



Crabapple Middle School

Friday Notes

Week of Sept. 8-Sept. 12, 2008



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 9	Math Night for 6th Grade 7-8:30pm
Sept. 10	Math Night for 8th Grade 7-8:30pm
Sept. 11	Math Night for 7th Grade 7-8:30pm
Sept. 12	Linda Schultz Community Meeting ~ Sweet Apple Elementary School
Sept. 15	PTA Board Meeting ~ 12:30pm
Sept. 15	Progress Reports sent home
Sept. 17	Early Release Day & Picture Day

Extramural Soccer Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sept. 16	Elkins Pointe	Crabapple
Sept. 19	Haynes Bridge	Crabapple
Sept. 24	Northwestern	Crabapple
Sept. 26	Hopewell	Crabapple
Oct. 1	Sandy Springs	Sandy Springs
Oct. 3	Ridgeview	Ridgeview
Oct. 8	Fulton Science Acad.	Crabapple

* All games begin at 5:00 p.m.

Early Release Day Sept. 17th ~ School Ends @ 12:35

The first of 5 early release days is scheduled for September 17th. 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. Other dates are Oct. 15th, Nov. 19th, Feb. 25th and March 25th.

Sally Foster Fundraising

Our annual Sally Foster fundraising project is 'wrapping up'. The PTA would like to thank all of our parents and staff who have purchased items from Sally Foster. It's not too late to make a purchase and get your name in the drawing for a VISA gift card!

8th Grade Parent Meeting for Washington Trip

Parents, please join us for an informational meeting on September 10th regarding the annual 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. It will be held at 6:15pm in the café prior to the Math Night. Sunnie Templeton, president of Class Act Tours will be here to answer all of your questions. This trip has become a wonderful CMS tradition with our 8th graders.

Join the Debate Team

Attention all students interested in joining the CMS Debate Team this year. The first practice is scheduled for Monday, September 8th until 5:00pm. Parental permission forms must be completed by a parent. See Mrs. Ellis, the club sponsor, in room 414 for these forms and additional information about being a member of this team. Our Debate Team has an outstanding record in previous competitions. This is your chance to become a part of this great team!

Communicating Friday Notes

Beginning August 29th, Friday Notes will be sent electronically to all families who have given us their email addresses. All editions can also be seen on our school's website. Copies will always be available in the front office. If you haven't given the school your email address and would like to receive Friday Notes, email Dana Pearson your information at pearsond@fultonschools.org.

Procedures for Checking Out Students

When checking your student out during a school day, please **send a note** with your student. Students should take their check-out note to the front office in the morning. Parents should always **bring identification** with them when checking students out of school. In addition, when your child is **absent from school**, please submit an **excuse note** to the front office within two days of the absence.

Sweep Bus Begins September 8th

A late activities bus will begin running Sept. 3rd to accommodate students who participate in after school activities. A signed permission form, available in our front office, must be on file at the school to ride this bus. Projected departure time is 5:00pm on Mondays and 5:30pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. There is no sweep bus on Tuesdays or Fridays. Drop off locations are printed on the back of the permission form. Normal bus routes are not run with this late bus.

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**.



Link to View Meal Menus

Visit <http://www.fultonschools.org/dept/schoolnutrition/> website to view the breakfast and lunch menus for the month. This website has valuable nutrition information for all parents. Remember, no student is allowed to 'charge' a meal in middle school.



Additional CMS News

Picture Day

Photographic Arts will be here September 17th to take our fall photos of all students and staff. These pictures will be used in the CMS 2008-2009 yearbook. The payment options packet will be sent home in the coming days.

We Can! Media Smart Youth Program at CMS Again

We are happy to announce that we will, once again, be offering the We Can! Media Smart Youth Program in collaboration with the Roswell Recreation and Parks Department, RCTV and North Fulton Regional Hospital. The focus of this program is on learning about good nutrition, physical activity and the influence of the media on our health. The students who are selected to participate in this one-of-a kind program will write and produce a public service announcement video, take a trip to the grocery store and be treated to a 'Graduation Luncheon' with the premiere of the video. This program will begin September 18th. Meetings will be on Thursday afternoons from 3:30pm until 5:30pm. See Ms. Polk for an application.

Student Recognition

Congratulations to James Morelli, an 8th grader in Mr. Fielden's homeroom, for passing a rigorous audition test last week and being accepted as a member of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony of Atlanta. This is one of the finest orchestra groups in metro Atlanta.

Parent Math Nights

Parents, please join us for an evening of math investigation as we explore the math curriculum 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. The meetings are as follows:

Sept. 9	Math Night for 6th Grade 7-8:30pm— room 405-407
Sept. 10	Math Night for 8th Grade 7-8:30pm—room 905
Sept. 11	Math Night for 7th Grade 7-8:30pm—room 304

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 work with parents as business partners.