



CTMS Family News

Community & Teamwork Motivate Success
September 28-October 2, 2020



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- 9/28 School Closed: Observance of Yom Kippur
- 10/03 PTA Tricky Tray Auction CTMS 9:00 AM-5:30 PM
- 10/09 CTMS Principals of Hip Hop PTA Sponsored Virtual Evening Event 7:00-8:00PM
- 10/12 School Closed Professional Development Day
- 10/19 District Communication Committee Meeting (DCC) 8:30-9:30 AM
- 11/2-11/4 Parent Conferences
- 11/4-11/6 School Closed NJEA Convention

Dear CTMS Families,

We were delighted to spend the evening with so many participants on Tuesday for our seventh and eighth grade Back-to-School Nights. We had record participation for over the three events and we are proud to say our first Virtual Back-to-School Nights were a great success.

Instrumental Music

Band and Orchestra scheduled lessons will begin next week. School is closed Monday so we'll start the Monday lessons on October 5th. The schedule is as follows.

<u>Virtual Monday:</u>	9:20-9:50 Flute and Oboe	10:00-10:30 Clarinet	10:40-11:10 Saxophone
<u>Tuesday:</u>	1:30-2:00 Violin	2:00-2:30 Viola	
<u>Wednesday:</u>	1:30-2:00 Cello and Bass	2:00-2:30 Trombone, Baritone, Tuba	
<u>Thursday:</u>	1:30-2:00 Trumpet	2:00-2:30 French Horn	
<u>Friday:</u>	1:30-2:00 Percussion	2:00-2:30 make-up lessons	

Please refer to Mr. Schaefer's google classrooms for more information. Also if you still need to sign up for instrumental music, it's not too late! Please fill out the form below. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Schaefer at sschaefer@ctsdnj.org

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gPhRSDPbsMz64DF_Dw8TXVuohD-MTchFyQPq3u5YDvw/edit

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

Law Adventure and Student Council applicants should watch for an invitation to join a Google Classroom. Groups will begin meeting virtually during the week of Monday, October 5th. We will have four groups this year!



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.



WordMasters will begin the week of October 5th. Please email Ms. Cormican if you would like to join!

Poetry Club meets on Mondays at 12:30, and is open to poets and aspiring poets at all levels! Please email Ms. Cormican if you would like to join! Please email dcormican@ctsdnj.org if you would like to join!

Nursing Staff Updates & Reminders:

- Please be advised that one of our survey questions has been adjusted in regards to travel to a quarantine state. The definition of travelling to another state means that you have been in that state for **at least 24 hours**. This does not mean that you were passing through a state or there for less than 24 hours. There are several long weekends coming up, and should you choose to travel to a quarantine state for a vacation or visit of longer than 24 hours, all quarantine restrictions must be followed, and the response to that question (8) would be "yes." This will result in non-certification.
- Please be aware that the district will monitor the symptoms of all staff and students, regardless of cohort (hybrid or virtual) through the use of our daily screener, Qualtrics. This is a process coming from the Department of Health and the Department of Education. Should a staff member or student report symptoms, respectful, individual inquiries may be made by our medical staff. If the survey is not completed, you will receive a phone call.

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)

Our first meeting via ZOOM will be on Monday, October 19th at 8:30 AM. The DCC consists of administrators, teachers and parent representatives. We meet once a month to discuss information and activities specific to CTMS and the CTSD community.

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.

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.



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VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**
www.HCVSD.org

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:

- 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

District Information

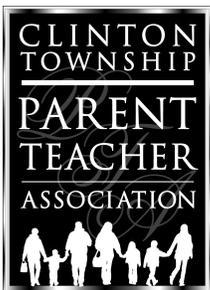
The District weekly update can be found at the following link: [CTSD Weekly Update](#)

Reminder: Please refer tech issues and device issues to the parent help desk (parenthelp@ctsdnj.org), rather than staff members.

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**

Parent Portal: <https://ctsd.powerschool.com/public>.



What's new with the PTA!

Happy Fall, CTSD families! We had such fun seeing so many, MANY of your smiling faces during our three day Kona Ice Welcome Back event! We hope everyone enjoyed their icy treat. It was a joy to see and hear such great feedback from kids and parents alike!

If you missed our PTA Intro video during your Back To School Night, here's another opportunity to check us out: [PTA Back To School Night Video](#)

SRS/PMG/RVS parents: We are still looking to fill a few **Homeroom Parent Volunteer** spots. We've extended the sign-up deadline to 9/30, and you can find the volunteer form [here](#) on our website. 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).



Thank you to Dr Ruberto, as well as the parents and teachers who attended our first PTA meeting of the new school year, held via Zoom on 9/23. Our budget for the 2020/21 school year passed unanimously, and for anyone unable to attend, [provisional minutes](#) are posted on our website. **Our next meeting is scheduled for 10/21 at 7pm.**

Time is running out 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. The [online store](#) closes on 9/27.



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

J.J. SCOPPS

Free topping with purchase of any size cup 1 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

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

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.

The **Class of 2021 Tricky Tray** Committee invites everyone to support their Tricky Tray, benefiting the Class of 2021's eighth grade activities, and originally scheduled for March 2020. The 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](#). For more info, check our [Tricky Tray page](#) or contact ctmstrickytray@gmail.com.

KEEP CALM AND TRICKY TRAY ON

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

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More Info: <https://rb.gy/gesdyo> @ctmstrickytray
Contact ctmstrickytray@gmail.com with any questions

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Remember, 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! **Flyers will not be back-packed home this year, so 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!

Upcoming events:

Sat, October 3, time 9:00am - 5:30pm - 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!**

