



CHELAN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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August. I was somewhat surprised to look at my calendar about a week ago and see that it was already August. I hope that you and your families have had time to re-connect, relax and enjoy all the activities that summer has to offer. With the upcoming school year just around the corner, I hope this initial newsletter will provide the information to start off the school year on the right foot. We have some important dates to add to your calendars and other information that will hopefully answer some of the questions you may have leading up to the year. We are very excited to begin another year of learning here at CMS and look forward to seeing all of you!

Chris Anderson, Principal

CMS EVENT CALENDAR

- 8/27 6th Grade Orientation/BBQ
4:00 WEB Activities for Students
6:00 Families
- 9/2 First Day of School!
First Day of CMS Athletics
School Pictures
- 9/15 CMS Open House 6:00 P.M.
- 9/18 National Talk Like A Pirate Day
- 9/21 Late Start
- 9/22-24 ASB Elections
- 9/28 Parent Advisory Council Meeting
- 9/29-10/2 6th Grade Trip to Holden Village
- 10/5-10/9 Student Led Conferences
- 10/5 Picture Re-take Day
- 10/7-10/8 Late Start
- 10/9 No School
- 10/19 Late Start



PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The first MS Parent Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28th at 5:30 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. At the first meeting we will discuss some of the changes for the upcoming school year, reflect on the previous school year and the start of this school year and other topics that families would like to discuss. I look forward to meeting with you and hearing how you think we are doing!

Athletic Eligibility

Practices for fall sports will begin on the first day of school. In order to participate, students must have completed all paperwork and be signed off. There have been a couple of additions this year in order to be eligible. Coaches have been instructed to not let students participate until all paperwork is completed. If you have questions you may contact Mr. Anderson or Mrs. Mackey in the main office.

Schedules

We are finishing up the process of scheduling students. Schedules will be mailed home to the 7th and 8th graders prior to the start of school. Sixth grade schedules will be available at the Orientation/BBQ.



GO PIRATES



6th Grade Orientation/BBQ

On behalf of all our staff, we would like to welcome our new 6th graders and their families to Chelan Middle School. We are very excited about the up and coming school year and would like to invite our new sixth graders and their families to our orientation night and barbeque. The goal of this evening is to help students (and parents) make a positive transition to middle school. We are very excited to begin a new program this year to assist in this process. The WEB Program (Where Everybody Belongs) is designed to provide our sixth grade students with eighth grade mentors that they may go to throughout the year. They will engage in various activities throughout the year with their WEB group and mentors. The first of these activities will be held prior to the BBQ. During the evening you will also have the opportunity to meet 6th grade teachers, learn about specific programs, curriculum and school policies. You will also receive information regarding the Holden Village Trip which will take place in early October.

DATE: August 27th, 2009

TIME: 4:00 WEB Program for Students—6:00 All families and Students

LOCATION: Chelan Middle/High School



Math Class Placements

About a year ago, a decision was made to accelerate students who showed the skills necessary to succeed in higher level math classes. We use the NWEA testing system as one data point to show where students are at. We also take into consideration WASL scores and teacher recommendations. If you have received a letter with this mailing concerning math placement, that means we are recommending and scheduling your student into a higher level math class. All other students will be placed at their grade level. (6th = Math I, 7th = Math II, 8th = Math III). Please feel free to contact us if you have questions regarding placement.

Recommended Supply List

Being prepared on a daily basis is a big factor in student success. Please see the list below for recommended supplies to start and to have throughout the year.

- 2" 3 ring binder
- Tabbed Dividers
- Pens/Pencils
- Zippered Pencil Pouch
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Calculator
- Colored Pencil Set
- Highlighter

ASB Elections

ASB elections will take place 9/22-9/24. The Chelan Middle School ASB is comprised of 4 student representatives from each grade level. Any interested students will need to complete an application, will have an opportunity to campaign and give a speech in front of their classmates. More information will be provided for students during the second week of school. This is a great opportunity to become a leader in our school. The ASB is responsible for organizing and putting on various assemblies, spirit weeks and activity nights throughout the year.

Items Included With This Mailing

Immunization Document - Keeping current with your immunization is very important. If you have received a letter with this mailing, it means we do not have current immunization records. Please submit them to the main office as soon as you can. Please contact Marci Nickell, Counseling Secretary (682-4061) if you have any questions.

Math Placement - Please see Math Placement write up.