



# CTMS Family News

Community & Teamwork Motivate Success  
October 5-9, 2020



## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

- 10/09 CTMS Hip Hop PTA Sponsored Virtual Evening Event "The Principles of Hip Hop: Peace, Love, Unity & Having Fun!" 7:00PM
- 10/10 PTA Tricky Tray Auction CTMS 9:00 AM-5:30 PM 7:00-8:00PM
- 10/12 School Closed Professional Development Day
- 10/19 District Communication Committee Meeting (DCC) 8:30-9:30 AM
- 10/23/20 Picture Day B and C
- 10/27/20 Picture Day A and CAII
- 11/2-11/4 Parent Conferences
- 11/5-11/6 School Closed NJEA Convention



**Week of Respect Launches on 10/5!** In accordance with the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, the first week of October has been classified as the "Week of Respect." The third week in October is designated as "School Violence Awareness Week". These weeks are designed to ensure that all students in our school will be receiving age appropriate instruction on respecting themselves and others. The theme of respect is instrumental in helping students to feel comfortable in our schools. Students will learn that respect occurs when you listen to others, play fair, use good manners, wait your turn, compliment someone, pick up after yourself, and treat others in a positive manner. Being respectful is one of the key ingredients to being the best person you can be! These weeks we continue our focus upon RESPECT for ourselves, others and our environment at Clinton Township Middle School.

Please mark your calendars for our CTSD Picture Days for all students. Photos will occur in school for students in the A and B cohorts, and students in the C-cohort are invited to come to school to have photos taken at the times designated below.



Families in the C-cohort, please complete the [Picture Day google form](#) to indicate whether you plan to come for photos so we may coordinate with the photographers. Families may come at any time within the designated hours for each school. Photos will be taken in a first-come, first-served order. Parents/Guardians may walk your child to the gym door, and wait outside while photos are being taken. A reminder that the Qualtrics screener must be completed each day, and students must be cleared to be able to enter the building to have photos taken. Families with more than one child may go together to any school to have photos taken, but if choosing to be at a school other than the child's home school, a paper screening form may need to be completed.

## CTMS:

- 10/23/20 All B-cohort photos during school day, C-cohort last names M-Z from 12:30-2:00 PM
- 10/27/20 All A-cohort photos during school day, C-cohort last names A-L from 12:30-2:00 PM

## SRS:

- 10/23/20 All in-school students during school day, all C-cohort from 12:00-1:00 PM

## PMG:

- 10/23/20 All B-cohort photos during school day, C-cohort last names M-Z from 2:00-3:30 PM
- 10/27/20 All A-cohort photos during school day, C-cohort last names A-L from 2:00-3:30 PM

RVS:

10/23/20 All B-cohort photos during school day, C-cohort last names M-Z from 1:30-3:00 PM

10/27/20 All A-cohort photos during school day, C-cohort last names A-L from 1:30-3:00 PM

### Instrumental Music

<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	

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gPhRSDPbsMz64DF\\_Dw8TXVuohD-MTchFyQPq3u5YDvw/edit](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.



#### 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](https://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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### 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 Lunch Program:** All students will be given a free lunch per the USDA guidance. Students do not need to sign up for this service, it has been mandated that all students will receive a grab and go lunch. This will be distributed at dismissal times.

- Per the USDA, free meals are being given to all children during the fall, in an effort to ensure that regardless of situation, all children have access to meals. See information [here](#).
- **This program runs from now until December 31st, 2020**

## 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](mailto: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.



**HUNTERDON COUNTY  
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
[www.HCVSD.org](http://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:

- 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](#)

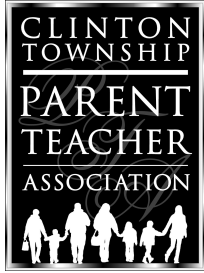
**Reminder:** Please refer tech issues and device issues to the parent help desk ([parenthelp@ctsdnj.org](mailto:parenthelp@ctsdnj.org)), rather than staff members.

**Bus Information:** Transportation issues may be directed to Ms. Carmella Shaw at 908.236.7235 ext. 521 - [cshaw@ctsdnj.org](mailto: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](http://www.ctsdnj.org). **CTMS: Main Office Number 908 238 9141**

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

## What's new with the PTA!



Hello, CTSD families! October finds us deep in fundraising season. There are plenty of ways to help support the PTA and our activities, if you're in a position to do so. We have our [Class of 2021 Tricky Tray](#) on Saturday, October 3; [Family Portrait sessions](#) are now available for purchase; our [Charleston Wrap sale](#) offers high quality gift wrap and home goods, and runs through October 15; our [Community Discount Cards](#) are still available to purchase in the [PTA online store](#); and of course, [purchasing your membership](#) to the PTA supports our activities all year long. Thanks to everyone who purchased school-branded face masks! If you chose the "ship to home" option, they will be shipping in around a week.



