

CSMS Parent Newsletter

Redhawk Tales



Fall 2022

Message from the Principal!

The administrative teams of Paul V. Moore High School and the Central Square Middle School would like to share concerns we have been addressing recently. There have been a number of occasions where students have used racial slurs and other derogatory language. As a school community, hate speech has no place within our walls or on our campuses. We strive to provide an inclusive and equitable school environment for all students. The use of racial and homophobic slurs, as well as other offensive terms, promotes an intolerant atmosphere.

We are asking for your support and assistance in speaking with your children. Please remind them that this sort of language is prohibited by our Central Square School District [Code of Conduct](#) and will result in disciplinary action. There are a number of ways to report problems or concerns, including our [Stop Bullying](#) link, which can be found on our Central Square School District website. We take all concerns very seriously and our Dignity for All Students Act Building Coordinators will lead investigations into claims regarding bullying, harassment, and/or discrimination.

A number of resources are available for support and counseling. If you need additional information about such resources, please contact your child's school and you will be directed to the appropriate administrator or department. By working together, we can ensure a better school experience for all students.

We want to offer a few reminders going forward. It has come to our attention that many students are calling or texting their parents throughout the day due to feeling unwell or wanting to be picked up. It is important that these students go to the nurse to be seen and then call home. Students going to bathrooms and calling parents creates a number of safety concerns. We also do not open our doors to let students in until 7:30. We do not have the staff to supervise students before then. All students that are dropped off will need to enter through the door by the flagpole.

Sincerely,

Mr. Penrod, Mr. King & Miss Nugent

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Parent Teacher Conferences



Parent Teacher conferences will be taking place in the evening on Monday, November 21st and in the afternoon on Tuesday, November 22nd. November 22nd is an Early Dismissal Day and students will be released at 10:30. If you have any concerns about your student you can request a meeting. Please be on the lookout for something from the main office regarding conferences. All meetings will be given the option of **in-person or virtual this year.**

CSMS Spelling Bee

The Central Square Middle School Spelling Bee is back! All students will take the entrance spelling test the first week of December. The finalists will be selected and invited to compete in our school wide spelling bee on December 15th afterschool, snowdate will be December 22nd, 2022.



- **Students will no longer need to be signed out** if getting picked up at normal dismissal time. Students who are getting picked up will be dismissed first (to help parents beat the busses)
 - Breakfast will be served daily and students that would like to eat breakfast will be let in the building at 7:20. All other students will be allowed in the building at 7:30. Pick up for students will start promptly at 2:20.
 - All students should have their hats and hoods off when they enter the building. This is a safety protocol to identify who is in the hallway.

● **All electronic devices should be off and away during the day unless specifically being used for academics. If you need to get a message to your child please contact the main office.**

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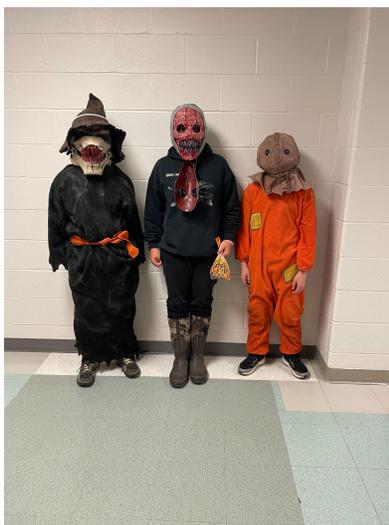
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Halloween at CSMS

We had a great turn out for our Student costume contest! Students were encouraged to dress up and were competing in three different categories– Scariest, Funniest and Most Creative. Students registered and then walked around the school twice so that their peers could vote. The winners each received a small bag of candy and a Target gift card. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Layo who organize the music, sign ups and parade route each year.

Scariest:

- 1) Isaiah
- 2) Kaiden
- 3) Kyle (*TIED FOR 2ND*)



Funniest:

- 1) Luke
- 2) Acen
- 3) McKinley



Creative:

- 1) Asah
- 2) Teegan
- 3) Vida



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CSMS FUN NIGHTS ARE BACK!!

CSMS PTO hosted its first POST Covid Fun Night for Middle School students on Friday, October 21. This was a great success! We are excited to continue to have fun nights throughout the year. See some important information:



- Students are expected to be in school in order to attend a fun night.
- Moving forward students who had a full day of ISSD or any OSS may not attend the fun night. This is from the time of the last fun night.
- Students that are suspended in any way are not allowed to attend fun nights.
- Only CSMS students are allowed to attend fun night
- Cost: \$3 for all grade levels.
- 6th Grade 2:30 - 4:30 PM - students will stay immediately after school. There is *no* school provided transportation home - students must have their own ride home at 4:30 from CSMS.
- Grades 7/8 6:00-8:00 PM - Do not drop students off earlier than 6:00, there is no supervision for them and the doors will not open until 6:00 PM. Students must have their own ride home at 8:00 PM.
- Fun Activities provided may include– 4 square, line soccer, DJ and dance area, karaoke, Wii, DDR, Guitar Hero, Open Gym, snack bar.

