

# 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 29, 2020

### School News

#### **Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up:**

We have been evaluating the parent drop-off and pick-up procedure at China Middle School. It has been going very well overall. However, we will be implementing an additional procedure to help with the pick-up process in the afternoons. We will be giving “pick-up families” a laminated sign with their last name on it. The sign should be placed in the passenger window so that Ms. Armour and Mrs. Studholme can view which students to send to each vehicle. We will be giving these signs to your child on Monday, October 5th. We appreciate everyone adhering to the safety guidelines and procedures during these busy transition times.

#### **Planning for Quarter 2 Learning Options:**

We are half way through quarter 1 and are beginning to plan for quarter 2. In order to plan effectively, we will be sending a survey to parents. This survey will simply ask if you would like to make a change in your child’s learning options (in person or remote learning). Please look for this survey in your email on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Lois Bowden or Lacey Studholme.

#### **The CMS Sports Store:**

The CMS Sports Store is open for students and families to purchase Clipper gear. Check out the shirts, sweatshirts, hats, and even masks! Check out the attached link to purchase.

<https://chinamsfallstore.itemorder.com/sale>

#### **Masks:**

All of us at CMS are proud of how well our students are doing with the masking guideline. These days are busy and most days students stuff their masks into their backpacks at the end of a long day. We wanted to remind everyone to wash masks regularly. It may help to include washing masks with regular laundry.

#### **Student Packets:**

It is very important that we have all student information updated for this school year, this also includes remote learning students. Laptop forms must be returned with payment or declined and signed in order to be considered complete. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Strout in the office. Thank you.

#### **Lunch/Recess Monitor Needed:**

CMS and CPS are currently seeking a Lunch/ Recess Monitor from 10:50 to 1:20 week days to supervise the most amazing students. Please contact Lois Bowden @ 445-1500 if interested.

### 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*

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*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:**

Tuesday, 9/29

Girls Soccer PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15

Boys Soccer GAME @ Whitefield 4:15

Wednesday, 9/30

Girls Soccer PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15

Boys Soccer GAME vs St. Mikes 3:30

Thursday, 10/1

Girls Soccer PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15

Friday, 10/2

Girls Soccer PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15

Boys Soccer PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15

Monday, 10/5

Girls Soccer GAME @ Windsor 3:45

Boys Soccer PRACTICE 2:45 to 4:15

### **China PTO News:**

The 2020 Craft Show is still happening! This year, due to COVID restrictions and our goal to keep everyone healthy we have decided to go virtual! Please see the attached document for more information. Thank you.

This years CMS basket themes will be:

Grades 5 & 6

Food and Restaurant Gift Cards

Have a favorite takeout spot? Support our local restaurants and the PTO at the same time.

Grades 7 & 8

Gift Cards for the Shopoholic

TJ Maxx, Target, Amazon, where do you love to shop the most?

Have a wonderful day,

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President

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### **Community News:**

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE ERSKINE BOYS' SOCCER TEAM.

The Boys' Soccer Team will be having a bottle drive this Saturday, October 3, from 9:00-12:00. Rather than a traditional bottle drive there will be collection sites at the following locations:

Palermo School  
China Middle School  
Vassalboro School  
Erskine Academy  
Windsor School  
Roddy's Redemption (Tell them they are for the boys' soccer team)

Please bring your bottles to any of these locations between 9:00-12:00 on Saturday, October 3rd, and help support the Erskine Boys' Soccer team!

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

10/2 - CMS Dental Prevention Clinic  
10/7 – School Board Meeting, MMS 7:00 pm  
10/9 – Teacher Comp Day, No School  
10/12 – Columbus Day, No School  
10/15 – Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7 pm  
10/21 – School Board Meeting, MMS 7:00 pm  
10/22 – Virtual 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