



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

### Message from the Principal

Dear CCMS Families,

Character Counts at CCMS! During the month of October, CCMS will be spotlighting the character trait, ENTHUSIASTIC. Through morning announcements, we will be sharing what it means to be enthusiastic in words, actions, and in academics. We will also discuss how we can stand our ground when faced with a challenge to a student's enthusiasm. Finally, we will cover how to show enthusiasm when students are helping their peers, teachers, and classmates. We will be providing students the opportunity to demonstrate enthusiasm in the classroom, on the athletic fields, in the fine arts, and in their activities that make up their days here at CCMS.

CCMS will celebrate Unity Day on Wednesday, October 16, and encourage all students and staff to wear orange to show that we stand united against bullying at CCMS.



# Important Information

## Upcoming Dates

October 9	5 - Week Progress Reports Available
October 14	No School - Indigenous peoples day
October 16	Unity Day (See p. 3)
October 25	Picture Retake Day (See p. 6)
October 21-25	Red Ribbon Week (See p. 4)

## CCSD Student Code of Conduct 2024-2025



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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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<https://twitter.com/cheektowagaMS>

# UNITY DAY

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**16**  
**OCT**  
**2024**

**WEAR AND SHARE  
ORANGE**

**ENCOURAGE**  
kindness, acceptance, and inclusion

**HELP BUILD COMMUNITY**  
throughout the year

**#UNITYEVERYDAY**  
**PACER.ORG/UNITYDAY**

Sponsored by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center since 2011



# RED RIBBON WEEK

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### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

*Wear red to kick off Red Ribbon Week!*

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

*Team up against drugs! Wear your favorite sports gear.*

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

*"I'm too bright for drugs!" Wear neon or bright colors.*

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

*"Lei off drugs" Wear hawaiian/ beach apparel. (**NO bathing suits OR crop tops.**)*

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

*Peace out to Drugs! Wear your favorite tie dye apparel.*



# YEARBOOKS



## Order Your **YEARBOOK** **TODAY!**

[inter-state.com/order](https://inter-state.com/order)

Use Order Code: 91687T

**SCAN THE QR CODE**  
FOR EASY ORDERING!



**Online Orders Due By:**  
**Friday, March 14, 2025**

**\$30.00**

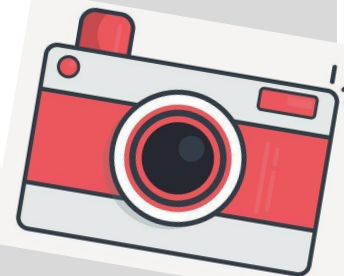
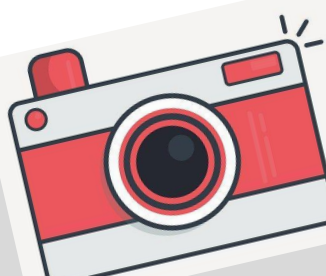
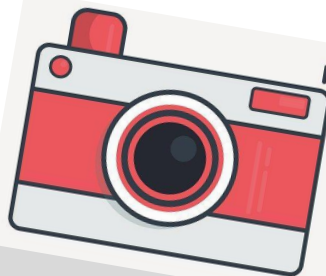
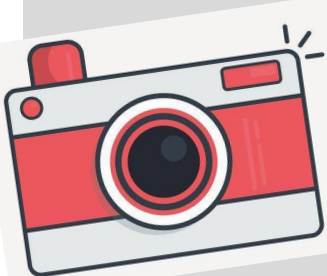
# SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE



## Picture Retake Day

Friday, October 25th 2024

Retakes are for those students who were absent when school pictures were taken OR pictures were purchased and you are not happy with them. If you purchased pictures, you NEED to bring the packet in on October 25th and give it to the photographer. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kean at (716) 686-3653





# 5TH GRADE

Dear 5th Grade Families,

With the school year in full force, we would like to provide some reminders of fifth grade expectations. We begin our school day at 8am. Please make sure that your child arrives on time for school. All students should be writing in their agendas daily. We ask that parents sign the agendas daily and ask to see completed homework that is assigned. Please make sure that your child has pencils for school daily.

## Math

In math, students have completed the unit on volume. They should be practicing their multiplication facts daily. Students have math homework assigned daily.

