

Good evening, Catonsville Middle School Families!

This is the Monday Message for January 8, 2024!

Tomorrow is an A Day!

Upcoming Dates:

- January 10 – PTSA Meeting, 6:30 (Link in attachment below)
- January 15 – Schools Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 19 – 2nd Quarter ends (School is dismissed 3-hours early); Blood Drive

PTSA Newsletter and Meeting:

Join us on January 10th for our next PTSA meeting. See the flyer below for additional updates.

[Catonsville Middle School PTSA January Newsletter.pdf](#)

Basketball Game at Catonsville High School Thursday 1/11/24

Our game against Arbutus MS will be held at Catonsville High School this Thursday, 1/11/24. We want to fill the stands with blue and gold to support our teams!

All tickets are general admission, and must be purchased through Hometown Ticketing - Ticketspicket - Adult Tickets: \$4

Student Tickets: \$2

Gates/Doors for fans will open at 3:45pm

No backpacks, bookbags, large purses, or other personal belongings will be permitted into the game. Only medical supplies/bags and diaper bags will be allowed.

****ALL STUDENTS** must be accompanied by a chaperone (at least 18). No students will be permitted into the game without a paying adult.

TICKETS SHOULD BE PURCHASED BEFORE REACHING THE ENTRY GATE. We will be limiting ticket sales and all tickets will be purchased on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets purchased will be valid for both boys and girls games. At the conclusion of the second game, please vacate the gym as quickly and orderly as possible.

Marking Period 2 Interims and grades:

As we come closer to the second half of the school year, Baltimore County Public Schools and Catonsville Middle School has already started planning for summer learning in 2024. As we work toward our core purpose of increasing achievement for all students by providing a variety of pathways to prepare students for college and careers, students who require additional learning at the end of the 2023-2024 school year may need to attend a summer program to help them be successful in the next grade level. Students receiving a 'D' or 'E' in courses during this marking period are encouraged to meet with their teacher(s) for academic support and speak with their guidance counselor about other resources that may be available. Below is a list of resources and supports that your student should consider accessing in the next two marking periods (MP3 and MP4) in order to maximize their academic success in the 2023-2024 school year.

Set up daily or weekly "Parent Digest" notifications from Schoology to monitor your student's activity in each class. Directions for setting up notifications can be found [here](#).

7th and 8th Grade GT/Advanced Academics Art

Students who are interested in GT Art for the 2024-2025 school year are invited to submit a portfolio to be considered for the classes. Interested students should submit their artwork, a sketchbook, and a Permission Sheet to Mrs. Liberto in room 10 no later than January 12th to be considered for the courses. Students who received a GT Art letter do not need to submit a portfolio.

Please contact Mrs. Liberto at sliberto@bcps.org with any questions.

[GTArt Letter and Requirements.docx](#)

8th Grade Students Only

PLTW requests for 9th grade should be submitted by January 12 to the Counseling Office.

[PLTW Application 24.25 .docx](#)

For those students that were absent on Thursday and Friday and missed CHS class registration, Ms. Tyler will be reaching out to meet with you so we can get registration complete.

Music – Festival Groups

Festival Orchestra, Festival Chorus, and Festival Band rehearsals are now starting up! Please check your Schoology pages to stay up to date about your rehearsals, concerts, and expectations.

Festival Chorus permission slips are due to Ms. Honeyman or Ms. Asif by Tuesday January 16. Any questions about Festival Chorus should be directed to Ms. Honeyman through Schoology or at ehoneyman@bcps.org.

Teacher vs. Teacher Dodgeball Game

Our 3rd annual teacher dodgeball game is this Friday January 12th at 6:30pm. Students can begin buying tickets during all lunch shifts this week, tickets are \$3 each. Students will go home as they normally would on Friday and then return to school at 6:30 for the game, doors will open at 6:20pm. There will be concessions sold at the game! All students should be picked up or walk home at 7:30pm. This game is a fundraiser for our new ACT store.

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!

Kindness for Paws:

Current seventh grade art students are participating in the Kindness for Paws art show. Students who complete the unit work **and** send in a signed consent form will earn 10 service-learning hours that will be credited to the fourth quarter report card. There are several students who have not yet submitted their parent consent form. Parents, please ask your art students and/or check Schoology to see if the Consent Form has been submitted. The date of the art show has not yet been advertised, but we will let you know as soon as that information is shared with us. Students taking art second semester will also be participating.

[KFP Consent Form 2023.pdf](#)

CMS Annual Blood Drive – January 19th, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

[Click here to make an appointment!](#)

Signup Genius Link for Volunteers (not donors):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0948A4A82AA6F58-44913520-catonsville>

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 kpalacios@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.