

State Testing – The state testing window has opened for grades 3-8 and 10. We will be testing all 4 grades at CMS on Oct. 28-30. This is an enormous task which requires a great amount of flexibility and teamwork by our entire staff.

Safety/Crisis Management Plan Update – We have been working at CMS to update our Safety/Crisis Management Manuals. The entire staff (Certified and non-certified) met on Thursday, Oct. 10 to go over evacuation, code red and code yellow plans. We did a mock code red drill with our staff and later met to discuss questions, concerns and suggestions.

CMS Learning Leadership Team – the team met on October 2 to discuss STAR assessments and our new Learning Labs. The next meeting will be on November 6.

Midwest Talent Search – We sent letters to the parents of 7th and 8th graders that scored advanced in language arts and math in our most recent standardized tests. The Midwest Talent Search offers middle school students the opportunity to take the ACT or SAT test in preparation for their future years.

Mid-terms and First Quarter Grades – Mid-terms were sent out the week of October 14. The first trimester ends November 22. We are attaching information on all report cards about parent access to student grades on PowerSchool and our before school homework/tutoring program. The PowerSchool program continues to be very helpful for parents in communicating with parents.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Parent/teacher conferences will be held at CMS on Thursday, November 7 from 4:30-8:30 and November 12 from 1:30-5:30. We are scheduling individual conferences for 5th and 6th graders. 7th and 8th teachers will be available in the cafetorium.

American Education Week – American Education Week is November 18-22. The CMS Student Council is planning several activities to thank our staff for the excellent work they do.

Veteran's Day Program – We are working with the American Legion to have a Veteran's Day program at CMS/CHS.

Middle School Athletics – Middle School fall sports have ended and winter activities have begun. Leah Wintrone and Brett Sauve are our CMS boys' basketball coaches.

Fall Party – The CMS fall party will be held on Friday, November 1. We are planning gym activities, videos, drawings, games, and team bingo for 5th and 6th graders. The 7th and 8th graders will have DJ music, gym activities, and games.

October 11 Early Release/In-Service – Teachers had time to write their SLOs (Student Learning Outcomes). SLOs are an important part of the Educator Effectiveness program that we are piloting this year. A major factor in teachers writing SLOs is to show student academic growth.

Talk with Tom – The first Talk with Tom session was held on September 25. The October session will be held on October 30.