



CTMS NEWS

Community & Teamwork Motivate Success
September 18, 2020



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- 9/21 Virtual Monday
BOE Meeting 7:30 PM
- 9/22 Grade 7 - Back-to-School Night, 6:00-7:15 PM
Grade 8 - Back-to-School Night, 7:30-8:45 PM
- 9/23 PTA Meeting 7:00 PM
- 9/28 School Closed: Observance of Yom Kippur
- 10/03 PTA Tricky Tray Auction CTMS

Happy weekend,

We were excited to meet with families for the Sixth-Grade Back to School Night on Thursday. We are looking forward to an equally successful night on Tuesday September 22 when we meet with grade seven and grade eight families.

We start Spanish and Performance Music this week. All students will participate in Spanish. If your child has not yet signed into their Spanish Google classroom they need to do so prior to Monday.

- Grade 6 Spanish: Senora's Moore Google Classroom
<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTU5MTg3ODg4NTA4?cjc=dh3xdqv>
- Grade 7 Spanish: Senora's Moore Google Classroom
<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTU5MTg3ODg4NTE1?cjc=h5qfcco>
- Grade 8 Spanish: Senora's Moore Google Classroom Code
<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTU5MTg3ODg4NTly?cjc=n43r5rv>

Chorus

Please us this link for the Welcome to Choral Music [video](#)

Here is the link to the Google Form for any student wishing to participate in chorus. [Chorus Form](#)

Instrumental Music

Please us this link for the Welcome to [Instrumental Music video](#) Instrumental

Here is the link to the Google Form for any student wishing to participate in instrumental music.

[Instrumental Music Form](#)

Free or Reduced Lunch Program

The Clinton Township School District recognizes that the current pandemic has created unique situations for everyone. If you feel that your family may qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program, additional information and the application packet can be found at the following link: [Free and Reduced Lunch Program](#). If you have questions regarding the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, please contact your child's school nurse.

CTMS District Communication Committee (DCC)

Are you interested in serving as the sixth-grade parent representative on the CTMS District Communication Committee (DCC?) please send me your name. The DCC consists of administrators, teachers and parent representatives. We meet once a month to discuss information and activities specific to CTMS. If you are interested please send me your name and we will draw a name on September 28th. Our first meeting via ZOOM

will be on Monday, October 19th at 8:30 AM. DCC Representatives are Grade 6: TBD, Grade 7: Jen Chinn, Grade 8: Christa Brand, PTA: Tracy Schwierk

Chromebooks

If your child has a technical problem with their Chromebooks please contact parenthelp@ctsdnj.org. They should also notify their teachers
Students should fully charge their chromebooks each night and bring chargers with them daily.
We do not have spares at school. If your child has left their chromebook at home we will reach out to ask you to bring it to school.

Yearbook

For September, the theme is back to school. Share photos of getting on the bus, getting their home work space ready, practicing sports, singing, and any other activities they might be participating in normally and what that looks like now. Photos with and without masks (when done safely) are encouraged. Students and Parents can download the app and join. We are looking forward to seeing your pictures.

Enrichment News

Attention students! Make the most of Virtual Monday and join the Poetry Club! We read, watch and write poetry together. Learn some great strategies and tips, and make new friends. Email Ms. Cormican if you are interested!

Applications are being accepted for the Law Fair and Law Adventure enrichment programs! Did you know that CTMS won first place in this mock trial competition last year? Please see Ms. Cormican or go to the Enrichment web page for more details.

School Council is a group of student leaders who work to make our school a better place! We are looking for 2 or 3 student representatives from each homeroom to be a part of this group. Pick up an application to read more about it or email Ms Cormican today.

ATTENTION 8th GRADE PARENTS

High School Academy News

Although 8th grade has only just begun, high school is right around the corner. In light of current circumstances with many hybrid and virtual learning models in our county schools, Hunterdon County Vocational School District is offering a series of virtual information sessions this fall for prospective students and their families.

Eighth grade students interested in the district's full-time **Animal Science Program** or science-based Academies (**Biomedical Sciences Academy, Computer Science & Applied Engineering Academy, and the Environmental Sustainability & Engineering Academy**) can visit the HCVSD website to learn more about the [virtual information sessions being held this Fall](#).

