won't hear from us!

Email me at chinaschoolspto@gmail.com with any questions, or to volunteer for any amount of time!

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.

12/11 - Holiday Concert 6:30 pm

12/11 - School Board Meeting @ the Central Office, 7:00 pm

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

12/20 - Geography Bee, 1:00 pm

12/23 - 1/1 - Christmas Break