

Good evening, Catonsville Middle School Families!

This is the Monday Message for January 29, 2024!

Tomorrow is an A-Day!

Upcoming Dates:

- February 5th - Report cards posted in Focus Portal at 4:00 p.m.
- February 9th – Schools closed for professional development
- February 19th – School closed for President’s Day
- February 23rd – Teacher Dodgeball Game “Fun”raiser! More information coming soon!

Semester class changes:

With the change in semesters, there have been quite a few students that are requesting class changes for our semester long courses (Art, PLTW, Business). Unfortunately, at this time, class changes are limited due to class sizes, schedule constraints and other dynamics. We strive to provide schedules to families prior to the start of the school year so that any concerns or request for changes can be considered at that time.

Ladies of Legacy – Looking for your assistance!

Ladies of Legacy mentoring group is collecting donations of Valentine’s cards or treats (lollipops, stickers, bracelets, fidgets, etc.) to donate to the Children’s Home in Catonsville. We’ve got a great start with some homemade cards and donations, but we’d love to make the day extra special for the 50 residents and/or 40 staff members at [Children’s Home](#). We are collecting through Monday February 12th. Donations can be sent to Mrs. Jakubowski (bjakubowski@bcps.org) in Room 1. For more information, check out the [Children’s Home](#) website.

Note, if you fill out the Valentine’s cards, please do not put any last names or addresses on them.

Best,

Ladies of Legacy, Ms. Jakubowski & Ms. Bull

From the Library

It’s time for your students to check their Strive for 25 Reading lists. All students are invited to participate by recording all age-appropriate titles that they have read since July 1. Students that have 15 or more titles on their lists may come to the library to collect some reading rewards. The next deadline will be at the end of the third quarter.

PLTW reminder

6th Grade students beginning PLTW Quarter 3 will need \$4 for an engineering notebook.

Act Store

The ACT Store is looking for donations of items to keep our shelves stocked with prizes. If you would like to donate something, please click the link to our [ACT store wish list](#)! We are also looking for Wal Mart and Five Below gift cards in any denominations for our “upper tier” prizes! Gift cards can be dropped off at the main office to the attention of Ms. Tucci or Ms. Psenicka.

Thank you for supporting our students who ACT for Excellence!

Request from the MakerStudio:

The MakerStudio is in need of shoe boxes! Please save any shoe boxes or similarly sized boxes for us! Thank you!

Tutoring Supported by NJHS

The National Junior Honor Society is offering individual and group tutoring sessions during Advisory on Monday’s. During these sessions, students can get assistance from one of our many tutors in any subject area and for any grade level. Students can sign up weekly using the following link. Once students have signed up, they will use the completed form as their pass to Room 30 for tutoring.

[Tutoring Weekly Sign-Up](#)

Buses

You can use the link below to determine whether your child's bus is running on time!

https://www.bcps.org/parents/transportation_status

COVID Tests:

We have MANY Covid test kits and would be more than happy to distribute these to our families. Please email Mrs. Palacios at kpacios@bcps.org if you would like us to send a test home for you!

FYI - the tests that we have to send home have an expiration date of 2/12/23 on them, however, the FDA has authorized shelf-life extensions of many At-Home OTC COVID-19 tests. These tests now have an expiration date of 5/12/24.