



Crabapple Middle School

Friday Notes

Dec. 10-Dec. 14, 2007

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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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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

Tryouts for Basketball Team

Attention all 7th grade boys and girls interested in trying out for the CMS basketball team: boys' tryouts will be December 12th immediately after school until 5:00pm and girls' tryouts will be December 17th immediately after school until 5:00pm. You must turn in your physical and intramural forms to Coach Thomas. See Coach Thomas if you have any questions.

Band News

Congratulations to Evelyn Smith, Angela Berry and Zack Guthrie for passing the first round of Band All State tryouts. The second round will be in February in Perry, Georgia. We thank them for their hard work, dedication and representation of CMS!

In addition, the following students have been selected for Student of the Month in Band. These students are selected after demonstrating a positive attitude, self respect, a positive work ethic, dependability and establishing a standard of excellence.

- 6th grade: Jeremy Male, Abby Sheldon
- 7th grade: Will Murray, Ephraim Michael
- 8th grade: C.J. Anene, Jenni Mathis

Chamber Orchestra Performs for the Governor

Congratulations to Mrs. White and the members of the Orchestra Chamber who performed at the Governor's Mansion on December 5th. It was such an honor and a great experience for the group. Mrs. White was presented with a beautiful plaque signed by Governor Perdue and his wife.

COACH'S CORNER

Mimi Gamel—Graduation Coach

Dear Parents,

The teenage years can be both the best of times and the worst of times. The brand new freedom and independence, while exciting, can lead to STRESS and feelings of overload for many teens. Middle schoolers go through a lot of stress and not just from school. They feel pressure to excel academically, become popular and meet expectations at home. Middle school children are generally within the age range of 11 to 14. A recent study suggest that we are experiencing a "becoming older, younger" phenomenon in our nation. What many people don't realize is that school, for most children, is no longer just an academic experience ~ it is a social one. Students are preoccupied with what the popular kids will think about their clothes and if the boy who sits in the back of them in class thinks they look 'hot' today. Academics are also getting tougher as we strive to keep up with countries. All of this puts a lot of stress on our students and, as parents, we need to continue to keep the lines of communication open and LISTEN.



School Directory Distribution

Parents, our school directories were distributed to students last Thursday and Friday. If you joined PTA, you will be receiving a directory. Congratulations to Samantha Ferrell for her beautiful artwork adorning the cover.

Toys For Tots

CMS alumni Matt Bersson has again had his home designated as an official drop site for the US Marine Corps' Toys for Tots drive. Just as we support our troops abroad, please support our troops at home by placing your donations of new, unwrapped toys in the decorated box located at 430 Holly Springs Trail in Wildwood Springs subdivision. Matt appreciates your support, as does the US Marine Corps!

Holiday Hat Day

On Friday, December 14th, the eighth grade is sponsoring a Holiday Hat Day. Students can wear their favorite holiday hat or a hat of any kind for just \$1.00.



Debate Team News

Congratulations to Christine Caldwell, Genesis Williams Michelle Ryman and Trevor Appier for their participation in the Urban Debate League Tournament held December 1st at Renfroe Middle School. Christine won a Speaker's Award at the varsity level!

CMS Lunch Menu

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

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	Meatloaf, Pizzas, Nachos Grande, Deli Sandwich, Various Salad Plates
Thursday	Oven Fried Chicken, Cheeseburger, Pepperoni Pizza, Deli Sandwich, Various Salad Plates
Friday	Fish Tenders, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Gordita, Deli Sandwich, Various Salad Plates

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>.

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.

Faculty Basketball Game A Hit!

We would like to thank all of our faculty members, on both the White and Blue Teams, for playing in our first staff basketball game last Wednesday and all the students for showing their 'Husky Pride' and attending the event. The Blue Team won by just one point, 40-39, with a foul shot by Ms. Burt. We thank Mr. Bogle for organizing this event, our referee, Officer Waller, the announcer, Mr. Ervin, and all other staff who made this game possible.

If You Are Moving Over the Holidays...

Parents, if your family is moving over the holiday break, please notify the counseling office so the necessary withdrawal package with all pertinent school documents necessary for enrolling in another school can be prepared. Contact Patty Sedia at 770)552-4520 ext. 125.

High School Transition

Parents of 8th graders should be on the 'lookout' for the High School Transition Letter that will be mailed home over the holidays. This document covers all important information and dates concerning the high school transition process. It will also be posted on our school website. Post it on your refrigerator for easy access!

Partnership Perks!

Canton Street Mortgage is happy to announce a special holiday offer for Crabapple MS families and friends. They are offering a free home appraisal, valued at \$400 valid for a new home purchase, refinance, second mortgage or equity line of credit. Contact them at 770)643-7855 and tell them you are a part of the CMS family.