## Science

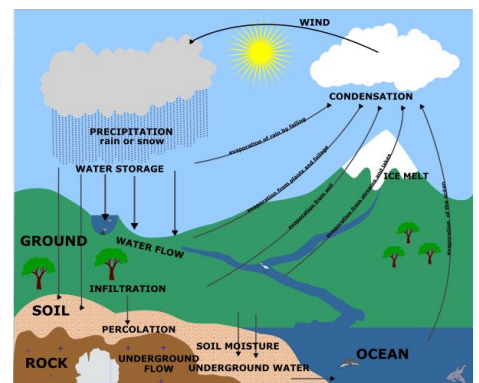
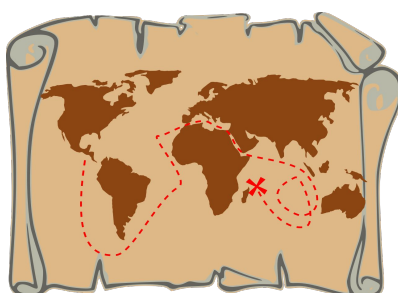
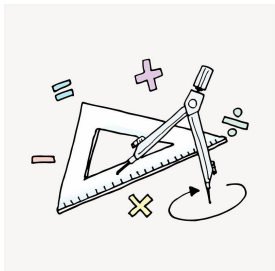
In science, students are continuing the unit on Earth Systems. They have learned about the water cycle and what happens on a molecular level as water changes phases. This work will help them take on the role of a water resource engineer to solve a water shortage problem on the fictitious Ferris Island.

## Social Studies

Students learned all about maps and created their own maps using their new skills. Students look forward to learning about the regions of the United States and early civilizations from each region.

## ELA

All classes have started weekly spelling lists. Students should be bringing home weekly spelling words and spelling homework. They can expect a weekly spelling test. ELA classes have also begun novels. Please ask your child about the book they are reading in class.



# 6TH GRADE

Dear 6th Grade Families

**Spotlight on Science and Social Studies:** As we dive deeper into our exciting school year, our 6th graders are tackling some hands-on projects and intriguing subjects across both science and social studies! Here's a glimpse of what your students have been up to.

**Science: Hand-Crank Generators & Battery Generators-**In science class, students are learning about energy, electricity, and how we can generate power in various ways. To bring these concepts to life, students have been building **hand-crank generators** and **battery-powered generators**.

Through these hands-on projects, students explore:

- **Mechanical energy:** Using a hand crank, they convert physical motion into electrical energy.
- **Electric circuits:** They're building simple circuits and understanding how electricity flows to power small devices.
- **Renewable vs. non-renewable energy:** The difference between generating power manually (renewable) and using stored energy from a battery (non-renewable) is highlighted.

These projects not only reinforce their understanding of basic physics but also allow them to experiment with the concepts of power generation in a real-world context!

**Social Studies: The 5 Fields of Study-**In social studies, we're exploring the five key fields that help us understand the world around us:

1. **History:** Students are diving into the past, learning about significant events, cultures, and people who shaped our world.
2. **Geography:** Understanding our planet's physical features and how they affect human activity is key. Students are learning to read maps and explore different regions.
3. **Economics:** We're discussing how economies work, including the role of money, trade, and resources in societies, past and present.
4. **Government:** Exploring the basics of government structures, laws, and how citizens engage in civic life is helping students understand their role in society.
5. **Culture:** This field focuses on the beliefs, customs, art, and traditions that make societies unique.

Through these five fields, our students are gaining a holistic view of how the world works, connecting the past with the present, and exploring how societies are structured.

**Looking Ahead-** Both our science and social studies units encourage critical thinking, problem-solving, and a deeper understanding of the world. Be sure to ask your child about their generator project or a favorite historical figure—they're learning a lot and love sharing their discoveries!

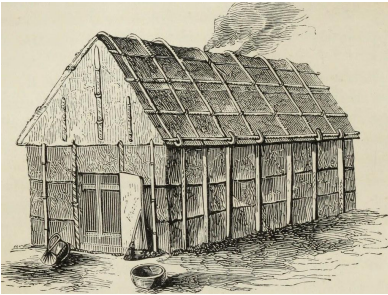


# 7TH GRADE

## Social Studies:

Students will Finish Unit 1: Native Americans and how they adapted to their environment (including geography, early people and migration to the USA) with a concentration on the NYS Tribe, the Iroquois.

