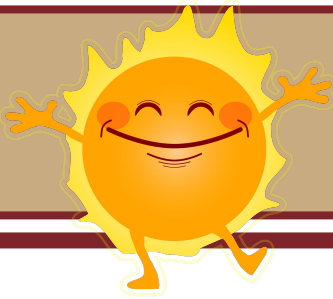




Cheektowaga Central Middle School



JUNE NEWSLETTER



Message from the Principal

Dear CCMS Families,

As we step into the final month of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership. June is always a special time, a season of celebration, reflection, and transition.

Our **Character Term of the Month** is "**Extraordinary**", and it's the perfect word to capture the spirit of this closing chapter. From academic achievements to personal growth, our students have shown extraordinary resilience, kindness, and commitment. As we wrap up the year, let's continue to encourage them to finish strong and take pride in all they've accomplished.

Important Upcoming Events:

- **Veterans Concert:** Please join us for this heartfelt performance on June 13th at 6PM (HS Auditorium), where our students will honor the extraordinary men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces. Through music and tribute, we will recognize all branches of service and thank those who have served and continue to serve our nation.
- **Moving Up Day:** A celebration for our promoting students will be held on June 18th at 6PM, recognizing their journey and preparing them for what lies ahead.
- **9th Grade Orientation:** Current 8th graders and their families are invited to attend our 9th Grade Orientation (see page 5). This is an important opportunity to learn about high school expectations, course offerings, and student life.
- **Sports Opportunities:** Don't miss out on upcoming athletic clinics and summer training sessions. These are great ways for students to stay active, build skills, and connect with teammates. More information on pages 6-7.

Thank you for helping make this year an extraordinary one. We're proud of every student and excited for what the future holds!

Important Information

Upcoming Dates

June 13	Veterans Concert (AUD @ 6PM)
June 18	Moving Up Day Ceremony/Dance
June 19	NO SCHOOL - Juneteenth
June 25	Half Day for Students
June 26	Last Day - Half Day for Students Fourth Marking Period Grades Close



CCSD Student Code of Conduct 2024-2025



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School Contact Information

Main Office	716.686.3660
Student Services	716.686.3649
Principal: Dr. Salinas	716.686.3662
Asst. Principal: Dr. Daniels	716.686.3663

Stay Updated!



School Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
7:45am - 2:37pm

Wednesday
7:45am - 1:37pm

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CCMS Dress Code Reminders



CCMS DRESS CODE REMINDER



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Be Ready to Learn!

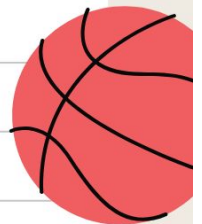
As the weather continues to warm up, please review
our warm weather dress code requirements.

WARM WEATHER Dress Code Reminders:

- ✓ All shirts MUST be full length to waist
- ✗ No spaghetti straps, crop tops, or halter tops
- ✓ All shorts, skirts, and dresses MUST be an appropriate length
- ★ Scan bar code for more details
- ✓ All clothing MUST provide appropriate body coverage
- ✗ No sagging pants
- ✓ Shoes MUST be worn at ALL times
- ✗ No flip-flops, slides or slippers



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Conduct for FULL Dress Code on Page 11
STAY COOL AND SCHOOL-APPROPRIATE!



8TH GRADE MOVING UP DAY



8TH GRADE MOVING UP DAY CEREMONY



WEDNESDAY **JUNE 18** 6:00PM

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Parent parking: HS parking lot / Entrance: Door #2

3 TICKETS MAXIMUM PER STUDENT

***Tickets will be handed out by June 11th ***

Students are required to arrive at 5:30pm and report to their homerooms in the Middle School

MOVING UP DANCE WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE
CEREMONY

Pick up will be in MS Parking lot at 8:30 PM

Tickets will be sold in the cafeteria from May 27th – June 13th

Tickets are \$10 each

STUDENTS ONLY



9th Grade Orientation



CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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High School: 3600 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 14225 • 716-686-3600 • FAX 716-347-9664 • cheektowagak12.org

May 29, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, it is my great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to Cheektowaga Central High School. Transitioning to high school can be both exciting and overwhelming. To help ease this transition and ensure a successful start to your child's high school experience, we have organized a ninth-grade orientation program that will occur this summer.

