

CSMS Parent Newsletter

Redhawk Tales



February 2022

Message from the CSMS Team!

As winter continues to blast us with cold weather please make sure your student is dressed appropriately! The second marking period ended on January 31st. All report cards can be found online through schooltool, marking period 2 report cards will be available on Friday February 4th. If you need assistance accessing your child's grades or have any concerns please contact their counselor. For more information about how to find the report card on schooltool see attached:

 [Accessing Your Child's Resport Card.pdf](#)

8th Grade parents should be on the lookout for a High School information night flyer that was sent home on Tuesday February 1st. There are zoom presentations that will highlight the different options available for our rising freshmen at Paul V. Moore High School on Tuesday February 8th, 2022 at 6pm.

We continue to struggle with students that have airpods or headphones in throughout the day. All electronic devices should be off and away during the day. This not only causes a disruption to the school day but is also a safety concern as students often are unable to hear what is going on around them.

If you are picking up your student after school from a sport or activity please make sure that you do not park in the bus circle. We have a number of buses that come to pick up students and they have been having some trouble getting in and out of the school on time.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact your child's counselor or a school administrator.

If your student has access to a device at home they may leave their chromebook at school. We understand that carrying it back and forth can be taxing when they have access to another device at home. Please make sure your student knows that if they leave it at school it should be placed in their locker and they are responsible for charging it throughout the day.

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After School Activities

After School activities are in full swing! We are proud to say that based on our fall survey we have 82% of students participating in at least one afterschool activity!

The Cooking Crew with Mrs. Williamson has so many students interested in it that they are on a rotating schedule! They work on basic cooking skills and have been able to demonstrate their abilities in the kitchen by making omelets and rice krispie treats!



The Ecology Group is planning an activity for Earth Day, April 22nd. It will involve a scavenger hunt with staff and students that are interested. Plans are also in the works for the club to lead a lakeshore clean up this spring.

Student leadership is working on ways to encourage positivity in the school. Their next project is in collaboration with Positivity Project. This past month, Leadership coordinated with the district and helped carry out a successful can drive to help those in need in our community.

Dungeons and Dragons is a group role playing game where players have to work together and collaborate as a team to survive challenges and progress their characters. The story is controlled by the Dungeon Master or DM. As DM your role is to answer all player questions, generate and narrate the story for your players and control the opposition that your players will face. This particular campaign has the players tasked with fighting an Ice Dragon whose presence



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has disturbed the region, displacing many from their homes and causing widespread havoc. Players must grow stronger and gather powerful weapons and allies before they can successfully take on the dragon.



CSMS Winter Percussion is a group of students that are beginning their 2022 competitive season in the New York State Percussion Circuit. The students rehearse on Tuesday and Saturday to perfect their show “Mulan”. Their first competition will be at the end of February at CNS.



Our CSMS Old School gaming group meets on Wednesdays with about 25 students attending weekly. In this group students play “Old School” games such as Life, Clue, Monopoly, and many more! Chess club also meets at this time! All students at the MS are welcome (just let Ms. Mascaro know before you stay!)

Artists Assemble with Mr. Williamson meets on Tuesdays (grades 6 and 7) and on Thursdays (grade 8). We currently have 32 student members who are busy drawing and painting and developing their personal art styles. Many student artists will be having work displayed at the NOPL Library in Brewerton starting February 7.

Cursive & Calligraphy Crew is an opportunity for students to learn to improve their handwriting. Students can choose to learn and practice cursive or calligraphy so they can write more quickly, neatly and stylishly! We often celebrate holidays by writing cards to loved ones and creating messages for our bulletin board, which can be found on the first floor.



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Wellness group students created a calendar of events for the year. So far we have had a Halloween minute-to-win team competition, iron chef cooking competition, smoothie day, secret Santa gift exchange/ party and canvas painting day. We will be planning a valentine card making day for a senior center nearby and are looking forward to warmer weather to go outside and use our outdoor games.

Drama Crew is underway! We have currently cast a melody of shows that will perform in late march. Actors and Stage Crew are fast at working learning lines, blocking scenes, creating costumes and a fantastic set. We meet Monday's after school and have so far had a great time.

Anime continues to meet every other Tuesday in the library. We are watching different genres of Anime while discussing artist styles associated with each Anime selection. Students participated in an Anime Cos-Play holiday party in December. Awards were given for the most authentic, creative, realistic and overall crowd favorite. We also ate authentic Japanese snacks and tried some moji. Which is a Japanese Ice Cream. Looking forward to what the spring of Anime brings.



Battle of the Books or BOB as we call it is off to a great start. Students are all reading from a selected list of 8 books. Students practice in teams of 3 or 4 with their coaches weekly. We have also had one meeting afterschool where students battled with practice questions using Kahoot. Battles for 7th and 8th grade will be in March and for 6th grade battles will take place early April.

Girls/Boys Weightlifting: Coach Pettit and Coach Harwood offer an Introduction to weight lifting in order to build strength and assist with other sports in the offseason.

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7th Grade Element Bee

This year 27 students from 7th Grade Team 2 qualified to participate in Mrs. Layo's "3rd Annual Element Bee"! During a team event on January 24th, students who participated were given the name of an element from the periodic table and had to respond with the correct symbol for that element.



Congratulations to our winners!

- 1st place- Victoria Bristol
- 2nd place: Evan Delahunt
- 3rd place: Mikayla Smolnik

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Classroom Spotlight: Mrs. Henderson's Class

This month we will be focusing on Mrs. Henderson's Foundations Class! Foundations has been working on 2D shapes with 3 to 8 sides: triangle, square, rectangle, rhombus, hexagon, pentagon, octagon. We are also working on habitats - we have talked about oceans, deserts, and savannahs and what animals live in each setting. We are also working on letter sounds and blending words. In Tech, the Foundations students have been making birdhouses. In FACS, they are making bird feeders with peanut butter and seeds on a pine cone; they have previously created hand tied blankets with Mrs. Williamson. The Adapted PE class has been using the weight room. Students are enjoying the stationary bike and weights.



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Important Upcoming Dates:

*February 8th- Ninth Grade course information night for current 8th graders 6-7pm **zoom***

February 10th- Evening Parent Teacher Conferences 4-6pm

*February 10th- Advanced 7th grade course information night 6-7pm **zoom***

February 11th- Early Dismissal at 10:30 Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 18th- Superintendent's Day NO SCHOOL for Students

February 21st-25th- Winter Break

February Spirit Week:

Monday 2/14: Wear Red

Tuesday 2/15: Winter Sports day

Wednesday 2/16: Dress to Impress

Thursday: 2/17: Twin Day!

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