Students will then Start Unit 2: 13 Colonies and continue through November.



## Math:

Math 7 students are learning about probability.

Math 7 Honors students will be learning about laws of exponents.

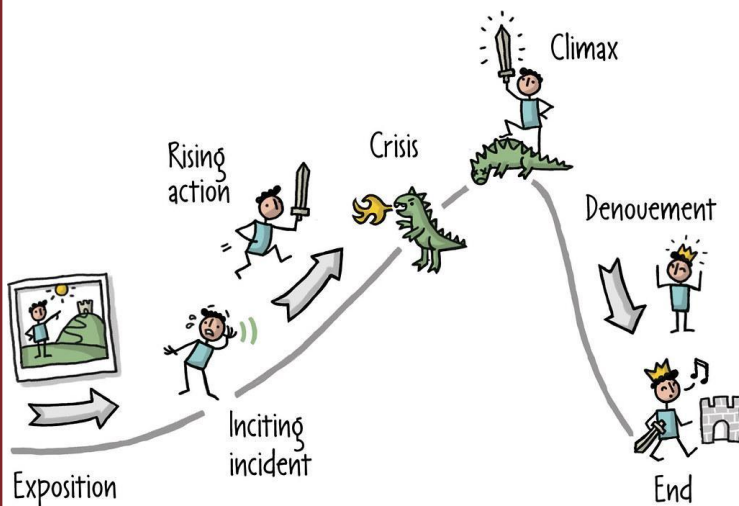
**Example 2:**

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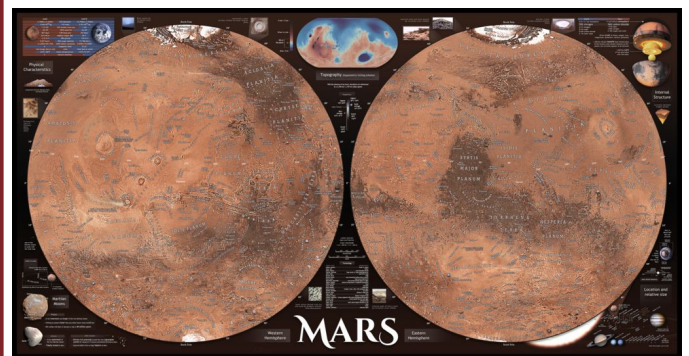
## English:

This month, students are studying elements of plot through spooky short stories. Students will read a variety of texts and create a plot diagram poster!



## Science:

Students will finish Unit 1: Geology on Mars, studying landscapes, weather and formation of the planet Mars.



# 8TH GRADE

## Welcome to October 8th Grade

Summer is firmly in the rearview mirror and we have now moved into the season of leaves falling from the trees in an array of beautiful colors, pumpkin spice, ghouls and goblins, and all things October. This also means we are now firmly into the second month of school. It is the hope of the 8th grade teachers that the start of the school year has been a good one for your son or daughter.

In social studies the Unit of the War on Terror has ended and classes now move into Reconstruction Unit. The Reconstruction Unit is the period immediately following the end of the Civil War and starts with the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. This will move through the presidencies of President Andrew Johnson and President Ulysses S. Grant.

In mathematics students will be finishing up exponents by studying square and cubed roots. We will then start our unit on transformations. In September students focused on rational and irrational numbers as well exponents and their properties. Also students will be using the IXL computer program to reinforce skills learned in the classroom. In algebra students will be starting Unit 3, which dives into data and different ways to represent data such as histograms, box plots, and scatter plots. We will also investigate different measures of center and variability.

In all ELA classes students are reading the classic book the *Outsider* by SE Hinton. ELA students have weekly spelling and vocabulary lists. Students have also been working on honing their skills with identifying finding the main idea and supporting details in articles.

Science is continuing to study how antibiotics and other treatments (fecal transplants) impact the human gut microbiome. In living environment students will continue to study the mystery about why the marathon runner collapsed.

In Spanish, the first unit called *Mucho Gusto* has been wrapped up. Students will now be starting the new topic *Le Salud* during the month of October. A primary focus will also be on reviewing body parts, illnesses and remedies. In Spanish the month of October will close out with the third unit called Dia de los Muertos.

