

### **Cheektowaga Central Middle School**





### **JUNE NEWSLETTER**



#### Principal's Message

Dear CCMS Families,

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your support and partnership. This year has been filled with accomplishments, growth, and many student successes, and your involvement has been crucial to our achievement as a school.

Our students have shown remarkable resilience and achievement, and that would not have been possible without the strong foundation provided by your support at home. Your engagement in their education, whether through attending school events, assisting with homework, or simply encouraging their efforts, has made a profound difference.

We are proud of the progress we have made together and look forward to building on these successes in the coming year. As we prepare for a well-deserved summer break, I encourage you to take this time to relax and enjoy special moments with your loved ones.

Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. We look forward to welcoming you back in the fall, refreshed and ready for another great year.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

June 5 June 14

June 18

June 24 & 25 June 25



8th Grade Picture
Veterans Concert 6PM
Award Ceremony @9:00AM
8th Grade Moving Up Day Ceremony
8th Grade Dance (Details pg 4)
Half Days for Students
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL





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**CCSD Student Code of** 

### **EXAM SCHEDULES**

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#### 5th Grade

- June 20th ELA
- June 21st Math

- June 24th Science
- June 25th Social Studies

#### 6th Grade

- June 13th & 14th ELA
- June 17th Science
- June 18th Math

- June 20th Social Studies
- June 21st Make-ups & Field Day

#### 7th Grade

- June 10th 14th
  - Spanish & French
- June 17th
  - Social Studies (Periods 3&4)
  - ELA (Periods 7&8)
- June 18th
  - Science (Periods 3&4)
  - Math (Periods 7&8)

- June 20th
  - Field Day
- June 21st-25th
  - Exam Make-ups

#### 8th Grade

- June 10th 13th
  - Spanish
- June 14th
  - Biology Regents
- June 20th & 21st
  - Science, S.S., Math & ELA
- June 24th & 25th
  - Make-ups

- \*Important Events\*
- June 17th
  - Day of Service at Military Park
- June 18th
  - Moving Up Day Rehearsal,
     Ceremony & Dance

### Field Days & Half Days



JUNE 18TH

•5TH GRADE •FIELD DAY JUNE 20TH

7TH GRADEFIELD DAY

JUNE 20TH

• FIELD DAY

\*FOR STUDENTS ONLY\*

JUNE 24TH & 25TH

- HALF DAYS:
- DISMISSAL
- @11AM FOR
- ALL STUDENTS

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

### 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony





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TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH 2024

High School Auditorium @5:30pm





\*\*\*Tickets will be handed out by June 14th\*\*\*



Moving Up Dance will take place after the ceremony STUDENTS ONLY

7-9pm

\$10 per ticket

Tickets will be sold in the

cafeteria starting June 4th



8th Grade Dance Food Donation Form



### **Summer Basketball Camp**









#### **Daily Schedule**

- Skills Stations
- **Competitions & Olympics**
- **3v3 Games**
- Full Court Games



**Cheektowaga HS Main Gym** 

3600 Union Rd, Cheektowaga, NY



**Register Here** 



#### **Details**

July 15th -18th Boys entering grades 3rd-8th



**Award Ceremony & Trophy Presentation Camp T-Shirt** 

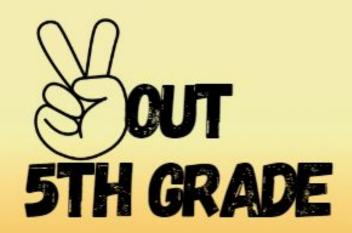
#### **Staff**

- DeMario Rhodes (Varsity Head Coach)
- **Eric Martin (JV Head Coach)**
- **Brandon Habermas (Modified Head Coach)**



Coach DeMario Rhodes 716-686-3637 or 607-218-4469 cheektowagaboysbball@gmail.com

All classes are winding down their final units of study and beginning to review for final exams. It will be beneficial if they review any information in their notebooks a little bit each night for the weeks leading up to exams. This is a much better plan than waiting until the night before. There will be some class time devoted to review so that students know what material they will be tested on.