The orientation will take place at Cheektowaga Central High School from 7:45am to 10:15am, Monday-Thursday during one of the weeks listed below. Bussing to and from school will be provided along with breakfast. **Please click the link below to choose the Orientation week that works best for your schedule.** If you have not chosen a week by June 20th, your child will be assigned one.

Week 1: July 7 - July 10

Week 2: July 14 - July 17

Week 3: July 21 - July 24

Week 4: July 28 - July 31

Please register by June 20th if you haven't already by accessing the Google Form below.



[Google Form Link](#)

The orientation program will provide your child with the opportunity to become acquainted with our school, meet some staff, tour the building and figure out their lockers. Students will participate in a variety of team and character building activities, while also having the opportunity to begin developing a digital portfolio that they will build upon over the course of the next four years. In addition, students will begin logging community service hours. It is a graduation requirement that students complete a total of twenty hours of community service between ninth and twelfth grade, so a head start is always helpful.

Ninth grade is a crucial year for our students and it is of utmost importance that they know what is expected of them and how these expectations differ from middle school. It is my experience that students who struggle in ninth grade and who do not earn the appropriate number of credits towards graduation, will struggle throughout their high school career. It is important that we work together as a team to ensure that our students are set up for success from day one. Here at Cheektowaga Central High School, we pride ourselves on our strong sense of community and want every student to feel supported, welcomed and included.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Karin Cyganovich
High School Principal

Mr. Scott Zipp
Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Karin Cyganovich
Principal

Mr. Micah Hanford
Assistant Principal

Mr. Joshua Strzelec
Assistant Principal

Mr. Brian Hickson
Dean of Students

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Summer Volleyball

CHEEKTOWAGA
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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

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CAMPS & OPEN GYMS



5TH GRADE

Dear 5th Grade Families,

With the end of the school year fast approaching the fifth grade teachers would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and guardians for their support throughout the year. Whether it was signing agendas daily, making sure that homework was completed and students had the necessary supplies, or enforcing a reasonable bedtime, we appreciate your efforts. By working together, we have seen students grow both academically and socially.

Fifth grade students will be taking final exams in math, ELA, social studies, and science the last weeks of school. Expect to see review materials coming home the first weeks of June and students will be reviewing material from the entire school year in class.

On June 12, fifth graders will be attending a field trip to Old Fort Niagara for the day. Permission slips will be sent home the first week of June. Please complete the permission slip and return. Students who do not follow expectations for proper behavior in school will not be able to attend the trip.



6TH GRADE

Wrapping Up 6th Grade & Gearing Up for Summer!

Dear 6th Grade Families,

As the school year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to celebrate all the hard work, growth, and accomplishments our students have achieved this year. It's been a joy to watch your children learn, make new friends, overcome challenges, and develop into more confident, curious learners. We are so proud of each and every one of them! While we say goodbye to the daily school routine for now, summer is a wonderful time to keep young minds active. Here are some fun and enriching ideas to help your 6th grader stay engaged over the break:

Keep the Learning Going

- **Summer Reading:** Check out the Middle School's summer reading program
- **Writing Fun:** Encourage journaling, writing short stories, or even starting a blog about summer adventures.
- **Social Studies:** Choose books from the library on topics that your child found interesting this year to deepen understanding

Make Math Meaningful

- **Daily Math Practice:** Websites like Khan Academy or IXL offer free, grade-level math activities to keep skills sharp.
- **Real-Life Math:** Include your child in activities like budgeting for groceries, measuring ingredients while cooking, or planning travel distances and time.
- **Math Games & Apps:** Try fun games like Prodigy, Math Playground, or card and dice games that involve mental math and strategy.

Explore Interests

- **STEM Kits or Experiments:** Look online for easy science experiments using household items.
- **Coding & Tech:** Free websites like Scratch or Tynker offer beginner-friendly coding activities.

We hope your family enjoys a summer full of fun, rest, and discovery. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to seeing your child grow even more in the year ahead!