District representatives will provide details about our programs through a short presentation and engage participants in a Q&A. Families can [sign up on Google Forms](#) to attend one of our upcoming Zoom sessions:

HELLO, CTMS FAMILY!

WE NEED YOUR PICTURES FOR THE '21 YEARBOOK!



Send images to the yearbook staff from your smart phone:

1. Search for **Balfour Image Share** in your app marketplace
2. Download the app, create your account
3. Our school's yearbook project #: **124599**
Upload code: Please leave blank



No smartphone? No problem!

1. Go to images.balfour.com to upload images from any internet-connected computer:
2. Our school's yearbook project #: **124599**
Password Field: Please leave blank

Thank you!

All pictures are considered, but not all can be used.
Please call 1-800-947-0510 if you need assistance.

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HUNTERDON COUNTY
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
www.HCVSD.org

- Saturday, September 26th @ 10am
- Thursday, October 8th @ 6pm
- Saturday, November 14th @ 10am
- Thursday, December 10th @ 6pm

Please feel free to reach out to Ms. Nicole Craven, Marketing Coordinator, HCVSD at (908) 788-1119 x2024

CTMS Schedules

Please refer to the attached daily schedule Powerschool may not accurately reflect the activities and expectations for our afternoon sessions or on Virtual Mondays.

			ALL GRADES
Homeroom	7:55-8:10	15	SUBJECTS: ELA MATH SCIENCE SOCIAL STUDIES
Period 1	8:10- 8:50	40	
Movement Break	8:50-8:55	5	
Period 2	8:55- 9:35	40	
Movement Break	9:35-9:40	5	One Unified Art focus for one marking period Art Tech Apps General Music Physical Education/ Health 21st Century Skills
Period 3	9:40-10:20	40	
Movement Break	10:20 -10:25	5	
Period 4	10:25-11:05	40	
Movement Break	11:05 - 11:10	5	
Period 5	11:10-11:50	40	
Ending Period and Dismissal	11:50-12:05	15	
Travel and Lunch	12:05-1:30	85	
Afternoon Session	1:30-2:20	Virtual	The afternoon is designed for UA extension work. There will be two 30 minute sessions, 1:30-2:00 and 2:00-2:30. These periods will extend from the UA classes children participate in during the morning. Additionally, Enrichment, Literacy and Math Support, World Language, and Choral and Instrumental Music will occur.

CTMS Virtual Monday

This is an opportunity for teachers to formatively assess the class, provide support or extra practice as needed and answer questions. Additionally, extension activities or project work may be completed at this time.

Students will be expected to login at the start of each period, but if they are given independent practice or are working on projects, they may do so offline for the remainder of the period or on camera per teacher discretion.

CTMS Virtual Monday Schedule

Time	Period	Activity
8:00-8:30	Advisory	Character Ed/Community Building
8:40-9:10	Period 1	Check In
9:20-9:50	Period 2	Check In
10:00-10:30	Period 3	Check In
10:40-11:10	Period 4	Check In
11:20-11:50	Period 5	Check In
11:50 -12:30	Lunch	Lunch
12:30-2:20	Starting the week of 9/21: World Language, Performance Based Music lessons, Enrichment, and Literacy and Math Support will happen throughout the day	

Health and Safety:

- **Qualtrics:** Thank you for taking the time to complete this screener each morning. This is a vital piece of information that allows your child(ren) to participate in person, denotes participation/attendance, and reminds both families and staff that it is important to stay at home if you are unwell, for the health and safety of everyone. Screeners arrive at 5 AM and a reminder with the link is also sent at 7 AM.
 - Remember that anyone that does not have certification to enter the building on their in person days, will be held in a respectful, isolated area until their parent/guardian can be reached to complete the screener, or to be picked up and remain virtual for the day.
 - CTMS screener needs to be completed by 7 AM Screening not completed by this time does not appear on our lists for clearance and your child will be held in respectful isolation until certification can be confirmed.