On Thursday, May 23 the fifth grade took a field trip to Old Fort Niagara State Park. Students enjoyed learning about the rich history of our area and the importance the fort played in European control over the surrounding area. Funding was provided through a Connect Kids to NYS Parks grant.





#### Summer Skill-Building: Focus on Math and ELA

As we look ahead to the summer break, we want to provide you with some valuable resources and activities to help your child stay academically sharp and to fill in any areas of need. It is recommended that the focus be on skill-building in Math and English Language Arts (ELA) to ensure a smooth transition into the next school year.

#### Math Skill-Building Activities

- 1. Online Math Resources:
- Khan Academy: This platform offers comprehensive lessons on various math topics. Your child can watch instructional videos and complete practice exercises tailored to their grade level.
- Prodigy Math Game: An engaging and interactive platform where students can practice math skills through a fun fantasy game.

#### 2. Math Workbooks and Puzzles:

- Purchase or download math workbooks that provide a variety of problems to solve, from basic arithmetic to more advanced topics like geometry and algebra.
  - Sudoku, logic puzzles, and brain teasers are great for developing problem-solving skills.

#### 3. Daily Math Practice:

- Set aside 15-20 minutes each day for your child to practice math. This could include solving a few problems, playing a math game, working through a workbook or even studying basic multiplication and division facts.

#### **ELA Skill-Building Activities**

#### 1. Summer Reading:

The most important thing for your child to do this summer is to read! Set a timer and strive to add more minutes as the summer progresses. Try to encourage stamina while also focusing on understanding the text. If your child is willing to try different genres and styles of books, that is fantastic. If not, reading anything for an extended period of time is beneficial and will help your child progress in reading comprehension.

#### 2. Vocabulary Building:

Playing word games like Scrabble, Boggle, or online vocabulary games is a fun way to expand their vocabulary. You can also create flashcards with new words and their definitions to help your child learn and remember new vocabulary.

#### 3. Reading Comprehension Worksheets or Workbooks:

There are many options of summer workbooks for practice in reading comprehension skills. Focusing on the short passages and giving answers with evidence to the comprehension questions will help to build those skills for the Fall.

We hope these activities and resources will help keep your child engaged in learning throughout the summer. Consistent practice in math and ELA will ensure they return to school confident and prepared for the challenges of the new school year.

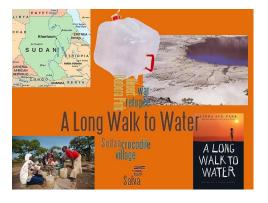
#### **Social Studies:**

Students will then begin and finish Units 6 and 7: Westward Expansion and The Abolitionist / Progressive Movement. Students will learn about how the US was able to move and conquer the lands to the West, as well as learn about the famous individuals that started the Abolitionist / Progressive Movement in the 1800's (Harriet Tubman, Harriet Beecher Stowe and many more).



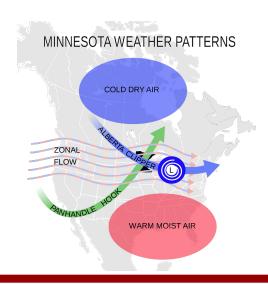
#### English:

Students will finish reading the novel: *A Long Walk to Water* and ELA Honors will be studying Poetic Devices and writing their own poems.



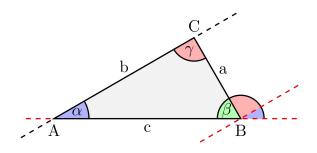
#### Science:

Students are learning about the weather patterns in the world and completing the NYS investigation on weather.



**Math 7:** Students are learning about angles.

**Math 7 Honors:** Students are learning about Advanced Geometry and angles.



Dear 8th Grade Families,

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout this school year. Your partnership has truly played an essential role in making this year a remarkable success for our 8th-grade students.

