

# China Middle School

## Regional School Unit No. 18

Belgrade – China - Oakland - Rome – Sidney

*“Engaging Learners ~ Strengthening Communities ~ Creating Global Leaders”*

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September 15, 2020

### **School News:**

Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be our first early release day at 12:00 pm. Parent pick up will begin at 11:50 am.

### **Student Packets:**

If you have not completed and returned your child's packet with the annual forms, please do so by Friday, September 18th. It is very important that we have all student information updated for this school year. Laptop forms must be returned with payment or declined and signed in order to be considered complete. Students that have not returned forms by next week will receive new forms to be completed. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Strout in the office. Thank you.

CMS and CPS are currently seeking a Lunch/ Recess Monitor from 10:50 to 1:20 week days to supervise the most amazing students.

### **School Nutrition News:**

As stated in Superintendent Gartley's letter to our school community this past weekend, the federal government has made it possible for us to provide **free breakfast and free lunch** for all students through Christmas vacation. *However, it is still vitally important for you to fill out and return the Free & Reduced Price Meal Application Forms because several sources of our federal and state school funding are based on our ratio of families that qualify for this support. Also by submitting your application now, your child's nutrition benefit status will already be established and you will have no gap in coverage when the federal benefit expires after Christmas.*

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

Boys Soccer Tryouts

Friday, 9/18 @ 2:45 to 4:15

Monday, 9/21 @ 2:45 to 4:15

Girls Soccer Tryouts

Wednesday, 9/16 @ 2:45 to 4:15

Thursday, 9/17 @ 2:45 to 4:15

Participation packets need to be returned to coach as soon as possible.

More information to follow.

### **China PTO News:**

The 2020 Craft Show is still happening! This year, due to COVID restrictions and our goal to keep everyone healthy while offering a venue to sell your homemade goods, we have decided to go virtual!

What does going virtual mean? It means that I will be building us a Virtual Craft Show website and as soon as it is built, it will be live. Each crafter will get their own page to display their goods (I will need pictures), and each

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crafters will need to provide me with contact information so that potential customers may reach out to purchase goods from you. The price will still be \$50 as a lot of work will go into managing a Craft Show Website. As you make more products, or sell out of products, a simple email with new pictures of products, or instructions on which products to mark as sold will notify me to update your personal page.

The biggest difference between a live Craft Show and a Virtual one, is that sales will continue from the time I have your pictures up on the website, through November 7th - when the original craft show would have been.

If you have already sent me your registration and payment information, I will be reaching out to you personally to get your decision on how you would like to proceed.

For those crafters not yet signed up that would like to participate this year, please use the current application. Just note the information is obviously not current, the information in this email trumps the information in the application form. (I have not had time to go in and edit the form, but I will.)

Application link: <https://forms.gle/HZsJ32izBSjPUzfV9>

If anyone has any questions, please reach out to me. We're trying to be as adaptable as possible, so if you have other ideas or suggestions, I am all ears.

Have a wonderful day,  
Raigan York  
President  
China Schools PTO

### **Community News:**

**Albert Church Brown Memorial Library News:** Come join us for a September Outdoor Event Sunday, September 20 @ 2:00 pm at the Albert Church Brown Memorial Library on Main Street in China Village. In honor of Maine's bicentennial, we will host *Maine Memories - an afternoon of reminiscing featuring stories shared by our patrons and guests*. Do you have a special memory about your vocation back in the day, the Grange, the boys who went to war, early transportation, your China, Maine, or Maine ancestors, a unique tradition or invention? Come prepared to share a brief (5-10 minute) story that captures a topic you'd like to talk about. If you plan to share, please sign up in advance by emailing [chinalibraryacb@mail.com](mailto:chinalibraryacb@mail.com) or call us at 968-2926 during open hours. We will also open it up for others during the event.

This is an outdoor gathering on the library lawn. Social distancing and masks are required. Bring your own chair and refreshments. Maximum capacity is 40. Rain date is September 27. For updates, please check our website, [www.chinalibrary.org](http://www.chinalibrary.org)

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

9/22 – Early Release Day, Noon dismissal (Parent pick up begins at 11:50 am)

10/7 – School Board Meeting, MMS 7:00 pm

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10/9 – Teacher Comp Day, No School

10/12 – Columbus Day, No School

10/15 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7 pm

10/21 – School Board Meeting, MMS 7:00 pm

10/22 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7 pm

10/28 – School Photo Day

10/30 – Flu Clinic @ CMS

10/30 – Quarter 1 Ends

11/6 – Teacher Workshop – No School

11/11 – Veteran’s Day – No School

11/25-11/27 – Thanksgiving Break – No School

12/1 – Early Release Noon Dismissal

12/23-1/3 – Christmas Break