

## CMMS Weekly Newsletter & Announcements

### Week 15: December 8, 2023

Welcome to December!! As always this is a very busy month for our students and staff! We know that the weather has been a bit unpredictable lately, but as we head into colder weather, take a moment to reacquaint yourselves with the possibility of an E-Learning Day!! Here is what you need to know:

- Every effort will be made to announce an E-Learning Day before the end of the school day. If the emergency does not allow the decision to be made in a timely manner, CM 201-U may use a traditional emergency day “snow day”. We will then add the day to the end of the year as necessary. Students and staff are encouraged to return daily with a charged electronic device.
- Parents and families will be notified through standard modes of communication, including School Messenger, the district website, social media, and email.
- All K-12 students and staff must bring their device home daily.
- Google Classroom will be used to facilitate instruction.

### **E-LEARNING STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**

- Students will complete the daily assigned lessons by the end of the E-Learning day.
- Students will bring home their devices daily.
- Check Google Classroom for every class & complete assigned tasks.
- Communicate with teachers via email if they encounter any problems when trying to complete assignments.
- Students unable to access or complete the assignments will follow up with their teacher on the next school day.
- Technical difficulties need to be directed to Tech Support. Contact the Help Desk at 708.367.2930.

### **PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR FANTASTIC CMMS MUSICAL STUDENTS**

**Saturday, December 16th:** 40th Annual Evening at the Pops. Performances by both our CMMS Advanced Band and CMHS High School Bands. 7pm in the CMHS Auditorium

**Monday, December 18th:** CMMS Winter Music Concert. Performances by our CMMS Jazz Band, Intermediate Band, and our CMMS Encore Choir, 6pm in the CMHS Auditorium



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Are you a ...



OR



# Then come to the The Beehive



- Sign up for The Beehive Google Classroom: **a7ylcw2**
- Information and study lists will be given out to interested students
- Come play word games after school

Are interested in representing  
CMMS in the Will County  
Spelling Bee?...



Questions? Email Mrs. Powell: [powellm@cm201u.org](mailto:powellm@cm201u.org)

# BOYS VOLLEYBALL

- All skill levels welcome!!!
- Physicals and grade sheets DUE by December 21st
- Tryouts will be the week of January 8th!
- Please direct any questions to our coaches!



Coach S. Coppens  
[coppenss@cm201u.org](mailto:coppenss@cm201u.org)

Coach H. Reutter  
[reutterh@cm201u.org](mailto:reutterh@cm201u.org)

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**PARENTS:** We need your help! This year, our school is working on a Self-Study as part of our International Baccalaureate, IB, reauthorization process. As we continue to grow in the Middle Years Programme, we are collecting feedback from all of our stakeholders including our students and parents. Please take a few minutes to complete the feedback form linked below & you will be entered to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card. Completed forms are due by December 15th and we will randomly select our winner before we pause for the holidays. IB Self-Study: [PARENT FEEDBACK FORM LINK](#)

**STUDENTS:** Want to help your school and be entered to win a \$25 Amazon gift card?. Please complete the student self-study feedback form by Friday, December 15 and you will be entered to win one of three \$25 Amazon gift cards. Gift cards will be distributed before winter break. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Shreffler in the library. [STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM LINK](#)



## Spanish Club Raffle

Please support the Spanish Club by purchasing a raffle ticket from your advisory teacher. The cost is only \$1. Last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday (Dec 20th)

You can be the lucky winner of the Piñata filled with candy.

The winner will be announced on Thursday (Dec 21st) before Christmas Break



**Student Council CANDYGRAMS** Celebrate the holidays by sending your friends or teachers candy grams! On sale in advisory now thru December 18th Cost is \$1 Your message will be delivered with a Candy Cane on December 21st Make someone's day!



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Mark your Calendars!!

