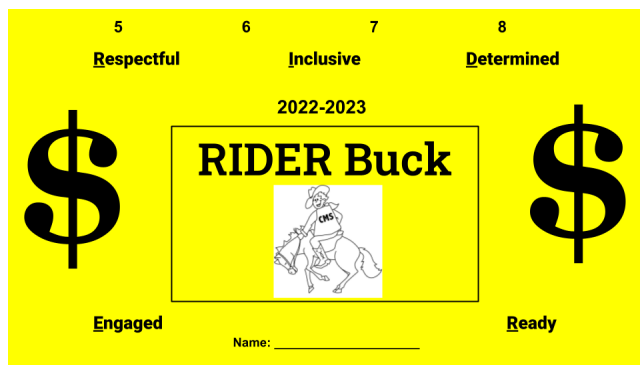


October 2022

Dear CMS Families:

We had a great start to the school year! Thank you so much for coming to our Meet the Teacher Night in September; our teachers appreciated meeting everyone! Please refer to our October Calendar for upcoming events and important dates by clicking the following link: [October.pdf](#) . Please also refer to this newsletter's list of forthcoming events in October. We strive to keep our CMS families informed. Please check us out on Instagram and Facebook, and like/follow us to see what's happening at CMS!

We kicked off the school year with our CMS School Wide Positive Behavior Interventions Support (PBIS) Program, called the Rough RIDER Program. The CMS PBIS program aims to promote a proactive and positive environment to improve academic performance, school safety, positive behavior, and school climate. The acronym RIDER stands for the following positive traits: Respectful, Inclusive, Determined, Engaged, and Ready. During the first week of school, the students were taught these defined expectations for the following areas: classroom, hallway, cafeteria, Nurse/Main Office, bathroom, assembly, bus, and walking. When an adult notices a student following or displaying these expectations, they may receive a RIDER Buck.



Students can use the RIDER Bucks at the HUB (student store), attend school dances for 25 RIDER Bucks, eat at the RIDER Cafe during lunch, have lunch with a teacher, be a guest announcer on the CMS Morning News Show, participate in monthly raffles, and MUCH MORE!! There are monthly incentives and rewards too. For September, the goal was: **Be Respectful**; all students who have zero office referrals and zero teacher detentions will have their names placed in a raffle to Pie a teacher(s) in the face. The monthly goal for October is: **Include Others**, students who earn RIDER Bucks in the area of being “**Inclusive**” will have an opportunity to place them in a raffle to slime a teacher. There are also quarterly incentives and acknowledgments. Our first Quarter incentive: Homework Expectations are Met by Students, with the reward being an ice cream social during the 8th period. We are excited about this program and look forward to a rewarding and fun year!!

We also celebrated our **Start with Hello Week from September 19-23rd**, which is part of the Sandy Hook Promise. The goal is to have students know how to reach out to include those who may be socially isolated and create a culture of inclusion and connectedness within our school community. Our activities included: Meet your Classmates Monday, Classroom Connections, Self-Affirmation Day, and Feel Good Friday.

Our School Counselors are working hard to address Social and Emotional Learning through programs and activities. We are conducting a RIDER schedule every Tuesday to implement class meetings that address topics such as Owleus (an anti-bullying program), confidence, resilience, motivation, and inclusivity. Students will also address social and emotional skills through IMAGO. An online video-based program with engaging lessons and thoughtful questions.

Students in grades 5-8 will take the PASS Survey on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, during Class Meeting time. PASS stands for Pupil Attitudes to Self and School. Research-based PASS provides our school with reliable and valid information about how students feel about themselves as learners and how they feel about school. The survey will allow our school to proactively address non-academic barriers to learning, which can compromise our student's well-being and academic success.

Calendar of Events for October:

- October 3 - Mid Marking Period Grades/Comments updated by 3 PM
- October 4 - RIDER Schedule/PASS Survey administered
- October 10 - School Closed
- October 11 - RIDER Schedule
- October 18 - 8th Grade LCTI Tour in the Afternoon - PowerAnnouncement sent out to parents
- October 18 - RIDER Schedule
- October 18 - CMS-PTF 7:00 PM in the Library
- October 19 - End of Cycle 1 for 8th Grade
- October 19 - Catasauqua/North Catasauqua Halloween Parade (Rain Date 10/26)
- October 20 - 8th Grade RA Cycle 2 Starts
- October 21 - Picture Retake Day
- October 24 - 28 - Red Ribbon Week - Will send out through Remind and a PowerAnnouncement
- October 25 - RIDER Schedule
- October 26 - Early Dismissal 12:20 PM - Faculty Mtg Day
- October 26 - Trunk or Treat sponsored by the Catasauqua Police Department 6:00-8:00 PM (if the parade utilizes its rain date (10/26), this event will occur on 10/27)
- October 28 - Halloween Dress Up and Guidelines;

- Create a unique, wild hair design and put together a crazy but appropriate outfit to wear to school. For example – wear clothing backward/inside out. Remember, all outfits must abide by the dress code. Wear additional clothing underneath if necessary.
- Make sure all hairstyles are temporary and completed at home. Wear a costume and Halloween makeup. The costume cannot contain a mask, any look-a-like weapons, or studded spikes. It must be appropriate for school! Remember, all costumes must abide by the dress code. Wear additional clothing underneath if necessary.

Coming Soon - Clubs!!!! We are excited about bringing clubs back for our students. They will run once a week, every Wednesday, during 8th period. We will send Club information home to parents once available, and Clubs should be up and running by the beginning of December.

Sincerely,

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