



## September Calendar of Events

### Thursday, September 2

.....5:00 PM - FB/VB at Rose Hill  
FB: 7th 5:00 pm; 8th 6:30 pm  
VB: 7A/8B 5:00 pm; 7B/8A 6:00 pm  
bus leaves CMS 3:20 pm

### Monday, September 6 - NO SCHOOL

.....Labor Day

### Tuesday, September 7

.....Band students need to have books (see article  
in this newsletter)  
.....Fundraiser orders due  
.....4:00 PM - Cross Country at Valley Center  
bus leaves CMS 2:45 PM

### Thursday, September 9

.....5:00 PM - FB/VB at El Dorado  
FB: 7th 5:00 pm; 8th 6:30 pm  
VB: 7A/8B 5:00 pm; 7B/8A 6:00 pm  
bus leaves CMS 3:30 pm

### Saturday, September 11

.....8:15 AM - Cross Country at Wellington  
bus leaves CMS 6:30 am

### Monday, September 13

.....4:00 PM - B team Football vs. Rose Hill  
at CMS  
.....6:00 PM - Board of Education meeting

### Tuesday, September 14

.....4:00 PM - Cross Country at Goddard  
bus leaves CMS 2:30 pm

### Wednesday, September 15

.....Mid-term, 1st nine weeks

### Thursday, September 16

.....5:00 PM - FB vs. Augusta at CHS  
7th 5:00 pm; 8th 6:30 pm  
bus leaves CMS 3:30 pm  
.....5:00 PM - VB vs. Augusta at CMS  
7A/8B 5:00 pm; 7B/8A 6:00 pm

### Friday, September 17

.....STUCO election forms due

### Monday, September 20

.....7:00 PM - Site Council meeting in library

### Tuesday, September 21

.....3:30 PM - Fall sports pictures

### Thursday, September 23

.....10:15 AM - STUCO election speeches  
.....4:00 PM - Cross Country at Douglass  
bus leaves CMS 2:30  
.....5:00 PM - FB vs. Mulvane at CHS  
7th 5:00 pm; 8th 6:30 pm  
bus leaves CMS 3:30 pm  
.....5:00 PM - VB vs. Mulvane at CMS  
7A/8B 5:00 pm; 7B/8A 6:00 pm

### Friday, September 24

.....STUCO Election Day

### Monday, September 27 - NO SCHOOL

.....Staff Development

### Tuesday, September 28

.....4:00 PM - Cross Country at Andover Central  
bus leaves CMS 2:45 pm

### Thursday, September 30

.....4:00 PM FB at Ark City  
7th 4:00 pm; 8th 5:30 pm  
buses leaves CMS 2:00 pm  
.....5:00 PM - VB at Ark City  
7A/8B 5:00 pm; 7B/8A 6:00 pm  
bus leaves CMS 3:00 pm

## Hot off the Principal's Pad

Doug Bacon  
Principal

The school year is off to a great start. The kids are ready to learn and the staff is ready to educate! Welcome to these new CMS staff members:

Brenda Young, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director  
Anne Welch, 8th gr. Science Educator  
Tyler Ives, Band Educator

The CMS staff continues to work together to find ways to better educate our students. Our goal is for all children to excel both in the classroom and on the playing field.

As parents we would ask that you join us in our efforts to help your children excel by encouraging them to develop a good work ethic, which includes keeping assignments current, attending school regularly and showing respect to all those around them.

I am looking forward to a great year at CMS! Hope to see you at one of our September events!!!



## From the Band Department

Tyler Ives, Educator  
tives@usd375.org

We will be using the following books for band this school year:

- 7th gr - Essential Elements 2000 Book 2 (red cover)
- 8th gr - Essential Elements 2000 Book 3 (green cover)

Students need to have their book by **Tuesday, September 7.**

Books, reeds, and supplies can be ordered with free delivery to the school from Senseney Music located at 2300 E. Lincoln in Wichita. The phone number for Senseney Music is 1-800-362-1060.