Wishing you a wonderful summer,

The 6th Grade Team

7TH GRADE

Social Studies:

Students are finishing their last Units (7 and 8): Abolitionist Movement, and the Civil War. At the end of the year we will begin review as the final exam will be held Monday June 23rd.



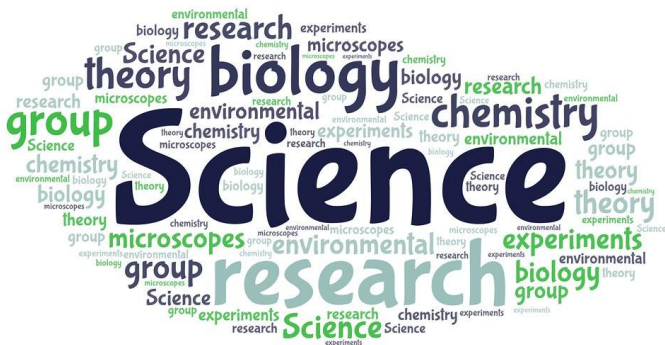
English:

Students are finishing their last unit and beginning to review for their final exam. Final exam is on Tuesday June 24th.



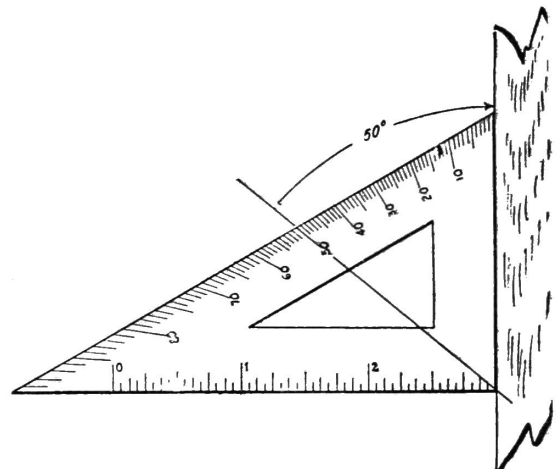
Science:

Students are finishing their last unit and will begin to review for their final exam on Tuesday, June 24th.



Math 7 Honors: Students are finishing their last unit and will begin to review for their final exam on Monday, June 23rd.

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8TH GRADE

Grade 8 May 2025 Newsletter

Dear Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and thriving! As we approach the end of the school year, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we are making a positive impact on their learning journey.

Important Announcements

- **Social Studies and ELA:**
 - (Social Studies) Wrapping up World War II and preparing for the Social Studies 8 final exam in June.
 - (ELA and Social Studies) Starting the cross-curricular Capstone Project, with the first step being a Coat of Arms due on **May 30**.
- **Biology:**
 - Completing the NYS Lab Investigation - For The Birds.
 - Reviewing for the Regents exam on **June 10**.
- **ELA (Mr. Szymkowiak's Class):**
 - Working on a multi-paragraph essay on Social Media—pros and cons.
 - Next week, students will complete a book report using the "Book Creator" app based on their read-at-home book.
- **Math 8:**
 - Finishing Solving Systems of Equations and starting Final Exam Review.
- **Algebra 8:**
 - Engaged in NYS Regents exam review. The exam will be on **June 18**. Please look out for a letter with updated information from Mrs. Burnett.
- **Science 8:**
 - Finishing Evolutionary History and beginning Final Exam Review.
 - The Science Final Exam will be held on **June 12 and 13**.
- **Spanish 8:**
 - Reviewing for the upcoming four-part final exam.
 - Speaking portion begins next week; writing on **June 13**, reading on **June 16**, and listening on **June 17**.

8TH GRADE Cont.

Celebrations from the Week

We are thrilled to welcome back all our 8th grade students who attended the field trip to Washington, D.C.! A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Orlowski for organizing yet another phenomenal trip. We also appreciate the dedication of Mrs. Burnett, Mr. Haberl, Mr. Enser, and Dr. Daniels for taking time away from their families to chaperone this amazing experience.