#### **Important Announcements:**

- Spanish Final Exam: The Spanish final exam will take place all of next week in class.
- **Biology Regents for Honors Students:** The Biology Regents exam for honors students is scheduled for 6/14/24.
- Day of Service at Buffalo Military Park: A day of service at Buffalo Military Park on 6/17/24. Please return permission slips.
- Moving Up Day (MUD) Ceremony: The Moving Up Day Ceremony will be held on 6/18/24.
- **Final Exams:** Final exams in Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies will be on June 20 and 21, 2024, during class. Make-up exams will be available on 6/24/24 and 6/25/2024.
- **9th Grade Orientation:** Please remember to sign up for the 9th-grade orientation. This is a crucial step to ensure your child starts high school on the right foot.

#### Celebrations from the Week:

We will celebrate the successful completion of our final exams, engage in a day of service, and commemorate Moving Up Day with our MUD Ceremony. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

As the school year comes to a close, we wish you all a fantastic summer ahead. Thank you for being an invaluable part of our school community. Your partnership and involvement are deeply appreciated.

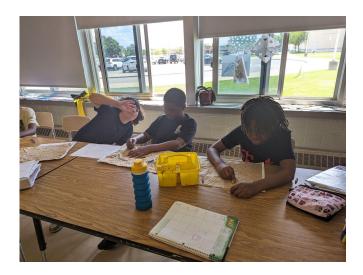
Goodbye MIDDLE SCHOOL

Warm regards,

8th Grade Teachers

### **Special Area Updates**

5th Grade students in Mrs. Netti's class learned about prehistory and cave-art last week! They are making caves and telling personal stories through images this week.





5th Grader, Allie Sass hit not 1, but TWO homeruns in P.E. class!! Nice job, Allie!



Mr. Haberl pitching to students in 8th grade who concluded a tee and wiffle ball unit.



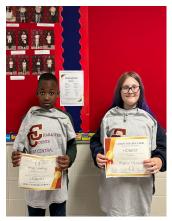


In 6th grade, the students are learning how to care for infants. They are learning things from how to change a diaper to holding and feeding a baby.

### **Project Positive**

The following students received Character Ed. awards from our Project Positive Team. WAY TO GO!

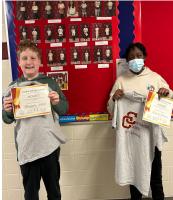




5th Graders:

Isaac Reinard Charlotte Taub Winifred Olexenko Crispin Tshala





6th Graders:

Marrion Knightner Sharenay Alizai Demaria Simmons Christopher DuVal





7th Graders:

Gazi Rahman Sofia Bova Nikolas Alexander Lena Chiarello





8th Graders:

Sasha Floyd Kameir Ayala

Memoona Waheed Brayden Hooper

### **Fun at CCMS**







Project
Positive and
Character
Education
Bowling Trip

PTA Spring Fling







### **Graduation Parade**

CCMS students lined up outside to congratulate our high school 2024 graduating class. Congratulations class of 2024!







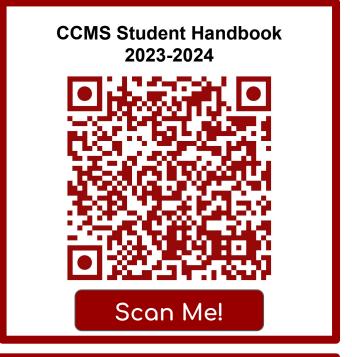


### **Important Information**

#### **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)

<b>5th Grade</b>	6th Grade
Mr. M. Skierczynski	Ms. L. Braddock
<b>7th Grade</b>	8th Grade
Mr. M. Buscaglia	Mr. L. Silliman



#### **School Counselors**

Our school counselors and school social worker are:

- Mrs. Goc
- Mrs. Dudas
- Mrs. Schu
- Mrs. Kean



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

5th Grade	
Guidance Counselor:	Teacher:
Mrs. Goc	<ul><li>Skierczynski</li><li>Zilliox</li><li>MacVittie</li><li>Willson</li></ul>
Mrs. Schu	● Gandy ● Lewis
Mrs. Dudas	● Wasner ● Richter

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