These books are also available at other area music stores such as Starkey Music and Wichita Band as well as Flint Hills Music in Emporia.

If you have any questions about your child's book, please contact me at the email address shown above. I'm looking forward to a great year with the CMS students!!!

## Therapy Dog Assists CMS Counselor

Tori, affectionately called The Black Tornado by the staff that trained her, begins her eighth year at CMS. Tori is an eight-year-old black lab that has passed her tests with Ms. Schaker, school counselor, to work as a professional therapy team. They trained together in the fall of 2003 at CARES of Concordia, a non-profit organization that trains and places both therapy dogs for schools and service dogs for individuals with disabilities.

Tori led an interesting first year of life. She was an "only child" to a first-time mom. After three weeks, Tori's mom refused to care for her so she was placed with a golden retriever to be raised. She was returned from the puppy raisers a month early as they were having problems with her training. She spent one month at Ellsworth Correctional Facility working with an inmate in the CARES training program there. Her final month at CARES proved that she was capable of meeting the guidelines set down for professional therapy animals. She passed her Public Access Test with

Ms. Schaker at the Salina Mall and "graduated" on Friday, September 26, 2003.

The presence of a therapy dog can help calm a person; decreasing both stress level and blood pressure. Children who have been teamed with a therapy dog have shown increased critical thinking skills. The latest brain research also indicates that children who regularly interact with animals have higher IQ's.

Tori's job at CMS includes welcoming students into the counselor's office and assisting Ms. Schaker in making connections with more students, particularly ones who might not respond to more conventional methods. She is another tool in the effective counseling of middle level students. She will soon be meeting the 7th grade students in the library and greeting numerous students in Ms. Schaker's office as school continues. She will be seen in the hallways from time to time and will be adjusting to the hectic life of a middle school therapy dog following a relaxing summer break.

Since the therapy dog will be in my office and the school on a day-to-day basis, I need to know of students with allergies that would prohibit them from interacting with the dog. If you student has such allergies, please call the school so I am aware of the situation. If you have questions about Tori or any other aspect of our counseling program at CMS, please call Ms. Schaker at 778-1470, ext. 3215.

## CMS Fundraiser Kicks Off

The annual CMS fundraiser kicked off with a bang at the all school assembly on Monday, August 23. Students received packets with all of the necessary information on selling fundraiser products. Participation in the fundraiser is voluntary.

**Fundraiser orders are due on Tuesday, September 7.** NO money needs to be collected with the order. Money should be collected when the orders are delivered the first week of October.

If you have questions about the fundraiser, please contact Deb Stephens at 778-1470, ext 3201. Thank you in advance for your support of the CMS fundraiser. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to enhance the educational programs at CMS.



## STUCO News

Ms. Schaker

Sponsor



Election day is Friday, September 24 for our CMS politicians! CMS Student Council election will be held for the following offices:

- President (8th grade only)
- Vice President (7th grade only)
- Secretary (7th or 8th grade)
- Treasurer (7th or 8th grade)
- 7th Grade Student Rep (2)
- 8th Grade Student Rep (2)

\*\*Runners-up for the four offices will become school wide student representatives and STUCO members.

Students will begin collecting signatures of support following Labor Day. This election form must be turned in by September 17 to get on the ballot. Students will be creating campaign posters, writing speeches, and campaigning for votes until September 24. Candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will make short speeches to the entire student body on September 23 at 10:15 AM. Student representative candidates will appear on Bolt TV to share some of their ideas with the student body. These student rep candidates will also be introduced at the assembly.

CMS Student Council offers another way to get involved in what's going on at school and in the world. The group will usually meet Thursdays before school during POWER Hour, but some after-school or evening time may be required of the elected officers. Please support your student if he or she shows an interest in STUCO. Please call Ms. Schaker, STUCO Sponsor, if you have any questions. Watch our website and upcoming newsletters for election updates!