PTO needs parent volunteers/are needed for various stations. Parent/ PTO volunteers are vital to make this event happen. Volunteers must fill out a [volunteer form](#) (form must be completed for each school building the volunteer will be in, and completed each year. Forms need to be in at least 24 hours prior to the event to be reviewed and processed.)

Contact CSMS PTO to let them know you can help: csmschoolpto@gmail.com

The next scheduled fun nights are Friday November 18th & Friday January 13th!

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Redhawks out of the Nest!

Springside Farms, Pompey, NY

The Central Square Middle School 6th graders recently attended a field trip to Springside Farm in Pompey. Students got to participate in a corn maze, zip line and other fun fall activities. Below you will find a short video and some photos of the great day they had! <https://youtu.be/QxY2WJiAc9g>



Camp Talooli- Penneville, NY

The 8th graders got to spend the day at Camp Talooli in late September! They participated in canoeing, archery, team building activities and even had a campfire with smores!



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The Wild Animal Park, Chittenango, NY

Mr. Wetsig's Classes recently attended a field trip to The Wild Animal Park in Chittenango, NY.



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Picture Day Makeups

Inter-State Studio will be at Central Square Middle School on **Tuesday, November 29th for MAKEUPS.** Even if your student is not purchasing pictures all students need their pictures taken for the yearbook.

Please use the information below to pre-order your picture packages. If you have any questions, please call our local Inter-State office at 585-310-7781. The ordering information is below.

Use order code: 70911MB

Website: www.inter-state.com/order

We look forward to sharing the power of a smile with your students!



Good News at CSMS

We are very excited to announce that 6th grade Math Teacher Mrs. Gamlen was recently a contestant on the Wheel of Fortune Live show at the Landmark Theater. She won some cash prizes, a trip to New Orleans, and a dinner and movie package. She made it known on stage that she was a proud 6th grade math teacher at Central Square Middle School. Congratulations Mrs. Gamlen!!



On October 6th, the middle school welcomed the transportation department prior to dismissal to do team building activities with their bus students, due to the rise in unacceptable bus behaviors that have been taking place. Students were broken up into groups by bus number and participated in a short bus safety presentation and then competed in some fun team building activities. We had a great turn out of drivers and want to thank a heartfelt thank you to the transportation department for working with us to put that together.

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The boys modified soccer team finished out a strong season last week with a final overall record of 6-2-1. Highlights throughout the season included a 2-1 win over JD, an overtime win against Oswego and a 7-3 victory over ESM to end the season. Goals were scored throughout the season by Dylan Logan, Matthew Jackson, Shaun Peppers, Gaige Williams, Mason Simser, Landon Parkhurst, and Jace Bukowski. On the defensive side, Mason Simser, McKinley Childers, Gabe Whitney, Ben Lennox, Tommy DaRin, Cameron Paninski, and Adam Bonk all did their part in making it extremely

difficult for other teams to score. In goal, Kenny Fischmann, Cas Smolnik, and Hudsyn House made numerous important saves which kept the team in many of their close games. The team showed tremendous growth throughout the year both on and off the field as both players and individuals. Great seasons guys and congratulations!

Wellness Club participated in a fun Bean Boozled Challenge Day hosted by a 7th grade team leader. Students have eagerly signed up to host future sessions to build student engagement, social health and stress management.



Student Leadership has begun meeting and brainstorming school-wide activities. We have a group that includes students in all three grades this year! Our officers this year are President: Kaylee Merritt, VP: Amelia Gill, Secretary: David Leone, and Treasurer: Gianna Mendez.

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Mr. Shaughnessy just finished up the first fall season of the 6th grade spirit squad, self proclaimed as the "Hawks" Check out the video below for some highlights of the season!

<https://youtu.be/FgaG-SzWC7Y>



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After School Activities

After School Activities are in full swing! Please see the link below for all of our current activities. Please see the coordinating teacher for more information! A few new ones have been added since the original posting- Check it out!

[W Central Square Middle School Clubs and Activities 2022-2023.docx](#)

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Red Hawk Saver Banking



In its 7th year at the Middle School, the Redhawk saving program helps our students learn about the importance of saving, teaches them how to be money-wise and guides them to be smart money managers.

Here's how it works....

- Every other Thursday, as students arrive for school, an Empower Federal Credit Union representative accepts students' monetary deposits right in our cafeteria. Our Empower representative verifies all deposits and students receive special Redhawk Saver surprises to reward them for their positive saving habits. A receipt of their deposit is then generated and mailed directly to home.

Saving is important! If you would like your son or daughter to be a Redhawk Saver, please contact Lauri Hoover at 315-728- 3474 or lhoover@empowerfcu.com.

As always if you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact the main office at 315-668-4218 or fill out our FAQs questionnaire. [FAQs CSMS](#)

Important Upcoming Dates:

*Friday November 4th- Superintendent's Day- **NO SCHOOL for Students***

*Friday November 11th- Veterans Day **NO SCHOOL for Students***

Tuesday November 22nd- Parent Teacher Conferences- Students released at 10:30

*Wednesday November 23rd- Friday November 25th- Thanksgiving Recess **NO SCHOOL***

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