### Calling 1st - 5th grade parents!

We are now recruiting Gallery Time Volunteers! Gallery Time is our art enrichment program for grades 1-5, and we're going virtual for the 2020-2021 school year, starting this November! For detailed information, see our [flyer](#).

Sign up [here](#) for PMG (grades 1-2)

Sign up [here](#) for RVS (grades 3-5)

**Questions?** Contact your school's Gallery Time coordinator:

**PMG:** Kelly Boyle, [kboyle922@gmail.com](mailto:kboyle922@gmail.com) or (908) 240-6444

**RVS:** Sonal Patel, [sonal.patel@mmsg.us](mailto:sonal.patel@mmsg.us) or (732) 213-8825

### Virtual Assembly coming to CTMS!

Keep an eye out for a direct video link to view our first virtual assembly on **Friday, October 9 at 7pm**.

CTMS students will be treated to "The Principles of Hip Hop: Peace, Love, Unity & Having Fun!" by Hip Hop Fundamentals!



### Family Portrait Fundraiser

Need an updated family portrait? Starting to think about holiday cards? Clinton Township PTA has partnered with [Dabour Photography](#) to bring you the opportunity to purchase a heavily discounted portrait session, as well as reduced cost photos, canvas and holiday card packages!

Your \$50 session fee (regularly \$150!) includes:

30 minute session

- 8" x 10" unframed print
- Discounted pricing on additional purchases\*
- Discounted pricing on holiday cards\*

\*Purchase your session [here](#) in the PTA online store & browse available packages [here](#).



Sessions may be purchased at any time, but must be scheduled **within six months** of purchase. Availability for Fall sessions is limited, so order today to schedule your session! *The entire sitting fee (\$50) and a generous portion of additional purchases from Dabour Photography are donated to the PTA with your support of this fundraiser.*



### Charleston Wrap sale

Please support our biggest fall fundraiser, the proceeds of which allow the PTA to continue to sponsor cultural enrichment assemblies and bring our students virtual events all year long! Charleston Wrap is the home of high quality gift wrap and gift wrap accessories, as well as a specially selected range of gifts for cooks and your home, and fun personalized goods.

Make your own purchases online and invite friends and family to participate. Here's how:

- ❑ Step 1: **REGISTER** at [www.charlestonwrapstore.com](http://www.charlestonwrapstore.com) using organization ID **12382**
- ❑ Step 2: Use the **email invite generator** to invite out-of-town friends & family to shop and support!
- ❑ Step 3: Share your **unique invite links** via text and social media to spread the word!

All online orders will be shipped directly to each buyer's home and **orders over \$85 ship free!** This year, parents can earn valuable rewards like **free wrapping paper** for sharing your child's personalized online shopping link, as well as **generous discounts** for achieving sales. **Online sale ends October 15!** See our [flyer](#) for additional details.

**Questions?** Contact Sandy Engelhardt ([sjengelhardt28@gmail.com](mailto:sjengelhardt28@gmail.com)).



The **Class of 2021 Tricky Tray**, benefiting the Class of 2021's eighth grade activities has been postponed to **Saturday, October 10.**

- ❑ 9:00am - 2:00pm Ticket drop off
- ❑ 2:30pm Drawing begins
- ❑ 3:00pm - 5:30pm Basket pick up

Ticket presales have been extended to **Wednesday, October 7** (click [here](#) for presale form) and may also be

purchased on the day of the event. There will be over 100 baskets, 50/50, and snacks available at the Tricky Cafe. Watch the ticket drawing live [here!](#)

For more info, check our [Tricky Tray page](#) or contact [ctmstrickytray@gmail.com](mailto:ctmstrickytray@gmail.com).

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

<b>Chelsea's</b> Free 6 wings with purchase of 12 (excludes Wing Wed) 1051 US-22, Lebanon	<b>HARPER'S TABLE</b> <b>10% OFF</b> total food purchase 1316 Rt 31, Annandale	<b>J.J. SCOPPS</b> Free topping with purchase of any size cup 1 Main St, Clinton
<b>Sneakers Plus</b> <b>20% OFF</b> one item (excludes sale, varsity, cheer shoes, online) 318 Hwy 202, Flemington	<b>Hot Bagels &amp; Deli</b> \$5 off your \$20 purchase OR 50% off a second sub 1802 Rt 31, Clinton	

**Community Discount Card**

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



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! **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:

Fri, October 9 - CTMS "The Principals of Hip Hop" virtual assembly

Sat, October 10, 9:00am - 5:30pm - Class of 2021 Tricky Tray

Thu, October 15 - Charleston Wrap sale ends

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!**

