



# Crabapple Middle School

## Friday Notes

Week of December 15-December 19, 2008



<b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR</b>	
Dec. 17-18	Final Exams for 8th graders
Dec. 19	Grandparents Coffee @ 9:00am
Dec. 22-Jan 3	Winter Holidays
Jan. 5	Teacher Workday
Jan. 6	First day of second semester
Jan. 12	School-wide Spelling Bee
Jan. 15	LSAC @ 7:15am
Jan. 15	Jr. Beta meeting @ 3:50pm

### Basketball Tryouts

Seventh grade boys tryouts will be December 15<sup>th</sup>, immediately after school till 5:00 p.m. in the gym. Students must turn in a physical and intramural form to tryout. If you have any questions, contact Jason Thomas (Extramural Director), Duane Perozzi (Boys Coach).

### Debate Team News

Congratulations to the following students for their participation in the Urban League Debate Tournament last Saturday at Renfroe Middle School:

*William Brooks*  
*Christa Dennis*  
*Susanna Kyler*  
*Sara Royal*  
*Tessa Webb*

Tessa and Sara won a speaker's award in the JV Division.

### Student Makes All-State

Congratulations to Zach Guthrie for passing the first round of All-State this past Saturday. The second round will be in February at Perry Middle School in Perry, Georgia and we wish him the best of luck!

### 7<sup>th</sup> 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 an 88 GPA & a desire to help the community, he/she should pick up an application from Ms. Gaffney (room 803) or from the CMS website. Completed applications must be returned no later than Friday December 19, 2008.

### Important Summer School Information

Please visit our school's website for important information regarding **changes** for this year's session of summer school. We also have copies of this informational letter in the front office.

### Washington Trip News

If your child is going to Washington and paying in installments, the second installment of \$100 was due Dec. 1st. Also, if you want to purchase the travel insurance, that payment is due December 15th. You can pay the \$35 for insurance with your second installment of \$100.00 or by itself. **Most importantly, all medical forms are due January 31st. It is imperative that we have a copy of your child's insurance card.** If you do not have medical insurance, T.S. Lord & Associates provides coverage for students and the forms can be found in the counseling office. **NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED ON THIS TRIP WITHOUT PROOF OF MEDICAL INSURANCE.** Please call (770)552-4528 ext. 136 if you have any questions.

### Holiday Shopping With A Bonus

Parents, when shopping online for the holiday season, you can now help support CMS! You can turn your everyday online purchases into much-needed contributions to our school at no extra cost to you. Just go to [www.OneCause.com](http://www.OneCause.com) to join, selecting Crabapple Middle School as the school to support.

### Affidavit of Residency Forms ALERT!

All students still not having the mandatory Affidavit of Residency form on file at school received a letter attached to their progress reports and have been notified via phone by our Counseling Department. **Failure to comply with this county policy will result in withdrawal from school on December 19th.** Please call 770-552-4520 ext. 125 should you have any questions.

### Keeping Parents In the Know

Crabapple Middle School tries hard to keep parents informed of what is going on in their student's life. Now you can keep track of what your child is learning in their math class unit by unit. Visit [www.crabapplemiddleschool.org](http://www.crabapplemiddleschool.org) and see the updated site. There you can click on **Curriculum**, choose your grade level, and then click on the unit number that your child is presently studying. You should be able to read a parent letter that is packed full of mathematical information.

## Other School News

### [Link to View Meal Menus](#)

Please 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.

### Fulton County Technology Fair

Calling all shutter bugs, inventors and graphic designers! It is time for all Huskies to show some pride and create a winning entry into the Fulton County Technology Fair in February. Start planning now ~ students can work individually or as a team of no more than two. See Mrs. Claeys in room 101 for more information.

### Lost & Found Is Overflowing

If your student has lost any piece of clothing, shoes, a bookbag or lunch box, please have them check the stage in the gym. All articles will be donated when we dismiss for our winter break.

### North Fulton Charities Food Can Drive Winners

Congratulations to the following homerooms for collecting the most cans for this can drive sponsored by our cafeteria and Jr. Beta.:

6th grade      Mr. Mize  
7th grade      Mrs. Ellis  
8th grade      Ms. Hires

Mrs. Braddock's homeroom was a close runner-up for 8th grade. Blue Bell Creamery donated cookie cones for all students in these homerooms. As a school, we collected over 1,000 cans of food for North Fulton Charities. This organization provides food for 85-130 Roswell families on a daily basis. CMS helped this cause and we should all be proud!

### Partnership Perks!

*We would like to thank Wal-Mart, for once again, allowing some of our talented Orchestra students play holiday music during Clark Howard's live radio show at their store. This event has become a favorite of the Orchestra students!*

*We would like to thank everyone involved in making our annual Grandparents' Coffee a huge success! This program has grown each year and we are so happy to have all the students with their parents and grandparents visit our school that special morning. A special thanks to Vandi Montero, of Bella Flora, for supplying the lovely carnations and keeping our front office festive. Please stop by her store on Woodstock Road for holiday flowers or centerpieces.*

*A huge thank you to the PTA for the delicious holiday staff lunch they provided. The food and festive decorations were much appreciated!*