

China Middle School

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School News:

Our 8th graders are currently selling March Madness tickets to help support their end of the year celebration. If you would like to purchase a ticket, they are available in the front office. Purchase a \$10 ticket and be entered to win 31 great prizes drawn each day in the month of March. Tickets will be re-entered so you could win multiple prizes with one ticket. For more information please call Mrs. Strout at 445-1500. Thank you.

Congratulations to our winners:

- 03/01 - Amy Thibodeau, \$25.00 Whitt's Garment Works Gift Certificate
- 03/02 - Dianne Coston, 1 Hour Massage - Hidden Lotus Lash Studio
- 03/03 - Andrea Milledge, Free Oil Change - B&P Garage
- 03/04 - Joe Meuse - Mainstays Wax Burner & Wax
- 03/05 - Michelle Boudreau, \$25.00 China Dinah Gift Card & Sugar Shack Maple Syrup
- 03/06 - Cindy Uhouse, Acrylic Nails - Attitudes Hair & Nail Salon, Winslow
- 03/07 - Roger Cunningham, \$25.00 Aroma Joe's Gift Card
- 03/08 - Christine York, \$50.00 Hussey's General Gift Card
- 03/09 - Chad Bailey, China Four Seasons Club General Membership
- 03/10 - Cindy Hinkley, 2-16" Pizzas - Pizza Heaven

We have started our annual CLYNK for Schools Recycling Challenge! Your child will receive a packet with a green plastic bag and a **China MS bag tag** for students to collect redeemable bottles and cans. Once the bag is filled and tagged, it should be dropped off at a Hannaford Supermarket. For every \$1 earned in redeemed containers, Hannaford Supermarkets will give an extra 50 cents to our school! The schools that earn the most money between Jan. 21 and March 20 will also take home an additional \$1,500 in prize money! The money earned from this challenge will go into our Student Activity Account to help pay for Clipper Ticket prizes, field trips, and other events that we have at our school. If you would like additional recycling bags and tags, please have your child pick them up from Ms. Lyons. Thank you for your help with this fundraiser challenge!

Slugger's Challenge:

CMS has decided to take on Slugger's Challenge from the Portland Sea Dogs. Slugger has challenged students to read five books above and beyond any school required reading. Each student that successfully completes the challenge will be given a FREE ticket to a Portland Sea Dogs baseball game! There are three games you can choose from in April and May.

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Not only is this a great opportunity for students individually, but by participating, they can help our school too! Portland Sea Dogs will make a cash donation to the top three schools with the highest percentage of students who complete the challenge. 1st Place will get a \$1,000 donation, 2nd Place will get a \$500 donation, and 3rd Place gets a \$250 donation.

The challenge ends on March 20th, so it's time to get reading!

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:

Clipper Gear is still on sale, adult sizes:

CMS Baseball Shirts - sm, med, lg and xlg

CMS Clipper lace up sweatshirt - lg

CMS Clipper Black Sweatshirts - xlg youth, sm, med and lg

Also available China Clippers Water Bottles!! \$10.00 each

Please contact Tina Strout in the office if you are interested. Photos of the merchandise are available. Thank you.

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

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. The deadline is February 13th.

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Athletic Dept. News:

Wednesday, 3/11

Winter Sports Banquet 5:30-6:30pm

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Spring Tryout Dates/Times

Baseball

3/23 Monday 4:30-6:00pm CMS

3/24 Tuesday - Early Release - no tryouts

3/25 Wednesday 4:30-6:00pm CMS

3/26 Thursday 4:30-6:00pm CMS

3/27 Friday 4:30-6:00pm CMS

Softball

3/23 Monday 2:45-4:15 CPS

3/24 Tuesday - Early Release - no tryouts

3/25 Wednesday 2:45-4:15 CPS

3/26 Thursday 2:45-4:15 CPS

3/27 Friday 2:45-4:15 CMS

Track

3/30 Monday 2:45-4:15 OUTSIDE

3/31 Tuesday 2:45-4:15 OUTSIDE

4/1 Wednesday 2:45-4:15 CMS or OUTSIDE

4/2 Thursday 2:45-4:15 CMS or OUTSIDE

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:

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.

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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.

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!

China Rec News:

China Rec Baseball/Softball/T-ball sign ups will be held March 11th from 5:00-7:00 in the CPS lobby and March 12th from 5:00-7:00 in both the CMS & CPS lobbies coinciding with parent/teacher conferences. Forms will be available that evening. Please call Todd Dunn at 514-4923 with any questions.

Check out our website @ <https://cylmaine.wixsite.com/chinayouthleague> for Important information on the upcoming season. You can also print your own Registration form (under Documents) and have filled out to save time when registering at the table.

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

03/11 - Grades 5 Gulf of Maine Field Trip 7:20-1:15

03/11 - Winter Sports Banquet, 5:30

03/12 - Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:00 pm - for all students/parents

03/18 - Board Meeting Budget Presentation, MMS, 7:00pm

03/20 - Teacher Workshop, No School

03/20 - Sluggers Reading Challenge Deadline

03/20 - Clynk Challenge Deadline

03/23 - 03/27 - eMPowerME assessments 8:50 - 11:00

03/24 - Early Release, 12:00 Dismissal

03/24 - Board Meeting Budget Workshop, MMS 6:00pm

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03/25 - Board Meeting Budget Workshop, MMS 6:00pm
03/31 - Drama Production for Community, 6:30 pm
04/02 - G/T Parent Presentation @ MMS, 6:00 (notice date change)
04/03 - Quarter 3 Ends
04/07 - Dental Clinic
04/08 - District IV Music Festival
04/10 - PTO Glow Night Family Dance @ CMS
04/15 - Board Meeting Proposed Budget, MMS, 7:00pm
04/17 - Teacher Comp Day, No School
04/20-04/24 - Spring Break, No School
04/27 - 5/29 - NWEA Spring Testing Window
04/27 - 5/1 - MEA Science Assessment Grades 5 & 8
04/30 - Ed Fair, 3:30 - 7:00 pm
05/19 - Early Release, 12:00 Dismissal