



Cheektowaga Central Middle School



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES:

February 2	Quarter 2 Report Cards
February 4	National Wear Red Day
February 9th - 11th	Candy Grams Presale
February 21 - 25	Mid-Winter Recess
February 28	School Resume

NEWS:

- ★ **February 2nd:** Quarter 2 report cards will be available in the parent portal.
Please visit:
<https://www.cheektowagak12.org/domain/482>
- ★ The 5/6 Ambassadors Club will continue to collect hats, gloves, mittens, and socks for both children and adults. Please consider contributing to the **HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS DONATION** throughout the month of February. All donations may be brought to the Main Office upon arrival.

CCMS PTA & National Junior Honor Society: CANDY GRAM SALE

Don't miss out on a chance to say "Happy Valentine's Day" to someone special. For only **\$2.00**, a message from you, along with your choice candy, will be delivered by the PTA on Monday, February 14th to your special valentine. **Check out page 3 for presale directions!**

CCMS CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

Jazz Band with Mr. Dolan

- Meet every Tuesday and Thursday
- Open to all grade levels
- Jazz Band works on music outside of the traditional band music done during the day
- The band discusses how to improvise on our instrument during a solo section in a song
- The band is looking forward to some opportunities to perform during the National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony and at the All-Band concert coming up

Literature Club with Mrs. McCann

- Meets twice a month
- Students have a chance to practice learned reading skills in a relaxed atmosphere

Math Club with Ms. Braddock

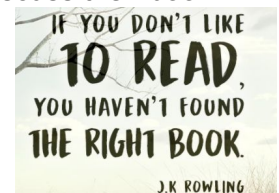
- Meet biweekly (Thursdays)
- Open to any grade level
- Interested students should see Ms. Braddock
- Meetings include playing math games that focus on skills, strategies and fun

Technology Chess Club with Mr. Cultrara

- Meet On Thursdays (Some Tuesdays when required)
- Open to all grade levels
- Club members play chess and explore with working on electronic projects

Book Club with Mrs. Maloney

- Meet twice a month after school in room M121
- This club is primarily for 7th and 8th graders, but 5th and 6th graders can attend with permission from Mrs. Maloney
- Students can bring a book, or get assistance selecting a book to read
- Time is given for students to quietly read, have a snack, and relax
- When reading time is done, students are welcome to discuss their book



CCMS INFO & HIGHLIGHTS

CCMS PTA SENDS FEBRUARY LOVE

PTA thanks the CCMS community for dropping off cans and bottles for the January fundraiser. If you would like to continue to donate your recyclables, please stop by any of the following locations and mention you would like them to go to CCMS PTA!

*Fast Cash Redemption: 3820 Union Road

*Cash for Cans Bottle and Can Retrieval Center: 1350 Harlem Road & 2377 Harlem Road

Looking for a way to make your child's day? Check out the attachment on how to order a candy gram for your child that will be delivered the week of February 14th!

Coming Soon: Niagara Chocolate Sale!

CCMS PTA encourages and welcomes your ideas and always appreciates volunteers. For any questions, contact PTA President Staci Sass: stacisass5@gmail.com.

Check us out on Facebook: Cheektowaga Middle School PTA

PTA is now easier than ever to join! Our next general PTA meeting will be in March. Please consider becoming part of a great association in a great middle school by visiting the link, shown below.

<https://ccmswarriors.memberhub.com/store>

Better Together!

National Junior Honor Society Interest?

- ★ Check out page 4 to learn more information about becoming a member!

After School Help Interest?

- ★ Grade 5 Math Remediation
Email: jlewis@ccsd-k12.net
- ★ Grade 5 ELA & Social Studies Remediation
Email: dmasse@ccsd-k12.net
dzimmerman@ccsd-k12.net
- ★ Grade 6 Math Remediation
Email: klambert@ccsd-k12.net
lbraddock@ccsd-k12.net
- ★ Grade 7 & 8 Spanish Remediation
Email: bperrella@ccsd-k12.net

WAY 2 GO WARRIORS

Warriors are nominated monthly for following the 5 B's in school and on the bus. We are so proud of the following Warriors and their proactive and positive behavior!