ALL STUDENTS in the A and B Cohorts should bring the following items to school each day:

- Headphones
- A face covering worn into school.
- A spare face covering stored in a plastic bag, and shield if desired
- A small **paper** bag to put their face covering inside during mask break.
- A small bottle of hand sanitizer
- A small package of tissues
- Appropriate layers of clothing for outdoors
- Individual supplies. Students will not share equipment or supplies
- A water bottle



Bus Information: Transportation issues may be directed to Ms. Carmella Shaw at 908.236.7235 ext. 521 - cshaw@ctsdnj.org

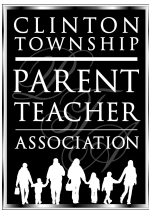
Communication: In the event of an emergency school closing or unexpected situation, parents will be notified via phone and email through the Clinton Township School District (CTSD) alert system. Valuable information is shared on the CTSD website at www.ctsdnj.org.

CTMS: Main Office Number 908 238 9141

The District weekly update can be found at the following link: [CTSD Weekly Update](#)

Parent Portal: Parent Portal is live for the 2020-2021 school year. If you already have a Parent Portal account, you can access it at <https://ctsd.powerschool.com/public>.

Additional information regarding the Parent Portal can be found on the district's website at http://ctsdnj.org/resources/parent_resources/parent_portal



What's new with the PTA!

Hello families! For those of you who have attended your Back To School Nights, we hope you enjoyed our short video introducing the PTA. If you missed it, here's another opportunity to check us out (and a sneak peek for those whose Back To School Nights are upcoming!):

So a little penguin told us that middle schoolers can't resist Kona Ice either, and when you ask, your PTA delivers!

All Clinton Township School District students, from our tiniest preschoolers through our teenage 8th graders, are welcome to enjoy a complimentary Kona Ice when the truck travels our District neighborhoods on Wednesday, September 23, Thursday, September 24, and Friday, September 25, starting at 2:45pm, and following the routes outlined in [our flyer](#). Simply show the [flyer](#) (printed out or digitally) to claim your complimentary small Kona ice. Welcome back to school!



PTA Tricky Tray

Please come out and support our Tricky Tray, benefiting the Class of 2021's eighth grade activities, originally scheduled for March 2020.

The Tricky Tray Committee has worked hard to reimagine this fundraiser as a socially-distanced, outdoor event, which will take place in the parking lot at Clinton Township Middle School on **Saturday, October 3.**

9:00am - 2:00pm Ticket drop off

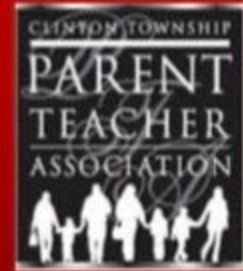
2:30pm Drawing begins

3:00pm - 5:30pm Basket pick up

Ticket presale orders are by mail, so be sure to request your tickets early! Find the ticket order form [here](#).



**KEEP CALM
AND
TRICKY TRAY
ON**



Super Grand
Prize:
MacBook!

*Benefitting the CTMS Class of 2021
October 3, 2020*

*9 am-2 pm: Ticket Drop-off (half hour time slots)
2:30 pm: Drawing Begins!
3-5:30 pm: Basket Pickup*

*All Ages
Welcome;
However,
No Drop
and Go*

- Over 100 baskets that include a variety of categories for all ages.
- 50/50

Wear mask
& social
distancing

CLINTON TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

CTMS: COMMUNITY & TEAMWORK MOTIVATE SUCCESS

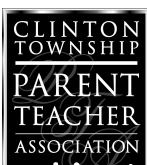
More Info: <https://rb.gy/gesdyo>



@ctmstrickytray

Contact ctmstrickytray@gmail.com with any questions

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What's new with the PTA!

[PTA Back To School Night Video](#)

Our coordinators have been working hard to arrange Welcome Back events that meet District social-distancing guidelines. **Our SRS, PMG & RVS students will enjoy a complimentary welcome back treat when the Kona Ice Truck visits District neighborhoods on Wednesday, September 23, Thursday, September 24 & Friday, September 25.** And our CTMS students can look forward to their own Welcome Back event in early October. Watch this space for further details!

The best way to stay informed of the latest PTA news is to ensure you are registered on [our website](#), where you can find our calendar, family directory, event & fundraising flyers, PTA store, and much more! **Remember, as our flyers will not be back-packed home this year, registering is the only way to ensure you receive all of our important communications throughout the year.** If you're a returning family, please log on and take a moment to ensure your family information and directory preferences are both up to date. If you're a new family, please take the time to register. While you're there, please consider **renewing your [PTA membership](#)**, which supports our programming all year long, and gains you exclusive access to our online directory. And of course, you can always follow us on [Facebook](#) for regular updates!

