



Crabapple Middle School Friday Notes

Week of January 25 – January 29, 2010

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan. 28	8th grade Honor Roll breakfast
Jan. 23	Saturday Scholars 10:00-11:30am
Jan. 26	6th grade Honor Roll breakfast
Jan. 26	Washington Trip Parent Mtg 6:00pm/ cafe
Jan. 26	High School Transition Mtg 6:30pm-7:30pm—CMS café
Jan. 27	7th grade Honor Roll breakfast
Jan. 27	7th grade Basketball vs. Sandy Springs Middle School @ CMS—5:00pm
Jan. 28	8th grade Honor Roll breakfast
Jan. 28	Talent Show Tryouts @ 3:45pm-5:30pm
Jan. 30	Saturday Scholars 10:00-11:30am

Pennies for Patients Underway

During the two week of Pennies of Patients, the school has collected over \$2,600 from all six teams. We are so excited that this important fundraiser is going so well. The last day for donations is Feb. 11th. We will keep you posted on totals.

Important Washington Parent Meeting

Please join us for a final informational meeting regarding the Washington trip on Jan. 26th at 6:00pm in the school café. This meeting takes place immediately prior to the high school transition meeting starting at 6:30pm. Our trip is fast approaching and we want to be sure all parent questions and concerns are addressed.

Rotary Student of the Month

Congratulations to Derrick Lane II for being selected as the January Rotary Student of the Month. Derrick was honored at the Rotary luncheon on Jan. 21st. He was accompanied by his father and Mrs. Braddock, his Language Arts teacher.

Academic Bowl Team News

Congratulations to the Crabapple Academic Bowl team! They attended the PAGE Regional meet this past weekend and competed against 16 teams from Fulton, Forsyth and Hall counties. The Crabapple team tied for 3rd place overall after finishing 2nd in their division. Team members are Alex Smith, Jonathan Hollingsworth, Sam Moeller, Ted Moeller, Emory Moeller, Sitara Shirol, Ian Charboneau and Clayton Rowe.

High School Transition Information 2010

High school transition information has been given to all 8th graders. Extra copies of this important document will be in our front office and we will also post it on our website. There will be a very important parent meeting on Jan. 26th in the CMS café from 6:30pm-7:30pm that will include staff from Roswell High School. **This will be the only parent meeting offered to explain the transition process.** There will also be a coinciding meeting for Spanish speaking parents at the same time. Please contact Jan Doetsch at extension 125 if you have any questions about this transition.

Basketball Tryouts for 8th Grade

Basketball tryouts for will be Jan. 28th for the boys and Feb. 1st for the girls immediately after school until 5:00pm. Students must turn in an intramural physical form to Coach Thomas to tryout. Contact him at thomasj4@fultonschools.org for any further questions.

Talent Show Information

Auditions will be Jan. 28th, immediately after school until 5:30pm. It will include a variety of acts and there will be a limited number of spots available. All acts must be 'performance ready' at the time of audition. Music will be pre-approved by CMS staff. Students may perform in one category: one solo performance or one group performance. All acts can be no longer than 3:30 minutes. Students must use instrumental music to accompany all vocal performances. Any questions can be directed to Ms. Hudley, Choral Director.

Equestrian Team Competes

The CMS team competed in a show on Sunday Jan. 17th and placed 5th overall in the MS division! Class winners were *Alex Mills-3rd place Beginner Flat Class* and *Rachel Vahey- 2nd Place Jumping Novice Cross Rails*. The team continues to earn points in order to qualify for Regionals. Way to go!

Helping Haiti

The devastation that has hit Haiti is heart-breaking. Our students want to get involved in the relief effort, but we'll need **your** help. We would like to purchase a 'Shelter Box' as a part of the Rotary International project. Each ShelterBox kit supplies disaster- specific items. The need is urgent; therefore, our collection efforts need to be immediate and will last only one week (1/25 -1/29). The goal is to raise \$1000.00 for one ShelterBox. We will be sending all donations directly to Rotary International. Visit their website at <http://www.shelterboxusa.org/InsideAShelterbox.aspx>.

