



COMMUNITY HOUSE MIDDLE SCHOOL
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CHMS Website

A Message from the Principal

Dear families,

The first week of school is now under our belts and, aside from computer outages and broken water pipes, it has been a great success!! We apologize for the late buses but this is always expected during the first week or two as the district adjusts routes to meet the needs of unexpected ridership. Thank you for your patience!

As of right now our numbers are down a bit from what was originally enrolled. We seem to be around 1920 as opposed to 1980. We will continue to assess our No-Shows to see if there is any availability in elective courses where some of you have made requests. Often times some kids show up the day after Labor Day so we do plan to wait until next week to make changes.

Monday is a school holiday for everyone. Don't forget that our 6th grade dance is Friday, September 6th from 4:15pm - 6:00pm. Your child should bring home information about this event so ask if you have not seen it. Also, mark September 12th on your calendars if you are interested in our Navigating Middle School Social Media event. This will begin at 6pm in the school cafeteria and it is for parents only.

All 7th grade students must have their current immunization records submitted by the 30th day of school in order to remain enrolled. If you are not certain if we have yours, please email our nurse at stefani1.abbate@cms.k12.nc.us.

Finally, if your 7th or 8th grader is planning to try out for a fall sport, please make sure you have checked the [athletics webpage](#) and submitted ALL documents electronically along with your current physical...all of this is required in order to participate in tryouts.

Enjoy your holiday and we will see everyone on Tuesday!!



Navigating Middle School Social Media

Join Mrs. Brooks in a discussion about our students' use of social media and the effect it has on the school environment.

September 12 at 6:00 PM or September 13 at 9:30 AM

September

- 2 Labor Day - No School
- 4 LEGO Robotics Interest Meeting
6:00PM
- 6 6th Grade Welcome Dance
Future Problem Solving-Interest
Meeting 5:00PM
- 12 Principal Chat 6:00PM
- 13 Principal Chat/PTO Meeting
9:30AM
- 17 6th Grade Curriculum Night
6:00PM
- 19 7th/8th Grade Curriculum Night
6:00PM

Required Fees

If you paid for Required Fees on P4SS, agendas will be delivered to your student beginning September 4, 2019.

Students can pay Required Fees and purchase Springboard books in the lobby September 4-6.

Parents can still pay for Required Fees, buy Spirit Wear, and join the CHMS PTO at pay4schoolstuff.com.

**Deadline for Required Fees:
September 6, 2019**

6th grade WELCOME DANCE

CHMS will be hosting a welcome dance and social for our 6th grade students on September 6 from 4:15 to 6:00 PM in the CHMS cafeteria. A fee of \$2 for the dance will be collected in students' homerooms beginning on August 30. An ice cream truck will be at the dance selling ice cream for \$3. So, send your child with a few extra dollars, if desired. Please have all rides here on time at 6:00 PM for pickup.

**All proceeds from the dance will be used to support our partner school,
Albemarle Road Middle School.**



CHMS Lego Robotics Club

Are you interested in LEGO Robotics? Learn more about the CHMS FIRST LEGO league robotics teams at the information session on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00PM in the CHMS Media Center.

Coaches Needed:

Parent coaches are required to field the CHMS teams. Detailed toolkit, tutorials and support is provided by US FLL. Experienced coaches are available to provide support. Kids do the work. If you've coached Odyssey of the Mind, a sports team, or led a Scout troupe, you can do this!

6th Grade Required Reading

The first required reading for 6th grade is Rick Riordan's *The Lightning Thief* (ISBN: 978-078683865-3).

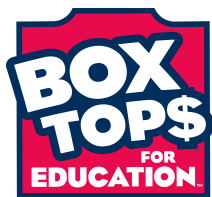
The PTO sells required reading as a fundraiser. All required reading can be bought on pay4schoolstuff.com or in the school lobby.

Lobby sales for *The Lightning Thief* are from August 28 - September 4 for \$8.



Volunteer at the CHMS School Store Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 8:45 - 9:15 AM

CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER



Support CHMS

The Box Tops rebate program has gone digital! No more BoxTop Clipping is needed- just download the BoxTop App on your phone, scan the receipt and earn money for CHMS. See how at www.btf.com. If you still have unexpired clipped box tops, please send them in with your student to the PTO room.



Fishing for Compliments

CHMS is full of dedicated faculty and staff going the extra mile each day to help our students. The Fishing for Compliments Program allows them to get a little extra *Thank You* for their hard work. Each week Ms. Brooks selects one or two of the nominated employees to receive a \$25 gift card.



Two ways to get involved:

Nominate a CHMS Employee

Donate to the program at
pay4schoolstuff.com



Future Problem Solving Club

After last year's success at State Levels+, Future Problem Solving will continue at CHMS! FPS is a club where students are taught to think creatively about the future. This will be conducted every Thursday after school from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Students research a topic to gather background information, become mini-experts in the topic, and are taught to predict possibilities for the future. Up to five topics are researched over the academic year and can be used as a curriculum, integrated into other content areas, or offered as an extracurricular option. It involves different topics in science and technology, business and economics, and social and political issues. Recent topics that FPS offered were nanotechnology, e-commerce, rage and bullying, global interdependence, invasive species, climate change/threat, space junk, and pandemic. This year the topics included are International Travel, Sleep Patterns, Gamification, and Living in Poverty.

If you want to be a mini-scientist predicting problems and suggesting solutions to the future problems that could arise in the community or the world, please join this club. We need more creative and logical minds to make our future even brighter!

For further details please attend the information session on September 12 at 5 pm at CHMS in the art room. Hope to see you there!



Get Connected!

CHMS PTO Texts from Remind

Text: @chmspt

To: 81010

or [Register Online](#)

Connect Ed Notices

If you do not receive emails or phone calls from CHMS, email [Kelly Hoagland](#) with your student's name and your primary contact number.

Cavalier Courier

[Subscribe Here](#) to receive the bi-weekly newsletter from CHMS and the PTO.

Spirit Wear

PE & Spirit Wear are available on pay4schoolstuff.com.

When school starts, PE uniforms and Spirit Wear will also be available at the school store. The school store is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:45-9:15.



Back-to-School Checklist

- ☐ Join CHMS PTO
- ☐ Pay Required Fees
- ☐ Buy Springboard books (7th and 8th graders)
- ☐ Donate to the Capital Campaign
- ☐ Connect to CHMS - Remind, Connect Ed, Cavalier Courier

Courier Submissions

If you would like to contribute timely, pertinent information to the Courier, please email [CHMS PTO](#). All submissions are due by 12:00PM Thursday in order to appear in the Courier for Sunday.

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