Our [Community Discount Card](#) is still available for purchase in the [PTA online store](#). It gets you great deals at local stores and restaurants through August 2021!

Clinton Township School District PTA \$15

CLINTON TOWNSHIP PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
Valid 9/1/2020 thru 8/31/21

Chelseas Free 6 wings with purchase of 12 (excludes Wing Wed) 1051 US-22, Lebanon	HARPER'S TABLE 10% OFF total food purchase 1316 Rt 31, Annandale	3.2 SCOPPS Free topping with purchase of any size cup 11 Main St, Clinton
Sneakers Plus 20% OFF one item (excludes sale, varsity, cheer shoes, online) 318 Hwy 202, Flemington	Hot Bagels & Deli \$5 off your \$20 purchase OR 50% off a second sub 1802 Rt 31, Clinton	

Community Discount Card

Christie's Buy one, get one 1/2 off a loaf of bread 27 Leigh St, Clinton	Levy's 10% OFF total food purchase 22 Old Hwy 22, Clinton	WING WAGON 10% OFF total food bill 144 Rt 31, Flemington	DOCKSIDE 10% OFF Sunday - Thursday 148 Rt 31, Flemington
Great Clips \$1 OFF any regular price haircut 31 Walmart Plaza, Clinton	Grpok 10% OFF any incoming service 36 Old Hwy 22, Clinton	JUST BAKE 15% OFF any sundae 47 Main St, Clinton	Dominick's \$2 OFF one large pie 44B Old Hwy 22, Clinton
FRANK'S \$5 OFF total purchase of \$35+ 67 Walmart Plaza, Clinton	Wendy's 10% OFF total purchase 9 Rt 31, Flemington	Just Subs \$1 OFF your \$20 purchase 39 Old Hwy 22, Clinton	McDonald's Free sandwich with purchase of lrg sandwich 185 Center St, Clinton

Valid only at participating locations. Cannot be combined with any other offers/discounts. Excludes alcohol. One use per visit. Discounts valid 9/1/20 thru 8/31/21.

Don't forget you have until September 27 to show your CTSD pride, and purchase **school-branded facemasks** online from our partner [Sneakers Plus](#). Masks are two ply, 95% cotton/5% spandex, and are available with all four school logos in both youth and adult sizes. They are sold as a two pack for \$15, with optional personalization for an additional fee of \$8.





We are currently recruiting homeroom parents for all SRS, PMG & RVS classes! This year, in line with District requirements, all homeroom celebrations will be virtual, and are scheduled as follows: Fall celebration (Monday, October 26), Winter celebration (Monday, December 21) & Spring Read Across America celebration (Monday, March 1). It's a great opportunity for parents who typically may not be available to take on traditional in-person homeroom parent duties, to get involved. **If you're interested in**

learning more, or would like to volunteer, please complete our [Homeroom Parent volunteer form](#).

Our VP of Volunteers, Trish Eosso, will reach out to you once we have gathered all responses, and to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your interest! We couldn't do it without you!

Finally, please join us at our first **PTA meeting** of the new school year on **Wednesday, September 23 at 7pm**, via Zoom. We'll be discussing our plans for the upcoming year, and voting on our 2020/21 budget. Please RSVP to ptaannouncements@gmail.com for the meeting invitation.

Upcoming events:

Wed, September 23, 2:45pm - Kona Ice Welcome Back for SRS/PMG/RVS students

Wed, September 23, 7:00pm - PTA meeting (via Zoom)

Thu, September 24, 2:45pm - Kona Ice Welcome Back for SRS/PMG/RVS students

Fri, September 25, 2:45pm - Kona Ice Welcome Back for SRS/PMG/RVS students

Sat, October 3, time TBD - Class of 2021 Tricky Tray

Wed, October 21, 7:00pm - PTA meeting (via Zoom)

Mon, October 26 - Fall homeroom celebrations (virtual)

Wed, November 18, 7:00pm - PTA meeting (via Zoom)

Wed, December 16, 7:00pm - PTA meeting (via Zoom)

Mon, December 21 - Winter homeroom celebrations (virtual)

*** Check our [calendar](#) often, as more events will be added as logistics are finalized!**