

China Middle School

Regional School Unit No. 18

Belgrade – China - Oakland - Rome – Sidney

“Engaging Learners ~ Strengthening Communities ~ Creating Global Leaders”

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School News:

Survey

Parents, we continue to thank you for working so hard with us to make this year successful for all of our students. As the Superintendent has shared, our goals are to keep our students / staff safe and to continue to provide families with the option of remote or fully in person learning. However, if the conditions in our schools change and we have to go fully remote, we want to be prepared. Please complete the following [short survey](https://forms.gle/ALy7JrATvYKcN6kP8) to help us be ready in case we need to make this change. (<https://forms.gle/ALy7JrATvYKcN6kP8>)

Thanksgiving Travel

We also wish to remind everyone that if you travel outside of the approved states, you must get a negative test or quarantine for 14 days. This includes students and adults. **Upon return to school students need a note from their doctor or a copy of their negative test results.** If you have questions feel free to reach out to our offices or contact Mrs. Newcombe, our school nurse.

Holiday Assistance

The holiday season is upon us and we're working with the China Town office and local businesses to help support families needing a little help this year. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and service organizations, we are able to offer families experiencing financial difficulty support with winter clothing and Christmas needs. China Middle School JMG students will be hosting a (virtual) Giving Tree. Please follow the CMS Facebook page for updates and learn how you can help!

China Area Christmas Assistance applications are available at the [China Town Office](https://china.govoffice.com/index.asp?SEC=35AFA98F-DFE5-4FBB-AFFB-2D091F11ACC2&Type=B_BASIC) (https://china.govoffice.com/index.asp?SEC=35AFA98F-DFE5-4FBB-AFFB-2D091F11ACC2&Type=B_BASIC). The deadline for this application is December 10th. The application can be sent home with your child by request. Please contact Mrs. Strout tstrout@rsu18.org or Mrs. Studholme at lstudholme@rsu18.org.

The China Community Food Pantry is also accepting applications for Christmas Food Assistance. Please contact Mrs. Studholme (lstudholme@rsu18.org) for an application. Completed applications must be received by Saturday, Dec 5. For more information or questions about this opportunity please contact Barbara Hughes at 445-2811.

School Photo Retakes

Our School **Photo retake** day will be December 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Strout @ 445-1500.

The **CMS Enterprise Group** has reduced the cost of tie-dye masks! All cotton, one size fits all and **so GROOVY!** They would make great stocking stuffers. These are now only \$4.00 - send in money to the school secretary and all proceeds help fund the materials for this life skills program.

Thanks for your support!

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Other items for sale at CMS:

Water bottles - \$10.00

Red China Clippers Hooded Sweatshirts - \$25.00 (Sizes; YXL, YL & YS)

Black China Clippers Hooded Sweatshirts - \$25.00 (Sizes; AL, AS & YXL)

Gray/Black Baseball Style Shirts - \$20.00 (Sizes; YS, YM & YL)



The **Clipper Store** is open! Order your Clipper gear by November 29th and get it in time for Christmas! Be sure to check out this season’s Girls Soccer Championship Hoodie! Please visit the website: <https://chinams2020.itemorder.com> to place your order today! A portion of the proceeds go to CMS Athletics- we appreciate your support.

News from Nurse Bonnie:

Maine Law, Title 20-A MRSA 2902, Vision & Hearing Screenings for Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5th and 7th Grades will begin immediately. Students who currently wear glasses will be tested with the 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 provider or specialist. A student whose parent objects in writing to screening shall not be screened unless a sight or hearing defect is reasonably apparent.

Also, height and weight measurements are recommended for grades Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5th, and 7th, 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, CMS, A. Saucier RN/ CPS.

8th Grade News:

Our first 8th grade fundraiser is underway! This year our 8th graders are selling online products with Meadowfarms. Meadow Farms offer a variety of items that are perfect for Holiday gifts! The fundraiser will begin on 11/16 thru 11/30 to ensure Christmas time deliveries. CMS 8th graders will be sending out information by email. If you would like more information to place an order to help our 8th graders, please contact Mrs. Strout @ 445-1500. Thank you.

Yearbook News:

Pre-order your 2020/2021 yearbook now. See Ms. Armour for an order form. They cost \$10 each (checks can be made out to CMS. Please include Yearbook on the memo line.) You can also order online at <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A07634466>

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 has already sent in their photos.

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Follow the steps provided. Space is limited so get yours today.

Lunch/Recess Monitor Needed:

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

Athletic Dept. News:

Athletes, please return your uniforms and practice jerseys to your coach as soon as possible.

China PTO News:

Want to join the PTO: We would love to have you! We meet on the first Thursday of every month at 6:00pm via Facebook Live. Email us at chinaschoolsPTO@gmail.com to get your name on our list.

Shop with us at our Virtual Craft Show now through 12/1/2020! Simply shop on a crafter or vendor's page and follow the directions on that page to purchase your chosen items. Follow this link to shop with us: <https://chinamainecraftsho.wixsite.com/chinamainecraftshow>

The Kids Holiday Shop is back again this year, and it's also gone virtual! Shop now through 12/1/2020. All purchases raise money for the China Schools PTO, and all gifts will arrive before our holiday break. Shop the kids holiday shop here: <https://wonderlandgiftshoppes.store/>

Don't forget about the Basket Raffle! Purchase raffle tickets by emailing BasketsPTO@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the China Schools!

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

11/25-11/27 – Thanksgiving Break – No School
12/1 – Early Release Noon Dismissal
12/2 - School Board Meeting, 7 pm
12/3 - PTO Virtual Meeting, 6:00 pm
12/4 - Photo Retake Day
12/23-1/3 – Christmas Break