



CHELAN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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It is hard to believe that we have already reached the half way point in the school year. As we begin the second semester, there is a lot to look forward to at CMS. We have spring sports, the play, Holden, and our Moving Up Ceremony to mention a few of the upcoming events. As a staff we are also beginning to look ahead to next year. We will be spending some time reviewing the work we have been doing this year to find ways that we can improve. As these conversations take place, I will be sharing them during the Parent Advisory Council meetings. Your feedback and input is very important to us as we continue to improve student learning at CMS.

Chris Anderson, Principal

CMS EVENT CALENDAR



- 2/2 **Late Start**
- 2/4 GBB @ Cashmere
- 2/5 GBB @ Orchard
- 2/9 District Spelling Bee
 GBB @ IRMS
- 2/12 Wrestling @ Foothills
- 2/16 President's Day—No School
- 2/18 GBB vs. Eastmont 2
 Wrestling @ Quincy
- 2/19 GBB vs. Foothills
- 2/23 **Late Start**
- 2/25 3rd Quarter Progress Reports
- 2/26 Wrestling CHS/CMS
- 3/4—3/6 **Mid-Winter Break No School**



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The next MS Parent Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2, at 4:00 in the library. The purpose of this council is to give parents/guardians an opportunity to provide feedback and perspective relative to school decisions and provide an avenue to raise concerns and issues as they relate to Chelan Middle School.

In the upcoming months we will be sharing a plan and direction for CMS and will be very interested in your thoughts and input. Please email me if you would like to be added to the email list to receive meeting notes. Even if you can't attend, these notes should help you stay up-to-date with what we are discussing.

Attendance at School

It is very important that students are at school everyday in order to receive the most benefit from daily instruction. Parents/Guardians may call the school the day before or prior to the start of school if they know that their son/daughter will be absent from school. If school has already begun, please provide a signed note indicating the student's name, the date (s) absent, the times absent (all day, morning, or afternoon, etc) and the reason for the absence. If an absence requires the student to leave school early that day, the note will indicate what time the student should leave class. Please contact Mrs. Johnson if you have any questions about your stu-



GO PIRATES!

Middle School Play

CMS Drama department will be putting on the play called, *I Don't Have a Clue* by Craig So-daro. It's a madcap comedy full of opportunities for CMS's rising stars to ham it up. The story goes that in the midst of a murder mystery party, \$75,000 is found which leads to instances of mistaken identity, rushing in and out of doors, and even a little romance!

Everyone was welcomed to audition, and of the 36 who did, none were cut. The kids will be involved in all aspects of the production, from make-up to acting to working backstage. Director, Lori Jenkins, says, "I have kids do almost everything."

Mark your calendars for March 19th, 20th, and 21st at 7:00pm in the PAC. And it's free! The production is family friendly, so bring the kids.

This is the first repeat show that the middle school has ever done, so some may remember it from eight years ago. Either way, come on out and enjoy! Jenkins says, "Drama is one of the few pro-



Athletics Update



The Girls Basketball season is up and running and the girls got off to a quick start winning their first game against Pioneer Middle School. The girls will play their first two contests at home, travel during the middle of the season and then wrap up the season at home. Good Luck Lady Pirates!

The Wrestling season began on an early Wednesday morning as wrestlers reported to practice at 6:30 a.m. The numbers continue to grow and we are very excited for the first match to arrive.



You can find complete Basketball and Wrestling schedules on the school website.



CMS ASB



The CMS ASB Senators planned and pulled off a successful afternoon of Reindeer Games, the last day before Winter Break. A long-standing tradition here at the middle school, Reindeer Games is like a field-day in the gym where teams of Advisory classes compete against one another in various competitions. Some of these competitions included: the Snowman Wrap, the Sleeping Bag Drag, the Shaving Cream Pyramid, as well as your basic Tug-O-War, Three-Legged Race, and Dodge Ball. The Senators worked very hard to provide a fun day for all. CMS students enjoyed being able to release some positive energy. By the way, if you see Mr. Larson, be sure to congratulate him on winning the staff dance-off!

As soon as Reindeer Games was over, the ASB Senators planned the Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly, which was Tuesday, January 20th. Parts of Dr. King's *I Have a Dream* speech were recited, a slide show about his life was shown, the choir sang an old American folk song, and students were challenged to think about how they can change the world for the better.



Grade Checks

Approximately every 2-3 weeks, staff members submit their grades to the counseling office. Those grades are then sent to Mr. Anderson and he compiles a D and F list. This list is used to determine if students are eligible to participate in athletics and other activities. The eligibility process is outlined below.

1. Students participating in athletics and activities are ineligible if they have 2 or more D's or if they are failing any classes.
2. Students who are ineligible will be notified in person by Mr. Anderson and a letter will be mailed home notifying families.
3. Once students can show that they have raised their grades to meet the minimum eligibility requirements, they will be eligible to play.

Please contact Mr. Anderson if you have any questions in regards to this policy or procedures. Our goal is to teach our student athletes how to be students first and athletes second and how they can be successful at both.