- Thursday, December 21st 11:30 Dismissal Day for Students, School Improvement Day for Staff
- Friday, December 22nd–Friday, January 5th **NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK**
- Monday, January 8th **SCHOOL RESUMES! Regular school day! Day 3, Green**

This week we announced the following:

- **ATHLETICS:** Boys Volleyball is kicking off after the new year!!
- Announcements: [CMMS Electronic Announcement Board](#)

**FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICE!!** If you started school AFTER September 15th, and have not completed your medical requirements (per the State of IL) Your physical and vaccination paperwork need to be handed in to the health office by 1/8/24. Please make sure you take care of this so that you don't miss ANY school!

## ***OUR GYM IS UNDERGOING A MAKEOVER!! NEW BLEACHERS ARE COMING SOON!!!***

Monday, 12/11	Tuesday, 12/12	Wednesday, 12/13	Thursday, 12/14	Friday, 12/15
<i>Day 4-Yellow</i>	<i>Day 5-Orange</i>	<i>Day 1-Red</i>	<i>Day 2-Blue</i>	<i>Day 3-Green</i>
<u>After School</u> Design Club (Rm. 400) E-Journalism (Rm 116) Guitar Club (Rm 100) IMSA 6th Grade (Rm. 410) IMSA 7th Grade (Rm 120) <b>Math Club (Rm. 112)</b> Girls Volleyball Practice Boys Basketball @ Parker (4:15 pm)	<u>After School</u> <b>Art Club Session 2 (Rm 404)</b> Book Club (Rm 304) Gloria J Taylor (Rm 99) Boys Basketball Practice Choir Rehearsal <b>ESports (Rm 400)</b> Gaming/D&D (Rm 111) IMSA 8th Grade (Rm 120) Spanish Club (Rm 200) Yoga (Rm 402) Girls Volleyball Practice	<u>After School</u> <b>HIGH IMPACT TUTORING</b> Design Club (Rm. 400) Guitar Club (Rm 100) <b>Chess Club (Rm 120)</b> <b>NJHS Meeting (Rm 119)</b> Student Council Meeting (Rm 118) <b>Girls Volleyball Practice</b> Boys Basketball @ Hart (4:15 pm)	<u>After School</u> <b>HIGH IMPACT TUTORING</b> Battle of the Books Book Club (Rm 304) <b>ESports (Rm 400)</b> Gaming/D&D (Rm 111) Garden Club (Rm 113) Yoga (Rm 402) Scholastic Bowl Practice <b>Girls Volleyball Practice</b> Boys Basketball @ Chicago Heights MS (4:15 pm)	<u>After School</u> <b>NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES</b>  <b>PTO HOLIDAY WINTER FEST!!</b> <b>See details below.</b> <b>This is a family event. Students must attend with a parent or guardian.</b>



**Join us!**  
CMMS PTO  
PRESENTS

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# Winter Fest

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COME AND ENJOY SOME  
REFRESHMENTS! MUSIC! GAMES!  
CRAFTS! AND FAMILY  
PHOTOS/PICS WITH SANTA!

