



Crabapple Middle School Friday Notes

Week of Sept. 17—Sept. 21, 2007
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 17	Progress Reports Distributed
Sept. 18	Soccer vs. Elkins Pointe MS @ CMS; 5:00pm
Sept. 19	Fall Pictures
Sept. 19	Learning Matters Day-Early Dismissal @ 12:35
Sept. 24	Parent Math Night for 6th Grade
Sept. 26	Parent Math Night for 7th Grade
Oct. 1	Parent Math Night for 8th Grade

MARQUE SU CALENDARIO

17 de septiembre:	Calificaciones de progreso distribuidas
18 de septiembre:	Futbol contra Elkins PointeMS en CMS a las 5:00 pm
19 de septiembre:	fotografias de otono

Early Release Day Sept. 19th ~ School Ends @ 12:35

The first of 5 early release days is scheduled for September 19th. Students will be dismissed at 12:35pm and follow the normal bus schedule. On these days, teachers and school staff will use the remainder of the day to participate in school wide trainings and professional development.

30 Waivers Have Expired

Parents, time has expired if you completed a 30-day waiver for the required immunizations and the Affidavit of Residency forms. A **Certificate of Immunization Form 3231** is required and can be obtained from your physician or the county health department.

The **Affidavit of Residency** form can be downloaded from the website, www.fultoncountyschools.org and a notary is available at the school if you bring the required two documents verifying your address. Please note that your driver's license is not proof of residency.

Failure to secure these documents could result in withdrawal from school.

Parent Math Nights

Parents, please join us for an evening of math investigation as we explore our new math standards and resources. Parents will have the opportunity to experience, first-hand, the instructional delivery of the GPS Standards and ask questions regarding expectations and implementation. All meetings will be held in the cafeteria from 7:00pm-8:15pm. Dates are as follows: Sept. 24th ~ 6th grade
Sept. 26th ~ 7th grade
Oct. 1st ~ 8th grade

COACH'S CORNER

Mimi Gamel



Dear Parents:

Be alert that there is a great diploma debate going on in our State. The State Board of Education members are meeting this week to revise the Georgia's high school graduation requirements, which will have an effect on our 8th graders this year. Starting with the freshman class of 2008-09 there might be a few changes in HS requirements:

1. College Prep track only
2. 23 credits instead of 22 credits; with 4 years of math and science with passing grades
3. more rigorous curriculum

The supporters of this change believe that all students should be encouraged to take more challenging courses through the College-Prep track only, while others are concerned about providing a more well-rounded education for all. We'll see how the dilemma unfolds!

Exclusion From CMS Directory

If you **do not want** your student's name, address and phone number listed in our school directory, please notify Sheila Leone @ leone@fultonschools.org by September 30th.

Parents Can View Bus Transportation Website

Parents can view school bus change information and bus delays via the Internet. Begin at www.fultonschools.org/index.asp, then click the 'School Bus Information' button on the left navigation bar. Click the 'School Bus Delays/Changes' button on the bottom right of the page, then select the school and, from the drop-down box, click the 'Submit' button. In addition, students are only allowed to ride home on another bus for child care purposes. Refer to page 3 of the Student Handbook.

Clinic Needs

The clinic is in need of gently used clothing such as sweatpants or sweatshirts, or clothing that is suitable for middle school attire. If your child has any clothing they have outgrown and can be donated to the school, it would be appreciated.

Family Day 2007 Celebration

The Family Prevention Resource and Learning Center @ Zion, Inc. will be hosting a Family Day dinner on September 24th from 5:00pm-6:00pm at their Fellowship Hall located at 888 Zion Circle, Roswell Ga. This annual dinner is part of a national effort to promote family dinners as an effective way to reduce substance abuse among children and teens.

CMS Lunch Menu

Monday	Vegetable Soup, Grill Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Tenders, Beef Enchilada, Deli Sandwich, Various Salad Plates
Tuesday	Roasted Turkey, Cheese Pizza, Taco, Deli Sandwich, Various Salad Plates
Wednesday	Turkey/Ham Sandwiches, Apples, Salad Plate (Early Release Lunch)
Thursday	Oven Fried Chicken, Cheeseburger, Pepperoni Pizza, Deli Sandwich, Various Salad Plates
Friday	Fish Tenders, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Gordita, Deli Sandwich, Various Salad Plates

NO STUDENT IS ALLOWED TO 'CHARGE' A LUNCH

Parent Connect Update

The technology department is pleased to announce that Parent Connect is undergoing a much needed upgrade. With this upgrade, you can expect a new and improved alert system, one account for all of your children no matter what school or grade they attend in Fulton County and a more user-friendly interface. Due to this upgrade, the system will be inaccessible until further notice. We understand this may cause an inconvenience, but we ask that you be patient until it is up and running. If you have any questions, contact our technology specialist, Torey Bradley at bradleyt1@fultonschools.org.

Paying for School Lunches on Line

Fulton County Schools is now offering automated prepayments to your child's meal account via the telephone or internet. Simply dial in (1-866-498-4005) or log on (www.mealpayplus.com) and use a credit card or debit card to fund your child's meal account—what could be easier! Your child's interim report will include the needed student identification number. Look for the informational brochure coming home attached to interims.

BECOMING A 'LOVE AND LOGIC' PARENT

Parents are invited to participate in a series of 7 workshops on the philosophy of becoming a 'Love & Logic Parent'. Learn how to avoid exhausting power struggles, teach responsibility without creating anger and resentment and provide your kids with the skills to resist peer pressure and still build a loving, positive relationship with your child! The deadline for registration is Sept. 24th. The fee is \$50.00/person or \$70.00/couple and includes a workbook. Checks should be made payable to CMS PTA. The first workshop will be held on Oct. 4th from 9:30am-11:30am or an evening session from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Contact Debbie Uhlar at uhlarbugs@earthlink.net for further information. A registration form will be attached to student interim reports.

Ordering a Yearbook

Attention parents—yearbook ordering is just around the corner! This year there are many options and embellishments that can be added to the traditional yearbook. Ordering takes place on Oct. 2nd during an extended homeroom, so we recommend that you sit down with your child and discuss your ordering preferences before your child is given the form. This way, there will be no 'surprises' when the yearbooks arrive and will avoid unnecessary purchasing and other confusion.

LSAC News

This past legislative year the Georgia General Assembly amended the law governing LSAC membership to require a parent majority on the committee. Since our elections are held in the fall we are able to meet this change for the 2007-2008 school year. In the past the membership for the CMS LSAC has been 3 parents, 3 teachers, 3 Business Partners and the school principal. This year when we requested nominations or expressions of interest to serve on the LSAC as a parent representative we received information from 3 interested parents which will give us a majority on LSAC – 4 parents, 3 teachers, 3 Business Partners (1 of which is a parent). We are excited to be able have enthusiastic parents join LSAC!

Partnership Perks

If you are interested in being a business partner with CMS, contact Dana Pearson, Partners In Education Coordinator, for more information at 770-552-4520 ext. 136 or email pearsond@fultonschools.org. We love to partner with our parents!