

August 7th 2015

Important Dates

- 7th Grade Orientation, Wednesday, August 19th 8:00am—12:00pm
- Open House, Monday, August 24th, 7:00-8:00 PM
- First Day of School, Tuesday, August 25th
- Labor Day, Monday, September 7th — No School
- Parent/Teacher Conferences— Thursday, October 1st
- October 16th— COTA Day— No School
- October 23rd— End of 1st Grading Period



Welcome Back!

I am hopeful that everyone is enjoying their summer break and taking this opportunity for new adventures and sharpening the saw. While I realize there are not many of you that want to think about coming back to school I do want to update you about some upcoming events and planning that is taking place for the 2015-16 school year.

On August 19th we will have an orientation for all incoming 7th graders. On August 24th we will have an Open House for all 7th and 8th grade students and parents

from 7:00—8:00pm. All students and parents will meet in the auditorium for a brief informational session.

We will continue our Leader In Me initiative this school year. One of our missions this school year is to provide opportunities for all students to Find Their Voice! Another exciting opportunity, beginning in January, we will begin our One to One initiative at CMS. All 7th and 8th Grade Students will receive their very own Chrome Book We are very excited about this opportunity. More information will be provided during our

Open House and other communications throughout the school year.

As we embark on the 2015-16 school year, I am extremely confident that we will have a fantastic school year. I hope that everyone has taken the opportunity to Sharpen The Saw this summer, and you are ready to return to school. Be certain to check out our website, the CMS Blog and Facebook at the following:

www.ccsd.us

www.leaderinmecms1.com

Chillicothe Middle School

Go CAVS!

The School Day and Student Handbook Information

7:05 a.m. Students are permitted to enter the building .

7:20 a.m. Students are permitted to leave the cafeteria and go to first period.

7:30 a.m. 1st Period / Tardy Bell

8:00 a.m. For security, all doors are locked (please “buzz in” to enter the building)

2:15 p.m. Dismissal for the 7th/8th Grade.

No Students should arrive to school prior to 7:00 a.m. Breakfast is available, free to all students, beginning at 7:05 a.m. Students will enter the building through the main front doors by the cafeteria. Students that arrive to school after the tardy bell at 7:30 a.m. must sign in at the office. At dismissal time, 7th/8th grade students will exit through the main doors of the middle school or the doors adjacent to the South Parking lot. Students are not permitted to exit through the high school

In addition to free breakfast, all students will also be receiving free lunch this school year and there will be no instructional fees for middle school students.

Detailed information can be found in the student handbook (available on our website and provided to students the first day of school). If you have any questions, please contact the school.



New Staff Members:

*Tony Hatem
8th Grade Social
Studies and 7th
Grade Math*

*Tony Kaltenbach
8th Grade Science*

*Patrick Laughlin
8th Grade CBI*

*Kassandra Mosher
8th Grade Math*

*Kala Schiff
7th Grade Math*

*Nancy Thornsberry
Library/Media
Specialist*



CHILICOTHE MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE : MONDAY, AUGUST 24th

Open House will be held on Monday, August 24th. All 7th and 8th grade students and parents will meet in the auditorium beginning at 7:00pm. The reason for the 7:00pm start is the Elementary Schools will also be having Open House at 6:00pm that evening and we want to be certain that we provide an opportunity for those that may have Elementary and Middle School students to attend both. During Open House students will pick up their schedules, find their classrooms, locate their lockers, meet many of their teachers and alleviate some of the back to school anxiety.

Also that night will be information for parents regarding our Website, CMS Blog, Facebook, along with an opportunity to sign up for "REMIND" which is a program that provides reminders to parents about important dates and events. Finally, information will be provided regarding the Ohio School Facilities Commission providing state funding for new school construction work in the Chillicothe City School District providing the opportunity to move forward with the district facility plan. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, August 24th at 7:00pm.

The 8th Habit, Finding Your Voice!

Chillicothe Middle School will continue to incorporate the Seven Habits in everything we do at CMS. As we continue the implementation of the Leader In Me Program students are taking on leadership roles and ownership of their academics. Our hope is that during the two years they spend at CMS they develop leadership qualities they continue to build upon during their high school years and graduate with the leadership skill necessary to positively impact our community. While we will continue to incorporate the seven habits, we will also focus on the 8th Habit, FINDING YOUR VOICE! This school year our goal is to create meaningful opportunities for our students to express their voices. By providing these opportunities for students to make positive contributions to our school we create an environment where students become passionate about their education. This creates a Win-Win for all. Look for more information to come on students FINDING YOUR VOICE!