Additional Information

- Final exams are fast approaching; students should begin their preparations.
- There will be half days in the Middle School on **June 25 and 26**.
- The last day for students is **June 26**, which is also when the 4th quarter marking period closes.
- The Moving Up Day Ceremony (MUD) will take place on **June 18**.
- MUDD Dance tickets will be sold by Mrs. Orlowski during lunches and after school from **May 29 to June 13**. Tickets are \$10 each.

We are grateful for your ongoing support in ensuring our students succeed. Thank you for being such a vital part of our school community. We look forward to continuing our partnership and celebrating the accomplishments of our students together.

Warm regards,

Your 8th Grade Teachers



SPECIALS UPDATES



Middle school Physical Education classes concluded their third and final round of fitness testing for the school year this week. The purpose of fitness testing is to help students assess and understand their personal fitness levels in key areas related to overall health and physical development.

Students will dive into an exciting new unit on Ultimate Frisbee and Ultimate Football for the next few weeks. These dynamic, fast-paced team sports are excellent for developing cardiovascular endurance, hand-eye coordination, teamwork, and strategic thinking.

Ultimate Frisbee is a non-contact sport played with a flying disc/frisbee. The goal is to advance the disc down the field/court by passing it to teammates, aiming to catch it in the opposing team's end zone to score a point. Players may not run with the disc and must establish a pivot foot when holding it, similar to basketball. The game encourages respect, honesty, and good sportsmanship.

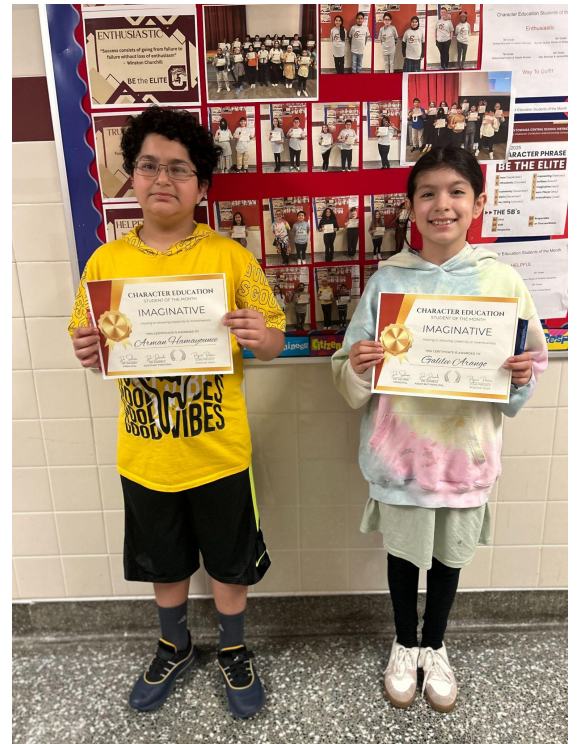
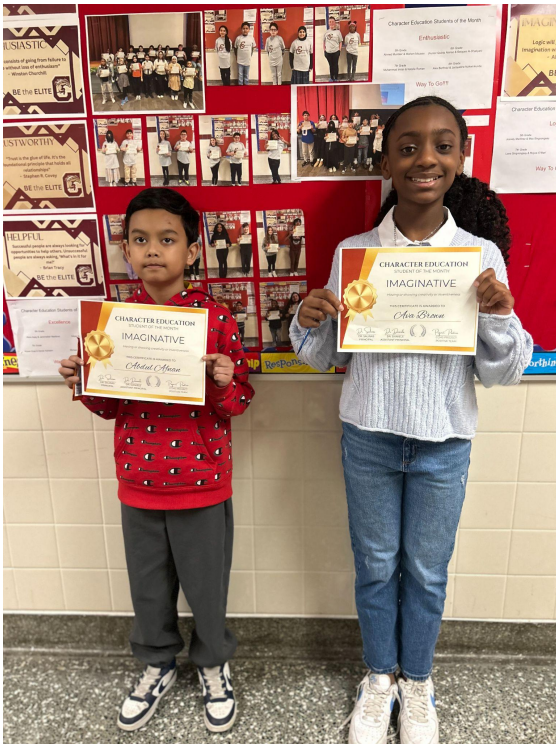
Ultimate Football follows similar principles but is played with a football instead of a frisbee. The focus remains on teamwork, fair play, and inclusive participation.