Grade 5

Shahriar Shadh
Joseph Moussa
Sonny Martinez
Angel Rivera
Aubrey Kowalik
Kamilla Flores
Amir Othman
Seven Molina

Grade 7

McKenzie Young
Marquis Brown
Jafrin Faria
Kaylin Peete
Josh Easterday
Alex Wright
Chance Cornell
Makeda Terrell

Grade 6

Jayden Szmalec
Denise King
Savannah
Potozniak
Sophie Banach

Grade 8

Ethan Fisher
Steven Talley
Running Deer
Lindenau
Nyomi Bethé
Avery Schwanz
Eva Tran
Olivia Threat
James Caldwell
Zaymeir Torres
Nyomi Bethé
Jamahni
Demosthene
Nicky Darstein

The Warrior Way

Behavior Expectations for Success

1. **Be on Time & ready**
2. **Be Respectful**
3. **Be Responsible**
4. **Be Safe**
5. **Be Kind**

Athletes

Modified Wrestling
Team
Modified Basketball
Team

WAY 2 GO STAFF HONOREES:

Mrs Clare: 7th Grade Special Education Teacher
Mr Dolan: 5-8 Music / Band Teacher
Mrs Erni: 6th Grade Teacher Aids
Mrs Gandy: 5th Grade ELA Teacher
Mrs McGill: 7th Grade Math Teacher

CANDY GRAM INFO

Valentine's Day Candy Grams

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Three ways to participate:

1. Just complete the form(s) below (please include all required information), attach your cash, and return it to your homeroom teacher by 2-11-22.
2. Purchase your presale candy grams in lunch February 9th-11th in lunches. Thank you NJHS!
3. Parents can visit the link ccmswarriors.memberhub.com and purchase through our store by 2-11-22.

Students: Send them to your friends, teachers, and favorite people at CCMS!

Families: Send them to your kids, your kids' teachers, or your kids' friends!



To:

Homeroom Teacher:

Message:

Circle Choice Candy: M&M's or Push Pop



To:

Homeroom Teacher:

Message:

Circle Choice Candy: M&M's or Push Pop



Homeroom Teacher:

Message:

Circle Choice Candy: M&M's or Push Pop



National Junior Honor Society Information



National Junior Honor Society [N.J.H.S.]

The National Junior Honor Society (N.J.H.S.) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle school students. More than just an honor roll, N.J.H.S. serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character and Citizenship. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1929. The purpose of N.J.H.S. is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship. The Cheektowaga Central Middle School Chapter of the N.J.H.S. is administered by Mrs. Lynnae Kwilas, the induction process is demanding and the selection process is extremely

difficult.

How do you become a member?

- ⌘ At Cheektowaga students are considered for membership when they are 2nd semester 7th or 8th graders.
- ⌘ Students must have a semester cumulative grade point average of 93% (This includes 6th grade).
- ⌘ Students must demonstrate excellence in character, scholarship, leadership, service, and citizenship.

What are the membership expectations?:

- ⌘ Maintain a minimum grade point average of 93%
- ⌘ Demonstrate character, leadership, citizenship, and service
- ⌘ Attend all meetings and participate in group service projects
- ⌘ Complete 3 hours of community service monthly

What is the selection process?:

Step 1: If students qualify academically for the N.J.H.S., they are notified in February. To be considered for membership, students must fill out the information sheet, and write an essay.

Step 2: The teachers and staff at Cheektowaga provide feedback about students who are seeking membership. They are asked to comment on the students' strengths and weaknesses in the areas of character, leadership, service, and citizenship.

Step 3: A Faculty Council is assembled to review the information sheets, essays, and staff recommendations. When reviewing candidates, the Faculty Council will not have the names of the candidates while making the decision for membership. The actual selection of new members must be made by a **majority vote of the five appointed members of the Faculty Council**. With the vote on each candidate, those candidates receiving a **majority vote of the faculty council** should be invited for induction into the chapter.

Step 4: Formal notification of all selected and non-selected candidates and their parents will be done with a letter by the chapter advisor to inform them about selection and the timing of the induction ceremony.

The N.J.H.S. The Selection Process as outlined above conforms to the national guidelines, is applied fairly and consistently to ALL candidates, and provides a meaningful recognition of deserving students.