

## Calendar of Events

### Tuesday, March 2

.....4:00 PM - Wrestling at Derby

### Thursday, March 4

.....End of 3rd Nine Weeks

### Friday, March 5

.....NO SCHOOL - Staff Development

### Saturday, March 6

.....9:00 AM - League Wrestling Tournament at Circle High School

### Monday, March 8

.....Final day to order CMS yearbook

.....Season III (Track) practice begins

.....6:00 PM - Board of Education meeting at Towanda Primary Library

.....7:00 PM - Freshman (current 8th grade) Orientation at Circle High School

### Tuesday, March 9

.....Freshman Advisement meetings as scheduled

.....6:00 PM - Circle Greenwich Elementary meeting - CMS Auditorium

### Wednesday, March 10

.....Freshman Advisement meetings as scheduled

.....2:15 PM - Winter Sports Awards Assembly

### Thursday, March 11

.....NO SCHOOL

### Friday, March 12

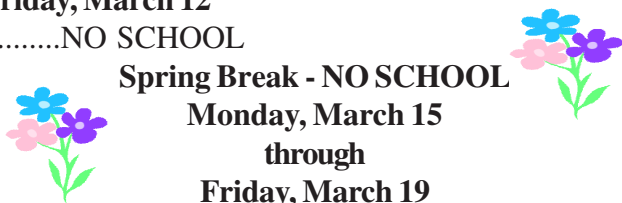
.....NO SCHOOL

### Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 15

through

Friday, March 19



### Wednesday, March 24

.....2:15 PM - 3rd Qtr Academic Awards Assembly

### Monday, March 29

.....2:00 PM - TGS 6th gr. Pre-enrollment

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

### Tuesday, March 30

.....2:00 PM - OHS 6th gr. Pre-enrollment

.....4:00 PM - League Math Relays at Mulvane

### Wednesday, March 31

.....2:00 PM - BGS 6th gr. Pre-enrollment

## Hot off the Principal's Pad

Doug Bacon  
Principal

Wow.....hard to believe March is already here. Hopefully sunshine is on it's way which will help relieve the winter blahs. The students are working hard on state reading assessments. It has really been exciting watching the students and teachers as they do their state assessment preparation. This is the time of year when we like to stress with students and their parents the importance of getting plenty of rest and eating a good breakfast. All these things play an important part in the success your child will have on the assessments.

The next CMS Site Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 29 at 7:00 PM. This is not on the school calendar, so please mark the date down. At the last Site Council meeting, USD 375 School Resource Officer Scott Duryea gave a great presentation about the most popular drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Again, please encourage your child to their best on the state assessments. Math assessments begin on March 25, followed by Science assessments for 7th grade in April. Have a great spring break with your children.

## T-Bolt Talk

Misty Gawith  
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director



We will be hosting the league wrestling tournament on Saturday, March 6 at Circle High School. This is a great chance for you to come out and support the CMS wrestlers. Admission is \$3.00/adult and \$2.00/students K-12 unless you have a district activity pass.

Track is our final sport of the year. Practices will begin on March 8. If your child is planning to participate in track and does not have a current physical on file, he/she will need one before beginning track practice on March 8.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the winter sports awards assembly on **Wednesday, March 10 at 2:15 PM.** We will be recognizing all of our winter sports athletes at this time.

Thanks, as always, for your continued support of the CMS athletics.



## Counselors Corner

Cindy Schaker  
Counselor

### Testing Season Well Underway

The “testing season” began for CMS students with Reading assessments in February. State assessments continue in March and will conclude in April. Students have been taking some on-line formative assessments in various subjects and have been reviewing and preparing for these important tests.

The success of our testing program is based on receiving accurate information. These tests serve as evidence of growth for the No Child Left Behind Act. It is important for students to perform at their full potential on these tests. Parents are asked to help support their students and our school in the following ways:

- 1. Attendance is extremely important during the weeks of testing. Please try to schedule all dentist and doctor appointments for another time if possible.*
- 2. See that your student receives a good night's rest followed by a nutritious breakfast in the morning.*
- 3. Let your student know that you are aware of the tests and that you expect him/her to put forth his/her best effort. However, do not overemphasize the tests. A contented and relaxed student will do best on the tests.*

Please contact Ms. Schaker if you want more information about the testing. Your cooperation and support of our programs is extremely important. Working together will help ensure that your child will receive the best education possible.

### CMS 2010 Testing Dates

7/8 State Math Assessments  
March 26-April 8

7th State Science Assessments  
April 20-April 28

### Snacks Needed for Math Assessments


Testing treats have become somewhat of a tradition here at CMS. In the past we have provided a small snack before students take state assessments. These snacks help quiet the stomach and calm the butterflies before these important tests. Snack time also give students a little relaxation period before heading to the computer lab to begin testing. We would like to continue this practice, however due to budget cut-backs we are asking for some help this year.

If you would be willing to donate some testing snacks for the next round of tests, please bring your items to the office and let us know it is for testing. Any snacks donated by March 22 will be used for the math assessment. The best snacks are ones that are individually wrapped and can be distributed quickly by the classroom teacher. Some ideas include: granola bars, fruit roll-ups, small packets of crackers, yogurt bars, small boxes of raisins, nuts, trail mix. These are only suggestions, so please don't feel limited by this list.

**Thanks to all who donated snacks for the reading assessments - we do appreciate you!**

Please call Ms. Schaker at 778-1470 if you have any questions.

### Items needed for 7th grade World Market

Seventh grade teachers and students have been participating in the *Amazing Assessment Race* to motivate and prepare students for this year's state assessments.  Adapted from the popular television show, students participate in “Roadblocks” that earn them Circle Middle School Money. Students can spend the money at the *World Market*. We need help providing unique and fun items for students to purchase with their CMS money. The variety of items that have been donated in the past range from limo rides to lunch, MP3 players, ipods, and other electronic devices, itune cards, and local gift certificates, to pop, candy, other food items.

Our plan is to open the World Market in April. Donations will be displayed in the showcase across from the library from now until the big market event. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Collins, [bcollins@usd375.org](mailto:bcollins@usd375.org), Mrs. Smithson, [msmithson@usd375.org](mailto:msmithson@usd375.org), or call the school office at 778-1470.