These games promote cooperation, communication, and physical fitness in a fun and engaging way. We're excited to watch students challenge themselves, build confidence, and enjoy the thrill of these unique sports!

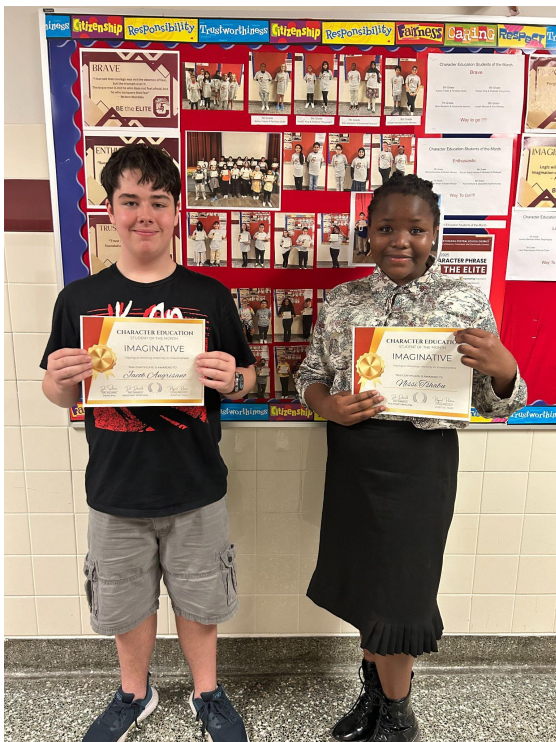
Fifth-grade students Heidi Szyplman and Gia Persico creatively used their bodies to form each letter of the alphabet. This imaginative and physically engaging activity highlights both their teamwork and spatial awareness as they brought language to life through movement.



CHARACTER EDUCATION



Pictured are the middle school students for Character education student of the month for the month of April. The character trait was imaginative.



Updated Book Club Schedule Dates



Book Club



2025 Spring Meeting Dates

5th and 6th Grade

April 10th

May 8th

June 5th



7th and 8th Grade

April 24th

May 29th

June 5th



REMEDIAL SCHEDULE

Grade 5: After School Support

Mondays:

- **Subjects:** ELA/S.S.
- **Teachers:** Hoeltke/McKeever/Zilliox/MacVittie/Gandy

Tuesdays:

- **Subjects:** Math/Science/ELA/S.S.
- **Teachers:** Lewis/Wasner/Skierczynski/Richter

Thursdays:

- **Subjects:** Math/Science
- **Teachers:** McKinney

Grade 6: After School Support

Mondays:

- **Subjects:** Math/ELA/S.S.
- **Teachers:** Braddock/Kwilas/Petre/Panikowski

Tuesdays:

- **Subjects:** Science/S.S.
- **Teachers:** Niederhauser/Granat/Christopher

Thursdays:

- **Subjects:** Math
- **Teachers:** Lambert

Fridays:

- **Subjects:** S.S./Science
- **Teachers:** Zajdel/Carroll

*****Teacher invite is required. After school buses leave at 3:35PM.*****

Grade 7: After School Support

Mondays:

- **Subjects:** Math/S.S.
- **Teachers:** Torrillo/McGill/Gozzo/Buscaglia

Tuesdays:

- **Subjects:** ELA
- **Teachers:** Lewandowski/Cadwallader

Thursdays:

- **Subjects:** LOTE
- **Teachers:** Casper/Clare/Schneegold

Fridays:

- **Subjects:** Science
- **Teachers:** Al Qaysi/Hess

Grade 8: After School Support

Mondays:

- **Subjects:** S.S./ELA/Spanish
- **Teachers:** Shehadi/Maloney/Todaro

Tuesdays:

- **Subjects:** Science/ELA/Math
- **Teachers:** Stonebraker/Orlowski/Baker/Burnett/Campbell

Thursdays:

- **Subjects:** S.S./Science
- **Teachers:** Accurso/Huber/Silliman

Fridays:

