

Before School Tutoring and Homework Help – We will be offering a before school tutoring and homework help program from 7:30-8:00 a.m. Monday – Friday at CMS. We have offered this program for the past seven years and we have received many positive comments from parents and students. This year Agatha Wieckowicz (SpEd and certified Math Teacher) will lead this program.

New SLD Law Training – The principals, Mrs. Knickerbocker and lead LD teachers in each building took part in SLD Law training at WITC on August 8.

STAR Training – Ms. Brooks and Mr. Spanel took part in STAR planning and coaching training on August 21. All core teachers will receive training on the implementation and use of STAR in reading and writing on August 28.

Get It Started Classes – We had several students attend our Welcome to 5th Grade and Just the Facts classes from August 19-23.

MacBook Carts – We have added two new MacBook carts at CMS. We now have 5 carts of 30 computers each for student use. We have designated one for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade and one will be assigned to the LMC for checkout. In addition, we have two PC computer labs for classroom use at CMS.

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Team – Mrs. Knickerbocker trained our non-violent crisis intervention team at CMS on Thursday, August 15. The CMS team members are Mr. Spanel, Mrs. Pearson, Mr. Ebner, Mr. Borstad, Mr. La Vallie and Mrs. Diesterhaft. Part of the training was developing a crisis intervention response plan for CMS. This was done through the team process.

Middle School Athletics – Middle school fall athletic teams have begun practicing. Preliminary numbers have many of our 7th and 8th graders out for a fall sport. Tim Borstad is coaching our cross-country team, Val Pumala and Daric Klabunde are our volleyball coaches, and David Martin and Ron Peckham are our football coaches.

Meet the Teacher Night – Meet the Teacher Night is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a brief orientation for all students, parents, and faculty members. We will then break into grade level meetings to discuss changes in curriculum and assessment. The remainder of the time will be to get to know the teachers and to take care of school needs such as locker assignments, assignment books, free/reduced lunch, etc.

Opening In-service – Opening in-service is August 27-29. There are many changes occurring in education that have caused the need for many informational and discussion meetings. Some of the topics to be covered are RtI, PBIS, Educator Effectiveness, SLOs, new SLD laws and specific needs of students.

First Student Day Activities – Our first student day will be Tuesday, September 3. We will begin with a general assembly and then get students into their regular classes to establish daily routines and procedures. All teachers have been asked to get students working on the first day and to go over school wide positive behavior expectations for CMS.

Building Preparations – Dan Krug, Ken Keef, Dennis Frolik and Garrett Vucenic did an excellent job preparing the middle school building for the upcoming school year.

Tentative Enrollment Numbers for 2013-14 – Grade 8 – 61, Grade 7 – 66, Grade 6 – 70, Grade 5 – 66 for a total of 263. The January, 2013 enrollment was 255 students.