

Good evening, Catonsville Middle School Families!

This is the Monday Message for January 22, 2024!

Tomorrow is a B-Day!

Upcoming Dates:

- January 22nd & 23rd – Second Quarter Wrap-Up
- January 24th – Third Marking Period begins
- February 5th - Report cards posted in FOCUS Portal at 4:00 p.m.

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](#).

Fan Favorite Friday with a Ravens Round-Up!

This Friday will be a Purple Friday for our Ravens fans, but if football is not your cup of tea, represent a Favorite! This could be another favorite team, a favorite food, a favorite musician, or a favorite idea! But it is also a big weekend coming up for our Baltimore Ravens! This year, the Baltimore Ravens have secured the best record in the National Football League, winning thirteen games in the regular season. The Ravens' stellar record has distinguished the team as number one in both the National Football League and American Football Conference. Quarterback Lamar Jackson, who has thrown for 3,678 yards, rushed for 821 yards, and completed 24 passing touchdowns and 5 rushing touchdowns in the regular season, is unparalleled in competition for the National Football League's Most Valuable Player Award. Catonsville Middle School appreciates the hard work of the players, coaches, and entire Ravens organization going into this year's playoff, specifically the AFC championship game; therefore, this Friday will be a **Purple Friday** in honor of the Baltimore Ravens incredible season at Catonsville Middle School (and every Friday moving forward will be recognized as Purple Friday so long as the Ravens contend in the 2024 NFL postseason ???). If they're a fan, encourage your student dress in Ravens attire this Friday January 26! We will be looking for our most **spirited students** to earn some prizes!

From the Library

1. 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.
2. The Baltimore County Public Library will be returning on Thursday, January 25th. Students are eligible to take out 5 items from BCPL using their student accounts. Additionally, if students want to be able to check out DVDs, video games or other electronic items, they need to register for a regular account. You may print the attached registration form, fill it out and sign it and send it in with your student on Thursday.

[BCPL Registration Form.pdf](#)

Boys to Men

January is mentoring month! Our Boys to Men group has grown to almost 50 members, and we are proud of their growth. Please look over our flyer to see what we stand for, and what we have done!

[BTM Jan Edition.pdf](#)

Teacher vs. Teacher Dodgeball Game

Our 3rd annual teacher dodgeball game is being rescheduled. The new date and time will be posted soon! This game is a fundraiser for our new ACT store.

PLTW reminder

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

Summer Soccer at Stevenson!

See the attachment below to learn more about this opportunity!

[MSA BCPS FLYER 2024.pdf](#)

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. Psenicska.

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:

All 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 first semester 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 is May 19th at White Marsh Mall. Please look for more details in future Monday Messages.

Students taking art second semester will also be participating in this event. Second semester students will receive Consent forms in class this week. Please encourage your students to return their signed consent forms ASAP so they can participate. Please direct any questions to your student's art teacher.

[KFP Consent Form 2023 \(1\).pdf](#)

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.