



Crabapple Middle School

Friday Notes

Dec. 3-Dec. 7, 2007

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Dec. 4 | Faculty Basketball Game @ 4:00pm |
| Dec. 10 | PTA Board Meeting @ 12:30pm |
| Dec. 10 | Media Smart Youth Luncheon |
| 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 |

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| 4 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>.

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 morning is a favorite event at our school. Please RSVP by Dec. 3rd to your child's homeroom teacher and attach a picture of your grandparents (with your child's name on the back).



COACH'S CORNER

Mimi Gamel—Graduation Coach

Dear Parents,

November was a busy and good month at CMS, and now we are looking forward to an equally busy—and I trust, happy, December. We only have thirteen more days of school before the end of first semester. While the eighth graders will be preparing and taking their mid-term exams, the sixth and seventh graders are putting final touches on their Expeditions and long term projects. I want to remind everyone of the fabulous SUPPORT SYSTEM our school has for ALL students to ensure they complete the first semester with the utmost SUCCESS!

Our support system includes:

- *Morning and afternoon teacher help sessions for review
- *Working lunch for homework help and project completion
- *Friday Finish Club for any incompletes to be completed

These programs are available for ALL students that need just that little extra 'push' to complete their work correctly and on time. If you have any questions about these and/or other CMS practices, please contact me at gamel@fultonschools.org

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.

Send In Your Signed Interim Report Cards

Parents, just a reminder that your child's last interim report must be returned to their homeroom teacher with your signature. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Rotary Student of the Month

Congratulations to Sara McClimon for being selected as the Rotary Student of the Month. Sara is on the Athens team and was sponsored by Mr. Eric Casey, her homeroom and Social Studies Teacher. Sara was honored at the Roswell Rotary Luncheon on November 29th.



CMS Lunch Menu

Adding money to Meal Pay Plus takes 48 hours to show in the account

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| Monday | Salisbury Steak, Chicken Nuggets, Nachos Grande, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates |
| Tuesday | Macaroni/Cheese w/ Tur-ham, Hot Dog, Burrito, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates |
| Wednesday | Spaghetti Casserole, Chicken Tenders, Cheese Quesadilla, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates |
| Thursday | Baked Chicken, Hamburger, Cheese Pizza, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates |
| Friday | Chicken Fajitas, Fish Sandwich, Pizzas, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates |

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.

School Directory Distribution

Parents, our school directories are being printed and will be ready for distribution before the winter break. Congratulations to Samantha Ferrell for her beautiful artwork adorning the cover.

Faculty Basketball Game

Students, plan on attending our first Faculty Basketball Game December 4th after school. It will be the White Team vs. the Blue Team with your favorite teachers playing against each other ~ you won't want to miss the showdown between the Blue and White. Admission cost is just \$3.00—what a deal for an afternoon of fun!

Band News

Congratulations to Grant Portwood, Zack Guthrie, Angela Berry, Evelyn Smith and Grayson Nardone for receiving a SUPERIOR rating at Sol and Ensemble on November 17th. Also, we congratulate Averil Donaldson, Tyler Whitt and Joseph Fitton for receiving an EXCELLENT rating at the same festival. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication!

Tumbling Team News

Congratulations to the following students for making the tumbling team: Dalton Aquilo, Maddie Batson, Brittany Brown, Keenan Burton, Haley Daniel, Katie Dunn, Caroline Garvin, Andi Garza, Megan Gibson, Maggie Glass, Daniell Greco, Mason Gulick, Jessica Haigwood, Jerry Hollingsworth, Elizabeth Kadrich, Kayla Kelhofer, Jessie Kroll, Amanda Magoon, Meagan Macgregor, Carmen Montero, Lindsay Robinson, Colette Rushing, Scottie Snelling, Obos Tkperan and Ian Toegan. The team is coached by Heather Burt and Jason Thomas. Our students will be taking part in a county tumbling exhibition on Dec. 12th at Ridgeview Middle School.

7th Graders Wishing to Join Jr. Beta

Jr. Beta is a prestigious national service organization open to all seventh and eighth graders who meet certain criteria. All seventh graders wishing to join may apply for membership now. If your child is currently in seventh grade, has at least a 88 GPA and a desire to help the community, he/she should pick up an application from Ms. Gaffney (room 803) or download one from the CMS website. Completed applications MUST be returned no later than Wednesday, December 19th.

Partnership Perks!

Thank you to Kroger at Mansell Crossing for providing delicious baked goods enjoyed by our staff last week.

We also appreciate Mario's Pizzeria for supplying the pizzas enjoyed by a group of our students last week.