

Good evening, Catonsville Middle School Families!

This is the Monday Message for April 2, 2024!

Tomorrow is an A-Day!

Upcoming Dates:

- April 5th – Marking Period 3 ends; Schools close 3 hours early
- April 10th – Schools Closed – Professional Development
- April 12th – Student Talent Show 4PM
- April 19th – Spring Pictures (Must Pre-Pay)
- April 19th - Parent/Teacher Basketball Game 6PM

Testing Schedule:

April 8 & 9 – MCAP ELA grade 8

April 11 & 12 – MCAP ELA grade 7

April 15 & 16 – MCAP ELA grade 6

May 1 & 2 – MCAP Math – grade 8

May 6 & 7 – MCAP Math – grade 7

May 8 & 9 – MCAP Math – grade 6

May 10 & 13 – MCAP Social Studies – grade 8

Testing takes place during periods 1 and 2 on all days.

MCAP Information

It is that time of year when students take the MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program) and our students have been preparing for the assessment throughout this school year. In order for our students to do their very best, we are asking for your assistance. Please ensure that you are aware of the following and that the following take place:

1. Students must use their BCPS provided computer for MCAP. Students should charge their computer each night by plugging in the charger on the left side of the computer. Computers must be shut down, not just closed each night. **Students are not permitted to use blue tooth earphones for testing.**
2. Please make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a well-balanced breakfast, and arrives at school by 8:15 a.m. All students MUST participate in testing. Students missing any portion of the test will be required to participate in make-up testing.
3. Eighth grade students will be tested in Science (MISA) and Social Studies. ALL students will be tested in ELA and Math.
4. **According to Board of Education Policy 5552 personal electronic communication devices (watches, phones, ear pods) are prohibited during testing.** Please ensure your student leaves their cell phones and other personal electronic communication devices at home. If a student brings a personal electronic communication device to school, all devices MUST be left in the student's locker OR it will be collected during testing and returned at the

end of the testing. If a student does not provide the testing administrator with their electronic device, the student will be in violation of Board of Education Policy 5552 and a consequence will be assigned.

Illustrative Mathematics Family Resources:

There are several resources that support family engagement and support at home. Please see the resources below:

- [The Secondary Mathematics Website](#) includes family resources and Year at a Glance documents for courses. Select the course on the left for more information.
- [The Parent University Website](#) includes information regarding tutoring and other supports for families.

Student Food Deliveries:

Please limit deliveries for urgent matters only – excessive deliveries are disruptive to school operations and a safety concern. Reminder, big deliveries (i.e. cupcakes, balloons, pizza) for student celebrations are not permitted in school. Students may not leave campus or receive deliveries from parents or services such as grub hub, door dash, uber eats, etc.

Spring Pictures:

[Email Flyer-2024-04-19.pdf](#)

[Full Color Flyer-2024-04-19.pdf](#)

Staff vs Parent Basketball

[Parent Teacher BBall.png](#)

30th Annual Edible Art Show

Catonsville Middle students are invited to participate in the 30th annual Edible Art Show. It will take place Monday, April 8th from 4:30-6:30 in the Catonsville High cafeteria. All ages and family members are welcome! No pre-registration is required. Admission is \$1 or a canned food item. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Questions can be directed to CMS art teachers or jstiltz@bcps.org at CHS.

Catonsville High School's National Art Honor Society invites you to the

30th Annual
Edible ART SHOW

Monday, April 8th
4:30 - 6:30
Catonsville High Cafeteria

ALL AGES Welcome!

Enjoy artwork, music, refreshments, and henna!

Create an artwork made of food to win awesome prizes to local restaurants and shops!

Enter the competition, or just join for fun!
Admission is \$1, or a canned food item.

For more info, email jstiltz@bcps.org!

Annual Diversity Fair

Attention CMS families,

Mark your calendars for our 5th Annual Diversity Fair. On Wednesday, May 8, 2024, from 5:00-7:00pm, join us for entertainment, our renown silent auction, games, food trucks, and student presentations to celebrate what makes us diverse and special in 21228 😊. Keep an eye out for a sign-up link for students and families who would like to perform, present, or donate to the event.

Ways to get involved:

- Perform a song of dance (ex. Irish dancing, playing a song by an Italian composer, or playing an instrument from a specific country)
- Reserve a table for a presentation (trifold on your chosen country, offer samples from a popular recipe, or do a tutorial on how to make or do something like Henna or making pasta by hand)
- Donate item(s) to the silent auction (gift baskets, gift cards or monetary donations can be sent to Cathy Jeremenko or Alyssa Smith in the library—all proceeds benefit diverse clubs at CMS)
- Attend and have fun

We hope to see you there. For questions, reach out to Ms. Jakubowski (bjakubowski@bcps.org) #weAREcatonsville

From the Music Dept:

Good evening CMS Music families, we hope everyone had a wonderful break!

With the Hershey Trip about 7 weeks away, we wanted to offer a brief extension to the submission window for the \$20 Hershey deposits. We have extended the date to Thursday, April 4th, please contact your music teacher if you have any questions. Later this week, your music teacher will reach out to notify you of your outstanding balance.

Band-Teacher Rahim- jrahim2@bcps.org

Chorus-Mr. Dickerson- tdickerson@bcps.org

Orchestra-Ms. Honeyman- ehoneyman@bcps.org

Talent Show signup:

Any students looking to participate in the CMS Talent Show should sign up on the music bulletin board by Wednesday, April 3rd (tomorrow!!). Auditions will be held after school on Thursday, April 4th. The Talent Show will be held Friday, April 12th at 4pm, tickets will be \$5 at the door, and proceeds will go towards the CMS music department and our upcoming field trips.

Mr. Dickerson- tdickerson@bcps.org

Ms. Honeyman- ehoneyman@bcps.org

Attention 8th grade families:

Hi 8th grade families!

Students received their permission slip for our trip to Philadelphia on March 22nd. I have attached the same information here in case the slips get lost on the way home. If you want to make a donation to allow students in need to attend the trip, just go to the online payment portal and donate there. The online payment portal information is also attached. We are all set with 42 chaperones:) Please email rdungey@bcps.org with any questions.

[8th grade Philly Trip.pdf](#)

Our Memories Slideshow is coming together! Ove 120 students were included in round 1 with baby and friend pics. I really enjoyed seeing the pictures and cannot wait to show you the finished product in a few short months. Please read the attachment for round 2 submission information. Once April ends, I will focus on putting it all together. Please email rdungey@bcps.org with any questions!

[Memories SlideShow with Parent Letter-2024.pdf](#)

Yearbooks

The 2024 Yearbook can be ordered at this time!

To guarantee a copy, place your order online BEFORE April 27th.

See the attached flier for details, information and the [ybpay.com]link!

[YB Flier 2024.pdf](#)

BCPS Summer Art Enrichment Program

BCPS Summer Art Camp is now full. If you are interested in camp and have not yet registered, we encourage you to use the attached link to register so you can be added to the waitlist.

[Summer Art Enrichment Program](#)

Maryland SPCA's Kindness for Paws

Seventh grade art students who completed both the Kindness for Paws artwork and consent form will have their work on display at this year's Kindness for Paws Art Show at White Marsh Mall. The work will be on display from May 12th-19th. A reception will be held on Sunday, May 19th in which the artwork will be for sale with all proceeds going to the Maryland SPCA. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

[KFP-eventflyer-2024.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.](#)