



Clinton Township School District

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August 22, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

September to me has always been about new beginnings – fresh crayons, new sneakers, unused notebooks. It is also about getting back to the familiar – re-establishing routines, seeing old friends, and maybe even making new friends. This September is particularly exciting for me as I begin my first school year with the Clinton Township students and staff. I am looking forward to meeting all of our students, those new to the district and those returning from summer break. I am excited for the opportunity to work with our dedicated staff and to build relationships with our parents and community members.

The summer has been busy for our staff members. Whether through curriculum writing, professional development opportunities, preparation of classrooms, technology upgrades, or the management of facilities, our staff members have been hard at work getting ready for the return of our students. Countless hours are used to prepare for the start of each school year. This year was no exception. You will see all that was accomplished this summer as you visit our schools in September.

I am happy to welcome each of you back for another school year. I hope that every day is a new adventure for our students, their families, and our staff members. I also hope our teachers, staff members, parents and guardians, community members, administrators, and Board of Education members join me to support the students of Clinton Township.

I look forward to meeting you at the various school opening events scheduled in September.

Thank you,

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Community & Teamwork Motivate Success

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Dear CTMS Families:

We extend a warm welcome to all our returning students and families and to those who are new to our school district or area. I hope your summer has gone well and you are excited for the beginning of the 2016-17 school year. The last remaining days of summer are flying by and school is in full preparation mode. The halls are gleaming and classrooms are being readied for the first day of school, Thursday, September 1st. The beginning of the year is always filled with great anticipation, expectation and excitement of what is to come.

On Wednesday, August 31, 2016, we are having our *School Visitation Day* from 12:30 - 1:30 pm. We are looking forward to meeting new students and parents and welcoming back familiar faces. During this time, you are invited to take a self-guided tour of the building to meet the teachers, and to find your homeroom, and classroom locations

This year times have been staggered to accommodate families who have children in multiple schools. Adhering to the time schedule below will allow our teachers to complete setting up their classrooms for the beginning of the school year. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

CTMS: 12:30 - 1:30 RVS: 1:00 - 2:00 PMG: 1:30 - 2:30 SRS: 2:00 - 3:00

The CTMS motto **Community & Teamwork Motivate Success** is a mantra that we live by. We recognize that, in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or call me.

We look forward to seeing you on the 31st and then again at our Back to School Nights.

Sincerely,

Judi Hammond, Principal



CTMS NEWS

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August 22, 2016



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

August

- 8/22 BOE Meeting @ CTMS, 7:30 PM
8/31 School Visitation Day ~ CTMS: 12:30–1:30PM

September

- 9/1 First Day of School for Students
9/5 Labor Day ~ School Closed
9/8 School Picture Day
9/13 Grade 7 - Back-to-School Night, 7:00 PM
9/14 Grade 8 - Back-to-School Night, 7:00 PM
9/26 BOE Meeting @ CTMS, 7:30 PM



Please join me in welcoming our new staff to CTMS.

- Mr. Dean Greco – Grade 7 Social Studies Teacher
- Mrs. Erica Crowl – Grade 8 French Teacher
- Mrs. Colleen Caballero – Grade 7 & 8 Spanish Teacher
- Mrs. Rita Russomano – Grade 8 Special Education Teacher
- Mrs. Kelli Portland Special Education Teacher-Autism Class
- Mrs. Kathy Kavin – Teacher's Assistant
- Mrs. Theresa Fernandes – Teacher Assistant
- Mrs. Jean Hansen CTMS Secretary (PM)

Message from CTMS Nurse Mrs. Beha

If your child is planning on participating in the CTSD Interscholastic Sports Program, Ski or Golf Club please visit the website below to find information which outlines what is needed for participation.

<https://www.oucoursesystems.com/school/webpage/13166147/1379754>

The Scholastic Student Athlete Safety Act mandates that in order for a student to be cleared for sports participation and/or athletic related clubs specific forms must be completed and reviewed by our school doctor. We have compiled these forms into a sports packet. The packet is due into the Health Office by the following dates:

Fall Sports/Clubs Season: Paperwork was due August 18, 2016
Winter Sports/Clubs Season: Paperwork due October 28, 2016
Spring Sports/Clubs Season: Paperwork due February 17, 2017

A student will not be cleared for participation in a sport if all forms are not completed and on file in the Health Office by the dates listed above. Please call the main office [908 238-9141](tel:908-238-9141) or email mbeha@ctsdnj.org with questions or concerns.