Fall Sports / Athletic Information

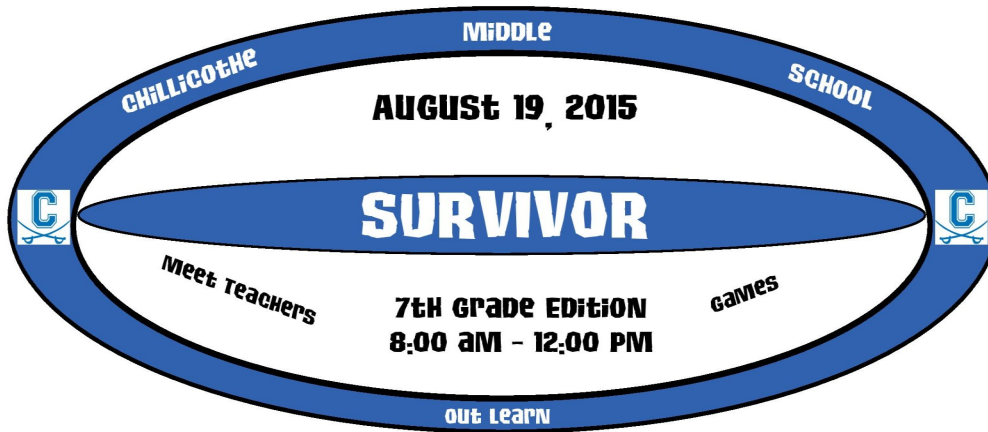
Volleyball, Cross Country and Cheerleading are in full swing at Chillicothe Middle School. 7th and 8th Grade Football will begin practice on Monday, August 17th from 3:30–5:30 at "The O".

Soccer Open Fields will also begin on August 17th from 2:30–4:00 at Mount Logan Field with try-outs on 8/20 and 8/21. Beginning August 24th practices will be held from 2:30–4:00pm at the

Yoctangee Park Annex. More detailed information about all Athletic Teams including practice times, schedules, requirements for paperwork, contact information and much more can be found on our athletic website at: www.gocmscavs.us Finally, participation in athletics is a privilege not a right. Student athletes represent our school and our community. Academics come first and in order to participate student

athletes must meet a certain standard in grades and attendance. These requirements must be met in order to participate in practice and games and we have both support systems and consequences when those requirements are not met. If you have any questions about athletics you are encouraged to speak with any of our coaches or our athletic director, Mr. Matt Kreis at (740) 773-2241 Ext. 16422 or matt.kreis@ccsd.us

7th Grade Orientation—August 19th



School Pick-Up/Drop Off Points /Parking

We have over 10 buses that pick-up and deliver students. Please be certain to follow all safety rules and guidelines pertaining to riding the bus.

For student safety we ask that parents follow school procedures for picking up and dropping off students and parking at school.

The bus lane in front of the building is for buses only. Parents must use Yoctangee Parkway to drop

off or pick up students.

There have been difficulties after school with cars being double parked on Yoctangee Parkway during student dismissal. In an effort to improve student safety, the Chillicothe Police Department will be present at dismissal time to deter such activity. Please understand this is for no other reason that to ensure the safety of students that attend Chillicothe Mid-

dle School. Your support and understanding pertaining to this issue is greatly appreciated.

During the school day, short term parking is available on Yoctangee Parkway for parents that need to come into the building. Again, thank you for your understanding and cooperation with these procedures.

This year we will be continuing our efforts to keep you as the parents/ guardians informed . One avenue that we to distribute information is through a program called REMIND. Do you or someone you know need to sign up?

Please visit the link on our blog at www.leaderinmecms1.com or email the assistant principal, Mr. Ballentine at

matthew.ballentine@ccsd.us

and we will ensure that you receive the sign up information.



Absences...



*Just a Reminder
About Absences*

After an absence or late arrival, the school must receive a written note by the parent to excuse the absence or tardy. The office needs to receive the note within two days in order for the absence to be excused.





CMS (7th and 8th Grade)
381 Yoctangee Parkway
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601



CHILLICOTHE MIDDLE SCHOOL IS A SCHOOL WIDE TITLE I BUILDING

Title I is a federally funded education program that works to give all children a chance to learn at higher academic standards. Its purpose is to prevent failure by ensuring that more children experience success in school. Only buildings with a high number of students participating in the free and reduced price lunch program are eligible to be school-wide buildings. Chillicothe Middle School is a School-wide Title I school. If you have any questions in regards to Title I, please Alissa Putnam at 775-4250, ext 16123.

School Calendar

8/19 New Teacher Day	12/23–1/4 Christmas Break
8/24 Teacher In-Service	1/5 Teacher In-Service
8/25 Students First Day	1/6 School Resumes
9/7 Labor Day- No School	1/18 Martin Luther King Day – No School
10/1 Parent Conferences	2/15 Presidents Day–No School
10/16 COTA Day–No School	2/18 Parent Teacher Conferences
10/23 End of 1st Grading Period	3/18 End of 3rd Nine Weeks
11/11 Veterans Day- No School	3/24–3/28 Spring Break–No School
11/12 Parent Conferences	3/29 School Resumes
11/25–11/29 Thanksgiving Break	4/28 Parent Teacher Conferences
12/22 End of 2nd Grading Period	5/27 Students' Last Day