Thank you to both 8th grade parents and students. This has been an amazing start to the school year. Both teachers and administrators in the Middle School appreciate your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teachers. Email is the best way to get in contact with your child's teachers. Email addresses can be found on the Cheektowaga Central School District website.



# 8TH GRADE - DC Trip Information

Welcome to 8th grade, Class of 2028! We are excited to announce that our 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC will be held on May 20-22, 2025! Please see the attached sheet to register and start paying for your trip this summer! Please email Ms. Orlowski at [jorlowski@ccsd-k12.net](mailto:jorlowski@ccsd-k12.net) with any questions that you may have.

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR A TRAVELOGS INTERNATIONAL INC. TRIP

**This code will allow you to enroll online and pay the initial deposit/registration fee using a major credit card.**

Cheektowaga Middle School Group Code: **v6vGU8nC**

- 1) Go to [www.travelogsinternational.com](http://www.travelogsinternational.com) and click on "Register For Your Trip." This will direct you to a page that is entitled "Register or Login To Your Account". Once you're on this page, there will be two empty boxes, one for a registration code and one for an e-mail address. Enter your group's registration code and your e-mail address. **This e-mail address will be used to make future payment(s) for the trip. Please be sure to use an e-mail address that is checked frequently.** Click on "Create My Account."

*Please make sure that if you have had a child that has traveled on previous trips with your school and you already have an account created with Travelogs, you can log into that account and (if needed) "add additional traveler" to your already-existing account linked with your particular e-mail.*

- 2) Once an account has been created, an e-mail will be automatically sent to you with a link and a temporary password.
- 3) Click on the link within your e-mail and you'll automatically be directed back to the "Log Into Your Account" page. Enter your e-mail and the temporary password. Click "Log In" when complete.
- 4) You will now be on a page that will show the information for the trip in which you would like to register for. Click on the "View Trip Details and Register for This Trip" link.
- 5) You will now be on the school's trip website. In order to complete the registration process, scroll down to the bottom of the page and choose the option of how to register.
- 6) Once you click on your option, you'll then be directed to the "Manage Your Profile Page." Complete all of the necessary information and hit "Save."
- 7) Lastly, you'll be taken to a page that requires three checked boxes and a place for a parent/guardian to sign his/her name acknowledging and accepting Travelogs' terms and conditions. Once that is completed, click on "Process Registration."
  - a. For **credit card users**: you will then receive an e-mail confirmation that the deposit has been processed. Your registration is now complete.
  - b. For those who choose the **"pay by mail"** option: your registration on the trip is **pending** upon receipt of your required deposit. Once the "Manage Profile" page is completed, you will be e-mailed an invoice for your deposit. **Please print out a copy of this invoice**, and mail it along with your check or money order to Travelogs. This deposit must be received no later than the deposit deadline set by your son/daughter's teacher. Failure to do so will result in automatic removal from the trip.



# 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/Scheffler

### 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/Duval/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

# 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



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

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

# PTA NEWS



## 1<sup>st</sup> General PTA Meeting

**Tues, October 22 at 6:00 pm**

**In the cafeteria**



### FALL FUNDRAISER

Online orders due by midnight on Mon, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

All Paper Forms must be turned in to the student's homeroom or the main office no later than Fri, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**No later forms will be accepted.**



### NIGHT OUT BOOKS FUNDRAISER

BOGO Free for \$30. Keep one for yourself and give one as a gift!

Any questions contact Angela Scholl at

**[ascholl@ccsd-k12.net](mailto:ascholl@ccsd-k12.net)**

### JOIN OUR PTA

*\*\*To become a member just join via the link or QR Code\*\**

**[ccmswarriors.memberhub.com](http://ccmswarriors.memberhub.com)**.



### SPIRIT WEAR THANK YOU'S!

A huge thank you to our supporters of our spirit wear fundraiser. Because of you, we were able to achieve our goal. All items purchased will be delivered to the school the third week of October.

Watch the Blackboard and Dojo for updates.

### DONATE YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS

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 Middle School PTA"**.

### PTA CONTACT INFORMATION

*Angela Scholl - President*

**[cheektowagamiddlepta@gmail.com](mailto:cheektowagamiddlepta@gmail.com)**





# MS CLUB WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

