



# Crabapple Middle School

## Friday Notes

Nov. 26-Dec. 1, 2007

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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. 12	Tumbling Exhibition at Ridgeview MS
Dec. 13	Mt. Park Music Concert at CMS
Dec. 17-18	8th Grade Finals (other academic subjects)
Dec. 19	Grandparents Coffee 9:00-10:15
Dec. 19	End of First Semester
Dec. 20-Jan 3	Winter Break

### MARQUE SU CALENDARIO

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

### Hardship transfers accepted beginning January 7

Beginning January 7, 2008, parents of Fulton County students can apply for a 2008-09 hardship transfer to another Fulton school or request renewal of an existing hardship transfer. The deadline to submit these applications to the Fulton County Schools' Student Placement Office is February 15, 2008. There are no exceptions or extensions. Applications are available at all Fulton County schools, online at <http://www.fultonschools.org/dept/studentplacement>, and at the Fulton County Schools Administrative Center, located at 786 Cleveland Avenue SW in Atlanta. Students currently in the Majority-to-Minority program (M-to-M) do not need to complete a new application unless the student is changing from elementary to middle school or from middle to high school. The M-to-M program is only open to siblings of students who are currently enrolled in the program. Parents with questions or who need more information about hardship transfers can contact the Fulton County Schools' Student Placement Office at 404-763-6801 or visit <http://www.fultonschools.org/dept/studentplacement>.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Be a CMS Mathletes Mentor

Want to provide a meaningful volunteer service to a school program that directly affects math test scores and math confidence? We have the program for you! Volunteer as a Mathlete Mentor every Wednesday morning at 8:40am for just 30 minutes, working with students in workbooks, on computer programs and math websites ~ all with a delicious cup of coffee. Contact Pat Bartee at 770)552-4520 ext.129 if you are interested.

### Annual Grandparents' Coffee

Students received an invitation for their grandparents to join us on December 19th from 9:00am until 10:15am for our annual Grandparents Coffee. This special event is a favorite event at our school. Please rsvp by November 30th to your child's homeroom teacher and attach a picture of your grandparents (with your child's name on the back).

**November 28th ~ Learning Matters Day for Teachers**

**School is dismissed at 12:35pm**

<b>Monday</b>	Chicken Divan, Cuban Pork Sub, Chicken Enchilada, Deli Sandwich
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chili with Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Nuggets, Pizza, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cold Cut Combo Sandwich, Carrot/Celery Sticks, Fresh Apple
<b>Thursday</b>	Oven Fried Chicken, Chicken Rings, Beef Enchilada, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates
<b>Friday</b>	Shrimp Poppers, Hamburger, Pizza, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates

## Parent Reminders Regarding School Procedures

### **Late Check-In Instructions:**

**Parents and Guardians:** Even if you are personally bringing your child in to the Front Office for late check in, we require a signed and dated note informing us of your student's name, grade, and reason for late check-in per Fulton County policy (if you are coming in from a medical appointment, doctors and dentists frequently provide notes for you.). Please sign your student in on our Check-In/Check-Out log in the Front Office.

**Students:** Bring your parent's *note to the Front Office*, and sign in on the Check-In log. The secretary will sign your agenda as your late-pass to class.

### **Early Check-Out Instructions:**

**Parents and Guardians:** Please write a note informing us of your student's name, grade, reason for early dismissal and time to be checked out. Be sure to sign and date your note. Advise your student to *bring the note to the Front Office before Home Room for approval*. You can meet your student in the Front Office at the designated time. You will be asked to show identification, and to sign our Check Out log when your student arrives at the designated time. This procedure minimizes the number of times that we need to interrupt teachers by calling in to the classroom.

**Students:** The Front Office secretary will instruct you to show the approved note to the teacher whose class will be interrupted so that proper accommodations can be made (not dress out for PE, wait in Front Office instead of going to fire drill station, sit near the door during an assembly, etc.). You will also be advised to go to your locker before meeting your parent, and that you will have to turn in your approved note to the Front Office when you check out.

### **Bus Transportation Changes:**

**Parent and Guardians:** All transportation changes must be pre-approved. Please write a note informing us of the reason you are requesting a bus change for your student and have them *bring the note to the Front Office before homeroom for approval*. Please be advised that Fulton County Transportation does not allow bus changes in order for students to work on a project, spend the night, or for other personal reasons. Your request will only be approved for childcare purposes and must be verified. Please include a telephone number where you can be reached. Transportation changes that are called in must be done before 3:00pm so the student can be notified.

**Students:** All bus changes must be approved. The Front Office secretary will approve your transportation change by signing your note and giving it back to you to show the bus driver as your pass. Bus drivers will not allow you to ride a different bus or get off at a different bus stop without a signed note. You must *bring your note to the Office before homeroom* for approval. Do not wait until the end of the day or give it to your teacher before it has been signed by the secretary.

Lastly, when dropping off items for your student, please do so before 10:00am in order for our office staff to guarantee that the item gets to your child in time. Your help with following these procedures insures less classroom interruptions and is much appreciated.

## **Partnership Perks!**

Thank you to Mario's Pizzeria for supplying the pizzas enjoyed by our volleyball team as they celebrated an end to their season.

We would like to thank Mom's Table for the delicious homemade biscuits enjoyed by our staff. If you are too busy to cook and want to enjoy a great meal, visit [www.MomsTableOnline.com](http://www.MomsTableOnline.com) or call 770)552-7515.