Clinton Township Middle School Staff

2016-17

Judith Hammond, Principal & Michele Cone, Assistant Principal

Grade 8		Grade 7		Support Staff
Team 8 - South	Team 8 - North	Team 7 - East	Team 7 - West	
Mrs. T. Cantagallo (ELA)	Mr. C. Roberto (ELA)	Mrs. J. Baxter (ELA)	Ms. B. Birken (ELA)	Mrs. K. Gallo 8th Math Resource Room
Mr. B. Cozin. (SS).	Mrs. J. Selbo-Gross (SS)	Ms. C. Giordano (SS)	Mr. D. Greco (SS)	Mrs. F. Lin 7th Math Resource Room
Ms. R. Kiefer (Math)	Mrs. M. Chynoweth (Math)	Mrs. M. Di Giovanni (Math)	Ms. S. Parsh (Math)	Mrs. K. Prall 7th & 8th ELA Resource Room
Mrs. S. Damanakis (Sci)	Mrs. S. Abrams (Sci)	Mrs. D. Daniello (Sci)	Ms. J. Moore (Sci)	Mrs. K. Portland Autism Class
Mrs. J. Gitto (ICS ELA/SS 8S)	Mrs. A. Dandeo (ICS ELA/SS 8N)	Mrs. K. Johnson (ICS ELA/SS 7E)	Ms. A. Gittins (Math, ELA Sci. & SS 7W)	Mrs. L. Niebuhr 7th & 8th Literacy Support
Ms. M. Guidi (ICS Math/Sci 8S)	Mrs. C. Mann (ICS Math/Sci 8N)	Mrs. M. La Valette (ICS Math/Science 7E)		Mrs. P. Stanwick 7th & 8th Multi-Sensory Reading
Mrs. R. Russomano North & South (ICS Social Studies & Science)		Mrs. K. Mueller 7th Guidance Counselor 8th Transition Coordinator		Mrs. J. Kinkead 7th & 8th Math Support
Mrs. Squindo 8th Grade Counselor SAC Coordinator		Mrs. M. Beha Nurse	Mrs. L. Siefert P/T Nurse	Ms. P. Moran 7th & 8th In-District Solutions
Mrs. K. Worman Speech Teacher	Ms. K. Collins CST-School Psychologist	Ms. K. Siedenbug CST-LDTC	Mrs. R. Taft CST- Social Worker	<u>Teacher Assistants</u> Mrs. T. Fernandes Mrs. D. Hauck Mrs. K. Kavin Mrs.R. Mastroianni Mrs. E. Smolyn Mrs E. Tracey
<u>Tech Apps</u> Mrs. L. Waddell	<u>Art</u> Ms. A. Lenig	<u>Library/ Media</u> Mrs S. Gitomer	<u>Enrichment</u> Ms. D. Cormican	CTMS Office Staff Mrs. E. Saccente Mrs. C.Gugliandolo (AM) Mrs. J. Hansen (PM)
<u>World Language</u> Mrs. E. Crowl French Mrs. Balog Spanish Mrs. Caballero Spanish		<u>Music</u> Instrumental Music Mr. S. Schaefer Comp. Music Mr. R. Tarriff	<u>Physical Education/Health</u> Mr. D. Helmstetter Mrs. E. Jacobsen Mr. B. Ruge Health	CST Office Staff Mrs. M. Nor Mrs. H.Burd
Mr. C. McCatharn Day Custodian	Mr. N. Lombardo Evening Custodian	Mr. V. Samit Evening Custodian	Mr. R. Lamoreaux Evening Custodian	Mrs. J. McKinney Evening Custodian



