



Crabapple Middle School

Friday Notes

Nov. 19-Nov. 23, 2007

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 19	Progress Reports Issued
Nov. 21-23	Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov. 27	Orchestra Concert @ 7:00pm
Nov. 28	Learning Matters Day~Dismissal @ 12:35pm
Dec. 6	Faculty Basketball Game @ 4:00pm
Dec. 10	PTA Board Meeting @ 12:30pm
Dec. 10-11	8th Grade Finals (Reading, Math)
Dec. 17-18	8th Grade Finals (other academic subjects)
Dec. 19	Grandparents Coffee
Dec. 19	End of First Semester
Dec. 20-Jan 3	Winter Break

MARQUE SU CALENDARIO

19 de noviembre	Calificaciones de progreso son distribuidas
21-23 de nov.	Vacaciones del Dia de Gracias
28 de nov.	dia corto-salida de la escuela a las 12:35pm
6 de diciembre	partido de basketball de los maestros
17-18 de dic.	Exámenes finales para los octavos
19 de diciembre	Un café con los abuelos
20 al 3 en enero	Vacaciones de invierno

Progress Reports Issued

Parents, progress reports go home November 19th. Please return your child's progress report **signed** to their home-room teacher.

Reflections Winners

Congratulations to the following students whose entries have made it to the Council level of judging:

<i>Music:</i>	James Morelli
<i>Visual Arts:</i>	Bina Parekh, Amanda Loudon, Andrew Medina, Harrison Carney, Molly Kollmar, and Elizabeth Shaw
<i>Photography:</i>	Natalie Baird, Brittany Brown, Ashley Smith, Sommer Sparrow, Austin Shaw and Madison Clark
<i>Literature:</i>	Amanda Loudon, Sana Khan, Madeline Fay, Cynthia Dominguez and Molly Kollmar

Chorus All State Audition News

Congratulations to Jamie Ascher for passing the first All State audition. We wish her the best as she prepares for the final audition in January.

Use Publix Key Fobs

When buying groceries for your Thanksgiving meal, please be sure and use your Publix key fob if that is your store of choice. The school receives a rebate for all purchases made.

COACH'S CORNER

Mimi Gamel—Graduation Coach



As parents we think our teens don't listen to us, but think again. In study after study, teenagers point out their parents as a primary factor in their decisions. These studies do emphasize the fact that as parents we cannot lecture. No one likes to be lectured to—not even adults. The best thing to do is to create a conversation that is personalized to your child. Begin by basically talking to your child about his or her passions—whether its sports, drama, spending time with friends, or going to the mall. You may think you are not being heard above the music, the phone calls, text messages and clicking of the keyboard, but you are. So keep talking. Good listening involves reflecting back your teen's feelings so he feels fully heard. This is called "active listening" or "reflective listening." Parents sometimes find it tricky to listen well to their teenage children, and they make the mistake of: advising, blaming, consoling, and rescuing. Realize that your teen may need more than one chat before reaching a resolution. If your teen wants to talk late at night, be sure to schedule another time to continue the conversation if you are too tired. If your teen cries, it's a sign that he feels emotionally safe with you. Continue to listen without stopping the tears. It is never too late to improve your listening skills and repair your relationship with your teen. He or she will appreciate your efforts and gradually begin



We would like to wish all of our CMS students, parents and staff members a safe and happy Thanksgiving. There will be no school November 21-23.

Monday Chicken Enchiladas, Chicken Nuggets, Soft Shell Taco, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates
Tuesday Beefaroni, Ham/Cheese Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates

Thanksgiving Holidays the rest of the week

Learning Matters Day is November 28th ~ Early dismissal of students at 12:35pm

Chamber Orchestra Visits the Governor's Mansion

We are very excited to announce that our Orchestra Chamber has been selected to entertain visitors at the Governor's Mansion on December 5th between 11:00am and 12:30pm. Parents are invited to tour the mansion during that time so they can cheer on our group and listen to some wonderful holiday music. Only two middle schools in Fulton County were chosen for this honor and this is the first time Crabapple Middle School has had the pleasure to participate.

Help Us Help Others~ Canned Food Drive

The holidays are just around the corner. The Jr. Beta Club and Student Forum are co-sponsoring a canned food drive. Collection efforts will begin November 5th through November 30th. All of the proceeds will be delivered to North Fulton Charities. Their food pantry is almost depleted. Please support the students' efforts!!! Items can be sent in with your child to homeroom or dropped off at the school's front office anytime during school hours.

Dress Code Reminder

Parents, we have seen an increase in dress code violations. In an attempt to remedy this issue, here is a reminder about our school's dress code policy. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Students are expected to dress and groom themselves in such a way as to reflect neatness, cleanliness and safety. All students shall dress appropriately so as not to disrupt or interfere with the educational program or the orderly operation of the school. Extremes in dress and grooming are not permitted. Clothing must fit correctly, with pants, shorts, and skirts worn at the waist. The following are prohibited: flip-flops, 'short-short' clothing (defined locally as fingertip length) bare midriffs, 'tank-tops', 'see-through' clothing, apparel, which designates gangs or similar organizations, or any dress that is disruptive to the educational process, incorrectly fitting clothing (pants, shorts or shirts must be worn at the waist), pants leg(s) rolled up pants/shorts with holes or frayed edges or pants dragging the floor, boxer shorts worn as clothing, t-shirts with suggestive wording or illustrations or advertisements for items which are illegal for middle school students, i.e. alcohol and tobacco products or of such a nature to cause disruption in school, and hats, curlers, headscarves, combs, hair picks, bandannas, sweat bands, sunglasses or gloves. In addition, undergarments must be covered by another appropriate article of clothing all the time. Please refer to the Student Agenda, page 10.

Partnership Perks!

We would like to thank Wal-Mart, Mario's Pizzeria, LuLu's Bakery and Fidelity Bank for all helping to make our first CMS 'Movie Night' a success. We could not have done it without the support!

We thank Bella Flora for our beautiful fall flower arrangements given to us for our front office counter. Let them supply an arrangement to adorn your Thanksgiving table!