- **Subjects:** Math
- **Teachers:** Garrison

MS CLUB WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>GSA - Every other week (starting September 23rd) GSA Schedule jmcgill1@ccsd-k12.net pstonebraker@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Midway TV - Every week abaker@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>STEM - Meets every other week (*only 3 Tuesday dates 10/15, 11/12 & 1/21) STEM Schedule jmcgill1@ccsd-k12.net pstonebraker@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>International Club - Meets 3 times each month on Mondays International Club Dates wwasner@ccsd-k12.net</p>	<p>Junior Unified - Every other week (starting October 8th) Unified schedule lkwilas@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>NJHS - (starting September 24th) NJHS Schedule kwilas@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>STEM - (*only 3 Tuesday dates 10/15, 11/12 & 1/21) STEM Schedule jmcgill1@ccsd-k12.net pstonebraker@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Junior Challenge - (every other week <i>mostly</i>) Junior Challenge Dates jorlowski@ccsd-k12.net kbarbati@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Student Council - Third Tuesday of every month Student council mgoc@ccsd-k12.net bpanikowski@ccsd-k12.net kmacvittie@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Jazz Band - Every week ***Until the musical is over it will be a 5th-8th grade group*** kdolan@ccsd-k12.net</p>	<p>NO AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>Literature Club - Starting September 24th (Grades 5 & 6 alternate with Grades 7 & 8 each week) Lit club calendar hmaloney@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Math Club - Meets the first two weeks of each month (9/27 - the only friday date) Math Club Dates jlewis@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Student Ambassadors - Meets the last Thursday of every month with exceptions to holidays Student Ambassadors mzilliox@ccsd-k12.net vhoeltke@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Art Club - Meets every other Thursday starting 10/3 Art club dates (only Monday meeting is 11/25) jhallmark@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Science Club - Meets every week on Thursdays Science Club Dates wwasner@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Chess Club - Every Thursday</p>



PTA NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we close out the school year, the Cheektowaga Middle School PTA would like to sincerely thank our members, families, staff, and administration for your incredible support. This year has been filled with memorable moments made possible by your generosity and involvement.

From a joyful Teacher Appreciation Week and our Dance-A-Thon Generations Family Event, to a magical Spring Formal and assembling goody bags for our 5th graders' Halloween parade—each event reflected the strength of our school community. These highlights are just a few of the many initiatives we were proud to support this year.

We are truly grateful to everyone who helped make these moments happen. Your time, donations, and enthusiasm continue to make a difference.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans in store for next year. **PTA membership information for the 2025–2026 school year will be available in September**, and we welcome all new and returning families to be part of our efforts.

Thank you again for an incredible year. We can't wait to continue this journey with you!

Warmly,

Angela Scholl
CCMS PTA President

DONATE YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS OVER THE SUMMER!

Support our PTA by dropping off your cans and bottles to

Any Fast Cash Redemption Locations – 3 local locations are

2377 Harlem Road Cheektowaga (Corner of Walden Ave).

1350 Harlem Avenue (Corner of Parker)

10 Hyland Avenue Depew (Corner of George Urban)

Make sure you ask for the funds to go to the **“Cheektowaga Central Middle School PTA”**.

Important Information

Grade Level Leaders

The following staff are delegated grade level leaders for each grade. To contact them, you can email them with their first initial, last name and @ccsd-k12.net (ex: csalinas@ccsd-k12.net)

5th Grade Mr. M. Skierczynski	6th Grade Ms. L. Braddock
7th Grade Mr. M. Buscaglia	8th Grade Mr. L. Silliman

CCMS Student Handbook 2024-2025



Scan Me!

School Counselors

Our school counselors and school social worker are:

- Mrs. Goc
- Mrs. Dudas
- Mrs. Schu
- Mrs. Kean (Social Worker)



Please note the assignments to learn of your son or daughter's school counselor:

5th Grade	
School Counselor:	Teacher:
Mrs. Goc	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wasner• Richter• MacVittie• McKinney
Mrs. Schu	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skierczynski• Zilliox
Mrs. Dudas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gandy• Lewis

Grades 6-8	
Mrs. Goc	6th Grade
Mrs. Dudas	7th Grade
Mrs. Schu	8th Grade