

CSMS Parent Newsletter

Redhawk Tales



Winter 2023

Message from the Principals!

As winter (hopefully) is coming to a close and we are getting ready for Winter break we wanted to take a moment to share some good news! As some of you may know we were placed on a NYS list as a school in need of improvement in 2018. We are happy to announce that through the tough work of our wonderful teachers, and staff we have been notified that at this time we are no longer on the list and labeled as a school in need of improvement. This is no small feat and this was definitely a team effort from both the school staff but also the hard work of our students and their families. We will continue to implement some of the instructional and other changes that we put in place to make sure we continue to succeed!

We are very excited to share that we will be bringing back our Spring Showcase! On May 16th our students will be showcasing their strengths and putting on display how they belong to the CSMS community, as part of the improvement process and as a way to increase attendance and student engagement. We are so excited to see what each team has come up with as a way to showcase all the special talents we have here at CSMS. Please mark your calendars! We know it will be a great night!

As the school year progresses please remember that we ask for students to have all electronics off and away during the day. This includes cell phones; we understand that you may need to get ahold of your child. Please utilize our front office as a way to get a message to your students. It is also very important that if a student has a conflict or issue during the school day that they notify an adult within the school. We do not take student conflict lightly and work very hard to make sure all students feel welcome and safe at school- we cannot do anything about an issue that we do not know about. If your student does not feel well please have them visit our nurse, recently we have started to see a lot of students that have contacted their parents to go home without going to the nurse. If you are dropping off your student in the morning they should be going in the doors by the flagpole. We have recently started to have a lot of students gather outside the front doors with limited supervision.

Wishing you all a restful and much deserved Winter break!

Sincerely,

Mr. Penrod, Mr. King & Miss Nugent

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- **Students no longer need to be signed out** if getting picked up at normal dismissal time.
- Breakfast will be served daily and students that would like to eat breakfast will be let in the building at 7:25. All other students will be allowed in the building at 7:30. Pick up for students will start promptly at 2:20. **There is no breakfast served on 2 hr delay days!**
 - 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.**
- Please make sure that when picking up your child after school (this includes for sports) you are not blocking the buses. We have many buses for athletic and academic after school activities. All parents/guardians should be in the parent loop by the flagpole.



Winter Sports Update



Winter Sport Session 2 is well underway! We were happy to host games for both Girls Basketball and Boys Volleyball. Spring sports starts Monday April 10th for Boys Lacrosse, Track & Field and Baseball along with Girls Softball, Track and Field and Lacrosse. **Please make sure you**

have an updated physical for your child and you are signed up through FamilyID.

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Redhawks in the community: Ms. Lindsley Class

On January 18th, the Foundation students took a trip to the local Walmart. They created a shopping list before the trip and worked on reading the shopping list and finding the items in the store. After the shopping trip excursion, the students went to McDonald's for a well-deserved lunch where they ordered their own meal. During this time they worked on socialization skills, problem solving skills, how to read a shopping list and locate items in a store and being able to order their own meal. All of the students had fun and enjoyed their time.



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Monday 2/13 Sports Day

Tuesday 2/14 Red, White & Pink day (Valentines Day)

Wednesday 2/15 Crazy Hair Day

Thursday 2/16- Color War Day
(Team 1- Black/Team 2- Maroon/
Team 3- White)

Friday 2/17- Pajama Day

CSMS PTO Needs you



CSMS PTO is actively seeking new members. They meet monthly and plan fun events like fundraisers, fun nights, and our end of year 8th grade dance. You will need to be approved to be a volunteer for Fun Nights but anyone can attend the PTO meetings. 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

Get your CSMS Yearbook today!

The CSMS Yearbook is on sale now. It makes a wonderful gift and you can purchase from the comfort of your own home. Just go to studiobalfour.com to get yours today! Please email Mrs. Williamson: rwilliamson@cssdapps.org with any questions!



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CSMS Ski & Snowboard Club

After a delayed start to the season due to the weather the CSMS Ski & Snowboard Club finally was able to hit the slopes. The club runs 6 weeks throughout the winter and students can receive lessons if they are beginner level. The students and chaperones are excited to hit the slopes at Song Mountain!!



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CSMS FUN NIGHTS!



Couple of reminders about FUN NIGHTS:

- Students are expected to be in school in order to attend a fun night.
- 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.

Our next fun night will be March 10th!

Student Leadership Updates!



Leadership is currently working on planning some fun school spirit weeks for February and March. Be on the lookout for these spirit days to be shared soon! Leaders also worked on Valentine's Day cards for some of the elderly in our community. The activity was opened up to all of CSMS and we were able to send over 100 cards for the holiday.

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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RedHawk Saver Banking

'Tis The Season To Save In Your Redhawk Account
No matter what month or what time of year, your school gives you the opportunity to learn the importance of saving with its in-school banking program. It's fun, easy, and this season it's genuinely jolly!

Not yet a Redhawk saver?

Contact Cody Miles at 315.728.3563 or
cmiles@empowerfcu.com to join.

Membership eligibility required. Insured by NCUA.



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:

*February 18th- February 26th-Winter Break- **NO SCHOOL for Students***

Friday March 10th- PTO Fun Night

Monday March 13th- Superintendents day- No School for Students

Tuesday March 14th- Parent Teacher Organization Meeting- 6pm

Tuesday March 21st- CSMS Vocal Chorus Festival @ PVM

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