

China Middle School

Regional School Unit No. 18

Belgrade – China - Oakland - Rome – Sidney

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December 15, 2020

School News:

The Virtual Winter Band Concert

The band program at China Middle School looks very different this year. With every challenge and change, our students have been willing to adapt and find creative solutions to ensure their own safety and the safety of others. We began the year playing outside in small groups, 14 ft. apart, with face coverings. Regardless of how many times the wind blew our music away or the rain inched into the tent, our students showed up ready to play. They are resilient in the face of incredible adversity. The Virtual Concert video is the culmination of months of hard work from a group of students that inspire me every day. Please enjoy our Virtual Winter Band Concert!

- Youtube Link (unlisted): <https://youtu.be/gx2frBXJaZk>

♪ Mrs. Katie Lyons

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.

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!

Other items for sale at CMS:

Water bottles - \$10.00

Red China Clippers Hooded Sweatshirts - \$25.00

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Black China Clippers Hooded Sweatshirts - \$25.00
Gray/Black Baseball Style Shirts - \$20.00
Limited Sizes available, please contact Mrs. Strout.

Athletic Dept. News:

Tuesday, 12/15
OFF

Wednesday, 12/16
Girls Tryout 2:45 to 4:15 CMS
Boys Tryout 4:15 to 5:45 CMS (6th graders)

Thursday, 12/17
Girls Varsity Practice 2:45 to 4:15 CMS
Girls JV Practice 4:15 to 5:45 CMS

Friday, 12/18
Boys Tryouts 2:45 to 4:15

VACATION!!

Monday, 1/4
Girls Varsity Practice 2:45 to 4:15 CMS
Boys Varsity Practice 4:15 to 5:45 CMS
Girls JV Practice 2:45 to 4:15 CPS
Boys JV Practice 4:15 to 5:45 CPS

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.

If you are interested in placing an ad or a special message for your graduate you may do so by going to

<http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A07634466>

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.

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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.

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Thank you for supporting the China Schools!

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

12/21 & 12/22 - Teacher Workshops, No School (These are additional added days from original calendar)

12/23-1/3 – Christmas Break

01/06 - School Board Meeting, 7pm

01/15 - Q2/Sem 1 Ends

01/18 - MLK Day, No School

01/19 - Teacher Workshop, No School

01/20 - School Board Meeting, 7:00pm



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Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.



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