CMS Lunch Information: Parents, please visit <http://www.fultonschools.org/dept/schoolnutrition/> for breakfast and lunch menus and pricing. Remember, no student at CMS is allowed to ‘charge’ a meal. Beginning January 5th, Fulton County will be offering MealpayPlus, an online prepayment system for buying school meals. Use this system to:

*make payments using a credit card or debit card

*check account balances online on their website(www.mealpayplus.com) or via phone (1-866-243-9535)

*auto-pay your student’s account when it reaches a low balance

Simply visit their website and follow the on-screen instructions to create an account. Add your student using their Student ID number. Contact the front office for that number.

Other School News

Photos for the Yearbook

The Yearbook staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you have great photos of school and community events, please submit them! Our photographers cannot be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have. Log onto images.jostens.com and enter the Login ID: 400001902 and Password: yearbook. Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload, click on “Image Share”. Then, enter the information about the photo and provide contact information. Click “Save Details”. The last day to submit photos is Jan. 30th.

Yearbook Dedications On Sale Now

Attention CMS parents! Personal Dedication Ads are now available. Surprise your child with a personal ad so they can make a mark in the yearbook!

Full Page- \$100.00 (8.5x11) Half Page- \$75.00 (4.25x8.5) Quarter Page- \$50.00 (4.25x5.5) Eighth Page- \$25.00 (2.5x4.25)

Pick a favorite picture of your child, design it yourself or leave it to our competent staff. Be remembered in the 2009- 2010 CMS yearbook! Checks should be made out to CMS and given to Mr. Williams with ‘Yearbook Ad’ on the note line.

North Springs Charter High School Parent Tours

Parents and students are invited to attend a tour of North Springs Charter High School to see what they have to offer, including core academic programs, the advanced placement program, the TAG program, magnet programs, career technology programs and extracurricular activities will be discussed. Tours are: Feb. 11 @ 9:00am, Mar. 3 @ 1:00pm, Mar. 11 @ 9:00am, Mar. 31 @ 1:00pm and April 1 @ 9:00am. The Open House cancelled due to the snow day has been rescheduled for Jan. 24th. To reserve a spot on a tour and be placed in an appropriate interest group, please contact Public Relations Liaison, Carol Ciepluch at ciepluchc@fultonschools.org.

Fulton County Survey

Parents are invited to take a quick survey about the school system’s cable channel – FCSTV Channel 24. Information gathered will help determine future programming as well as the effectiveness of information currently shared on FCSTV. The survey can be accessed by going to the Fulton County Schools web site, www.fultonschools.org, or by directly visiting www.fultonschools.org/other/surveys/festvsurveywinter2010.htm. The survey runs through Friday, February 5.

PTA Nominating Committee News

The PTA is looking for members to be part of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will meet a few times in February (time and date to be decided by members of the Nominating Committee) to draft the slate for the 2010-2011 PTA Board and Committee positions. If you are interested in participating on the Nominating Committee, please contact Julie Doucet at 770.316.0125 or julieddoucet@hotmail.com.

Scoliosis Screening Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with the screening for scoliosis for the 6th and 8th grades at CMS. If this is your first year to participate, you will need to take a free 1 1/2 hour training course. It's very informative and you will feel at ease knowing that you don't have to be a doctor to help out. The County provides certified nurses to assist during the actual screening. Training is Jan. 28th, from 9:00am-10:30am at the Milton Professional Learning Center Room D-100. The actual screening date is Feb. 10th from 8:30am-11:30am at CMS. Contact Sheila Vahey at svahey@bellsouth.net if you need further information.

Fulton Families Matter After School Program

The Fulton Families Matter After School Program has immediate openings for middle and high school students. Tutors will assist students with homework completion and academic problem areas. Students will also participate in life skills studies to learn pro-social skills and reduce the risks associated with the use of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and violence. The program is Monday-Friday from 4:00-6:00pm at 929 Zion Circle, Roswell, GA. Space is limited and on a first come, first serve basis. There is no cost. Go to fultonfamiliesmatter.org to get the registration form or call 770)993-0207 to have a form faxed to you.