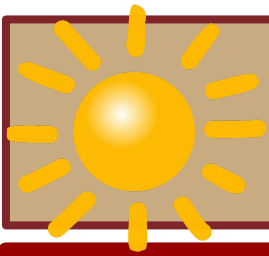
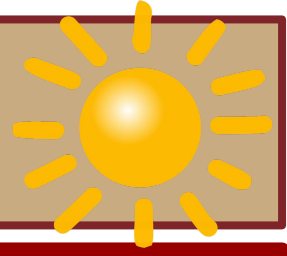




# Cheektowaga Central Middle School



## AUGUST NEWSLETTER



### Message from the Principal

August 2024

Dear CCMS Students and Families:

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! This will be a year filled with successes and opportunities. Please know that we will all be working to provide a wonderful educational experience for all students in the safest manner possible.

#### Student Handbook

The student handbook is an important tool that explains many of our school procedures, routines, and rules. All students and parents are expected to review and understand the components of the handbook. We welcome and invite parents to contact us with any questions to ensure that we are partnering together in support of our students.

#### Parent Portal

The district's Parent Portal continues to be a critical link regarding information about student schedules, attendance, report cards and many other details. Please note that student **bus information** will be sent in the mail. You can access the Parent Portal through the Quick Links menu on the district's website <https://www.cheektowagak12.org/domain/482>. It is essential that parents verify their communication information (e.g., telephone numbers, email addresses) through the Parent Portal.

#### Student Schedules

Copies of student schedules will be made available on the Parent Portal by Friday, August 30. Please be on the lookout for an email from the main office alerting you to the posting of the schedules. This schedule should be consistent with the plans that each student reviewed with his or her counselor in the spring. Should this schedule not be accurate, there will be a link to a form you can fill out to alert your school counselor. If the problem cannot be resolved readily, a Google Meet will be made between your counselor and yourself. Please note that school counselors will not change your schedule based on period preferences or teacher preferences.

#### First Day of School

Our first day of classes is Wednesday, September 4. It will be an "A" Day. On this first day all students should report to their Period 1 class. Our school uses an 8-period schedule and we will follow this schedule the first day of school. As a reminder, Wednesdays are our early release days. Students will be dismissed at 1:37PM.

#### 5th Grade Orientation

Our 5th Grade Orientation will take place on Tuesday, August 27 at 9:00 am. This orientation is open to all incoming 5th graders. On this day, students will have an opportunity to see their lockers, get their agenda books, learn a bit about CCMS and go through their schedule. On this same day, I will hold a special meeting for parents of incoming 5th graders at 9:00 am in the gymnasium. That meeting will last approximately 30 minutes.

Recognizing that this date may conflict with parent work schedules, parents are invited to email or call the main office if they are unable to attend but would still like to see the school and view their child's classroom prior to the start of the school year.

# Principal's Message Continued

## Supply Lists

We do have a general supply list for all grades. Students will use an organizational system to help them best succeed while learning at CCMS. You can view the supply lists on our website and in this newsletter.

## Bus Transportation

All students are assigned a bus to transport them to and from school each day. This is a safe, cost-effective way to get your students to and from school. (This is the best way to come to school during inclement weather!) The bus pick-up and drop-off information can be found on the information mailed home. Note that students might be in different named buses for the morning and afternoon trips.

## Student Agenda

On the opening days, students in Grades 5-8 will receive a Student Agenda book that includes information that is required for our school. The student agenda is to be carried during the school day at all times. Parents are expected to sign the agenda every evening to know of the assignments and upcoming responsibilities for their children. The Student Agenda book is important for maintaining a record of assignments, activities, and goals.

## Student Allergies

Many of our students have food allergies that have the potential for a wide-range of reactions—from relatively mild to life-threatening. Some of our students have airborne sensitivities to allergens. If your child has a food allergy, it is **important** that you inform our school nurse. You should also be aware that we have Epi-Pens available in the nurse's office should an emergency occur. We continue to work on minimizing the chance for any accidental exposures in a way that protects our students' privacy.

## Student Chromebooks

Students are given a Chromebook to use in school during their regularly scheduled classes. These devices are not taken home. Each teacher has access to a Chromebook cart which allows them to assign the devices as they are needed for the different phases of each curriculum.

## World Language

Students enrolled in French will be placed in accelerated Spanish 8 class. All High School credit for students will be granted.

## Lunches

All students are scheduled for a lunch period at which time they are assigned a seat with their classmates. Students who are unable to comply with the cafeteria behavioral expectations are required to eat lunch in an alternative setting. Students may bring a lunch or receive one at school. Students are not permitted to bring additional bags of snacks to share with other students as these may inadvertently cause issues regarding student allergies. Such exchanging of snacks can also at times lead to potential issues among students.

## Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones remain an important part of our students' lives. They are not permitted at CCMS. We have a specific cell phone policy that is followed and adhered to by all students. Students will be asked to review this policy with their parents who will be expected to do the same.

We are looking forward to a great year!

Warmly,

Chris Salinas  
Principal

# Important Information

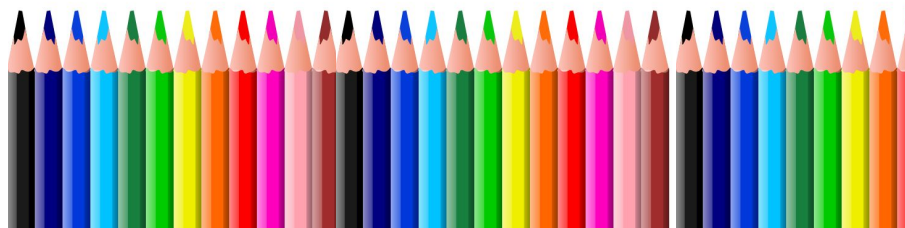
## Upcoming Dates

**August 27** 5th Grade Orientation @ 9am

**August 28** Grs, 6-8 Supply Drop-off

Time: 8am-1pm

**September 4** First Day of School



## CCSD Student Code of Conduct 2024-2025



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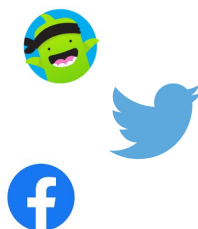


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**CHARGERS**

## 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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and Twitter!

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<https://twitter.com/cheektowagaMS>

# School Supply Drop Off

## SUPPLY DROP OFF



CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 28th

8AM-1PM

Enter through the  
Middle School  
Athletic Door #29



SCAN HERE  
FOR SUPPLY  
LIST





# 5th Grade Orientation

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CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## 5TH GRADE ORIENTATION

August 27, 2024 - 9:00AM

Cheektowaga Central Middle School

Enter through Athletic Door #29



Check out our 5th  
Grade Supply list Here!

**\*Bring in your supplies  
for supply drop off and  
locker set up!**



# 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](mailto:csalinas@ccsd-k12.net))

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

## CCMS Student Handbook 2023-2024



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	
Guidance Counselor:	Teacher:
<b>Mrs. Goc</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Skierczynski</li><li>• Zilliox</li><li>• MacVittie</li><li>• Willson</li></ul>
<b>Mrs. Schu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gandy</li><li>• Lewis</li></ul>
<b>Mrs. Dudas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wasner</li><li>• Richter</li></ul>

Grades 6-8	
<b>Mrs. Goc</b>	6th Grade
<b>Mrs. Dudas</b>	7th Grade
<b>Mrs. Schu</b>	8th Grade

# Clubs, Advisors & Team Leaders

## Middle School Clubs and Leaders

Team Leaders	
Grade 5	Martin Skierczynski
Grade 6	Lenette Braddock
Grade 7	Mike Buscaglia
Grade 8	Luke Silliman
AIS	Rebecca Haines

Club Advisors	
Jazz Ensemble - Kacy Dolan	Media Club - Alex Baker
NJHS - Lynnae Kwilas	Yearbook - Nancy Kean
Student Council - Brenda Panikowski Katherine MacVittie Melissa Goc	Junior Challenge Club - Jill Orlowski Kate Barbati
Art Club - Jenna Hallmark	Chess Club - Mark Cultrara
Girls Chorus - Katherine Santoro	International Club - Walter Wasner
Math Club: Jennifer Lewis	Musical Director - Katherine Santoro
Science Club - Walter Wasner	Unified Leadership - Lynnae Kwilas
"O" Ambassadors - Michelle Zilliox Kaitlynn Reilly	Literature Club - Samantha Scheffler Heidi Maloney
STEM Club - Jessica McGill Patricia Stonebraker	



# CCMS Cell Phone Policy

## *Cheektowaga Central Middle School* **CELL PHONE PROCEDURE**



**NO CELL PHONES**  
**NO EARBUDS**  
**NO SMART WATCHES**

## *Cheektowaga Central Middle School* **PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE**

### **1ST OFFENSE**

Warning. Teacher confiscates cell phone and calls home to inform parent/guardian. Student retrieves their cell phone from the teacher at the end of the day.

### **2ND OFFENSE**

Formal discipline referral. Cell phone confiscated to the Main Office for the remainder of the day. Student to pickup at dismissal.

### **3RD OFFENSE\***

Student drops-off cell phone to the Main Office daily for 2 weeks.  
Student to pickup at dismissal.

### **4TH OFFENSE\***

Student drops-off cell phone to the Main Office daily for the remainder of the school year.  
Student to pickup at dismissal.

**\*If a student does not fulfill their drop-off responsibilities, parent/guardian will be required to pick-up the student's cell phone from the Main Office.**