**WHEN-FRIDAY DEC. 15TH**  
**WHERE-CRETE MONEE MIDDLE**

**SCHOOL**


**TIME-6PM TO 8PM**

**COST-\$5.00 or \$10.00 PER**

**FAMILY**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

# CMMS December To Remember 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Winter Break is right around the corner! Join us in making the holidays brighter by "dressing" for December!</b></p>					<p>1 Holiday Kick Off Wear Red &amp; Green!</p>	
	<p>4 Sock Hop Wear some fun holiday socks!</p>	<p>5 Let it Snow Wear White!</p>	<p>6 Mad for Plaid Wear your favorite Holiday Plaid!</p>	<p>7 Candy Cane Lane Wear Red &amp; White!</p>	<p>8 It's a Party! Wear your best Holiday Glam!</p>	
	<p>11 Wear BLUE for Hanukkah!</p>	<p>12 Grinch Day Wear Green or Dress like the Ginch!</p>	<p>13 Tree Topper Day Wear Santa Hats, Reindeer Antlers, etc.</p>	<p>14 Wear your UGLY or FESTIVE Holiday Sweater!</p>	<p>15 Jingle Bell Rock Wear Jingle Bells!</p>	
	<p>18 Merry &amp; Bright Wear something that lights up or sparkles!</p>	<p>19 Baby It's Cold Outside Wear a winter hat, scarf or earmuffs!</p>	<p>20 Wear Red, Black &amp; Green in Celebration of Kwanzaa</p>	<p>21 Wear your favorite Holiday Shirt!</p>	<p><b>HAPPY HOLIDAYS</b></p>	
						

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**Community Resources!**  
**Please check the following links for community resources or events that may be of interest to your family:**

<a href="#"><u>Home Weatherization ENG</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Home Weatherization SP</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>GSU Legal Clinic</u></a>
Community Closet <a href="#"><u>Richton Park</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Illinois Welcome Flier English &amp; Spanish</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Food Pantry List (Spanish)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Schoolhouse Counseling (Spanish)</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Catholic Charities Rent &amp; Mortgage Assistance</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Will County Center for Community Concerns</u></a>	

## KEY REMINDERS:

- **ID's:** All students received a color coded ID and lanyard. It is the student's responsibility to wear both around their neck at all times during the school day and on our buses. Your account will automatically be charged \$5 every time a replacement ID/lanyard needs to be issued.
- **Clear Backpacks:** ALL students have received their school issued CLEAR Backpacks. [CMMS Backpack Expectations](#) were reviewed and all students received a physical copy as well. Every student has the same backpack, so to help with any confusion, we welcome your child individualizing their bag by adding a distinctive sticker or name tag to their backpack.
- **Cell Phones:** All cell phones and non-school issued electronic devices need to be turned off and put away during the school day. Students who fail to adhere to this expectation will be subject to Board sanctioned consequences. .  
📎 [cm201u-cell-policy-flyer.pdf](#)
- **Chromebooks:** Students are expected to bring their charged chromebook daily. If your child has LOST their charger, please purchase a replacement on Amazon. Click on the appropriate grade level to go straight to the website.
  - [6th Grade Charger](#)
  - [7th & 8th Grade Charger](#)
- **Water Bottles:** We have bottle fillers located throughout the building. It is up to your child to bring in a filled OR refillable water bottle from home, particularly on hot days. Please make sure your child's name is clearly written on their bottle.

**CMMS Contact List:** Please take a moment to save this list for any future needs that you may have. This is contact information for our Administrative Team, Secretarial Staff, Grade Level Counselors, Pupil Personnel Services Staff and Instructional Facilitators.

[CMMS Office Staff Directory & Contact Information](#)

## Parental Involvement Information:

- REVIEW and SIGN OFF on the [Parent, Student & Staff Compact Form](#)
- REVIEW our [Student & Family Handbook](#) with your child
- CHECK Family Access WEEKLY! Grades are updated every week!
- In an effort to keep our lines of communication clear we will heavily utilize email and phone contact throughout the school year. If your contact information changes at any time, please let us know by reaching out to our office at 708-367-2400.
- Join the PTO: [CMMS PTO Membership Form 8.2023.docx](#)

## Your Child Deserves An Educational Edge

You and your student are being invited to participate in a nation-wide college preparatory Program. When it comes to encouraging the nation's eligible students to complete high school and attend a 4-year university/college, there

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### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Grades 6-12

Attend a TRIO Served School

U.S. Citizen/Permanent Resident

### Schools We Serve

Collin Powell Middle School

Michelle Obama School Of Technology and the Arts

Rich Township 227 **Crete Monee 201U**

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College Preparation

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Gloria J. Taylor Foundation meetings are held at CMMS Room 99 on Tuesdays from 2:45-4:10 p.m.