CTMS INFO AT A GLANCE

2016 - 2017



CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 908-238-9141

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Secretaries

Mrs. Elizabeth Saccente, ext 201
Mrs. Cindy Gugliandolo, ext 200

Principal

Ms. Judith Hammond, ext 201
jhammond@ctsdnj.org

Vice Principal

Mrs. Michele Cone, ext 203
mccone@ctsdnj.org

Guidance Counselors

Mrs. Kerry Mueller, Grade 7, ext 208
Mrs. Kendra Squindo, Grade 8, ext 209

School Nurse

Mrs. Michele Beha, ext 206
Mrs. Lisa Siefert, (part-time), ext 206

District Website

www.ctsd.k12.nj.us

Buses



Please know the number of your child's bus. This will help

us assist you if there are any concerns with pick-ups or drop-offs. The district transportation liaison is Mrs. Debbie Krupp. She can be contacted at 908-236-7235, press 9, ext 512. Bus safety rules are listed in the district calendar.

School Hours



Regular Hours: 7:55 AM - 2:20 PM

Early Dismissal: 7:55 AM - 11:55 AM

Delayed Openings: 9:55 AM - 2:20 PM

Early Alert

Please report absences and/or tardiness prior to the opening of the school day using the 'Early Alert' line 908-238-9141: Press 1

Emergency Closings

Regular sessions of school are cancelled only in the case of emergencies. Notice of closing can be found on:

WBUD: 101.5 FM

www.nj1015.com

WODE: 69 FM Radio

www.wfmz.com

District/School Website:

www.ctsd.k12.nj.us

CTMS Phone: 908-238-9141

Parents will also be contacted by phone through CTSD School Reach Alert System.

Pick~Up and Dismissal

School Dismisses at 2:20 p.m.

For safety reasons, parents must use SIDE LOT when collecting students. Students should be picked up promptly at the end of the day and after any school activity.

Early pickups must be made before 2:00 p.m. so the regular dismissal runs smoothly. For the safety of our students, requests for changes in dismissal should be made in writing and delivered in the morning.

Students cannot be left unsupervised. Therefore, students who are not picked up in a timely manner will be required to wait in the atrium until a parent comes.

We understand that sometimes there is an unexpected change in plans. We will notify your child through the "end-of-day" announcements as we will not interrupt academic instructions.



LUNCH

The cost of lunch is \$3.20. Snacks are sold for an additional charge. Monthly menus are available on the school website. Students may use cash or the automated lunch point-of-sale payment plan.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

Grades: Parents can view current student progress and grades through Parent Portal. Marking period grades are assigned 4 times throughout the year and will be viewed through Parent Portal. A paper copy of all 4 marking period grades will be issued at the end of the year. Conferences are held at the conclusion of the 1st marking period. If you ever have any questions about your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher. To access Parent Portal: <https://ctsd.powerschool.com/public>

Need Help? Email: parenthelp@ctsdnj.org



LOST & FOUND

Found items are placed in the nurse's office. Please label clothing with your child's first and last name. Unclaimed items are donated to a local charity at the end of each month.

FORGOTTEN ITEMS

When bringing 'forgotten' items to school (lunch, money, homework, clothing), please drop the item(s) off on the 'Courtesy Cart' in the atrium which your child can access throughout the day. We do not interrupt academic learning for such items.

School Mascot: Hawk

School Colors: Burgundy, White, & Black

School Motto:
Community &
Teamwork Motivate
Success.



HEALTH & GUIDANCE

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's health please call our nurse: Mrs. Michele Beha, ext 206/231 or our Guidance Counselors: Mrs. Kendra Squindo, 8th grade, ext 209, or Mrs. Kerry Mueller, 7th grade, ext 208.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES: Superintendent

Dr. Gina Villani
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Sherry Bobal, press 9, ext 519

Business Administrator

Mr. Anthony Juskiewicz
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District Supervisor of Instruction, Data, & Assessment

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Important Information

CTMS and district information can be found on the district website. All CTMS teachers have a webpage which is regularly updated with relevant and timely information regarding school events.

<http://clintoncms.ss9.sharpschool.com/>

Sports & Clubs

We offer a variety of sports activities, music opportunities, and after-school clubs. Please visit the CTMS website for specific information.

<http://clintoncms.ss9.sharpschool.com/>



Questions: If you have any questions, please contact us. We are happy to assist you!