*The mission of Circle Middle School Student Council is to create a positive school environment, to serve the community, and to encourage student involvement while keeping students' ideas in mind.*

## The Library is Where it's @.....

Shannon Sommers, Librarian



The library has been very busy the past few weeks with students finding the perfect book or coming back for that second great book. I am enjoying getting to know each of them and share with them my love for books and reading. Please continue to encourage your child to read outside of the school day because reading is their ticket to success!

***I want my child to read more!*** If this is a statement that you have made you are not alone. The library and staff at CMS want all students to find the motivation to read more books. Again this year we are promoting reading with a Reading Incentive program that students enter into with every book they read from the library. The library will then draw for prizes. We are looking for parents or businesses to help up supply prizes the students would be motivated to earn by reading. Some ideas that we have are: **I-tunes gift cards, food gift certificates, Retail gift cards, movie tickets, gift certificates for movie rentals** just to name a few ideas. If you are interested in donating a few dollars to the program then we will do the shopping for you. Any help that you can give will ensure that our Reading Incentive program is a SUCCESS! If you have questions about this or anything else dealing with the library I can be reached by e-mail at [ssommers@usd375.org](mailto:ssommers@usd375.org) or by phone at 778-1470 ext. 3233.



Looking for someplace to get rid of your old cell phone, printer cartridges, I-Pods, hand held game systems, digital cameras or digital video cameras? We have a drop site in the library for all of those unwanted electronic recyclable items. Just drop your items off at the school and we will send them off for you to be recycled!



We are continuing to collect Box Tops for Education so keep saving and have your children bring them in to the library on a monthly basis. Remember to put their names on the back so that when we draw each month they could be our lucky \$5.00 winner!

## Circle High School Honor Society Project

The Circle High School National Honor Society will be collecting gently used PE uniforms and PE shoes for students in need at the first 2 home football games.



Cash donations will also be accepted. All shoes, uniforms and monetary donations will be divided between the 6 district schools.

Collections will be accepted at the front ticket gates on September 3rd and 10th. So, please clean out your closets and bring any gently used items to the home football games to help students in our district start the year off right.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Amanda Young or Wendy Tien, CHS National Honor Society sponsors at 541-2277.

## Reporting School Absences

It is extremely important for parents to report absences to the school office in a timely fashion. If your child is marked absent and is not excused before 10:00 AM you will receive a call from our automated phone messaging service asking you to call in and report your child's absence.

If you know in advance your child will be absent, you may report that to the office at any time and it will be documented in our attendance system.

Thank you for your help in keeping accurate attendance records. This is for the safety of your child.



*CMS NewsFlash will be published monthly throughout the school year for the parents of CMS students.*

*Doug Bacon, Principal  
Debbie Stephens, Editor*

## T-Bolt Talk

**Brenda Young**  
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director



Fall sports are off to a great start. Thank you to all of the parents for making sure your child had a physical and it was turned in on time. That is fantastic!

Something new this year.....there will NO shuttle bus offered for students after home games. This means that if your child attends a game at CMS you will need to pick him/her up at CMS. CMS football games are played at Circle High School, so you would need to pick them up at the high school. There is NO transportation provided for students that are not athletes to Circle High School for the games.

Also, students need to be reminded to make arrangements to stay for the game before coming to school. He/she will not be allowed to phone home for permission to stay. There is a student section at each home games for CMS students. The students are to be seated in that section unless he/she is sitting with a parent. They will allowed to go to the concession stand before games and at half time.

## CHS/CMS Athletic Passes

If you ordered an athletic pass, they are now ready to be picked up. CHS only passes and CHS/CMS passes may be picked up at the first CHS home football game, CMS only passes can be picked up at Circle Middle School or at the first home volleyball game. Passes will not be mailed.

If you did not order an pass and would like to, it's not too late. Order forms are available in any of the school office throughout the district.

Passes **MUST** Be displayed for free admission to events. They will be valid for regular athletic contests only, not tournaments or post season KSHSAA tournaments. In addition, the passes will not be valid for activities such as musicals or plays.

CHS-AVCTL admission prices will be \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students at the gate. CMS-Pioneer League admission prices will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.