

CMS NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024



MESSAGE FROM MR. STECKEL:

It brings me great joy to serve as the Interim Principal of Catasauqua Middle School in the absence of Dr. Pammer. I have been actively engaging with students in their classrooms, stressing the significance of academic excellence and upholding the school's "RIDER" expectations. Witnessing the exceptional teaching practices of our faculty and the positive response from your children has been immensely rewarding.

Reminders:

*[Tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com) Resource

*CMS Campus opens @ 7:45: important that students do not arrive prior to 7:45

*Cell Phones/Electronic Devices need to be turned off and in students' lockers or backpacks.

*Student HUB is selling CMS t-shirts for \$15 (Adult Sizes S - XL)

IMPORTANT NEWS

MARCH CALENDAR

- 3/6- 8th Gr. Formal Meeting 6:30 - 8:30PM
- 3/8- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 3/18- Gr.8 CHS Scheduling Presentations
- 3/19- Gr.8 Parent Night @ CHS 6-8PM
- 3/19 - PTF Meeting @ 7PM
- 3/25- Gr.8 Input CHS Course Requests
- 3/28-4/1 -SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK

Upcoming in April

PSSA TESTING DATES

- PSSA ELA Grades 5-8 - April 22, 23, 24
- PSSA ELA Make-ups - April 25, 26
- PSSA Math Grades 5-8 - April 29, 30

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK-3/4-3/7

Monday 3/4- Team Up For Reading Day

Wear sports jerseys, sweatshirts, or t-shirts

Tuesday 3/5- We Are Wild About Reading Day

Wear your wild animal print

Wednesday 3/6- Read a Shirt Day

Wear a shirt with words

Thursday 3/7- Reading Jogs the Mind Day

Wear Sweatpants/Loungewear

PBIS MARKING PERIOD 3 GOAL

Our goal for the 3rd Marking Period is **School Attendance!**

- [PBIS Flyer](#)
- Students that have 2 or less unexcused absences and/or tardies will participate in a soccer game with teacher coaches!

EXACT PATH SUMMARY VIDEO

DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS,

WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE WITH YOU A NEW RESOURCE DESIGNED TO ENHANCE YOUR ENGAGEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY WITH US AT CATASAUQUA MIDDLE SCHOOL. RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING YOU INFORMED AND INVOLVED, WE HAVE DEVELOPED A SERIES OF TUTORIAL VIDEOS THAT DETAIL HOW YOU CAN ACCESS AND INTERPRET THE PARENT REPORTS FOR EDMENTUM'S EXACT PATH PROGRAM. THESE TUTORIALS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY CREATED BY MR. KOTRAN, OUR CASD COORDINATOR OF INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS, AND ARE AIMED AT ENSURING YOU HAVE ALL THE KNOWLEDGE YOU NEED TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING EXPERIENCE. PLEASE ALSO SEE THE ATTACHED EXACT PATH PARENT REPORT FOR MORE DETAILS.

FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR, EDMENTUM'S EXACT PATH PROGRAM IS AN INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL DIGITAL TOOL WE EMPLOY TO PERSONALIZE LEARNING FOR EACH STUDENT IN READING, LANGUAGE ARTS, AND MATH GRADES 5 - 8. IT IS DESIGNED TO ASSESS AND ADDRESS EACH CHILD'S ACADEMIC STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES, THEN PRESCRIBES A TAILORED LEARNING PATH OF LESSONS, PRACTICE, AND ASSESSMENT BASED ON SPECIFIC STRENGTHS AND NEEDS, THEREBY PROMOTING ACADEMIC GROWTH IN A TAILORED MANNER. WE ADMINISTER THIS PROGRAM THREE TIMES A YEAR - IN SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, AND MAY - TO MONITOR PROGRESS AND ADJUST INSTRUCTIONAL INTERVENTIONS OR ENHANCEMENTS. WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO SPEND 40-60 MINUTES PER WEEK IN EACH SUBJECT AREA TO MAKE THE GREATEST ACADEMIC GROWTH.

THESE TUTORIAL VIDEOS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO WATCH THEM TO GAIN INSIGHTS INTO ACCESSING AND UNDERSTANDING THE PARENT REPORTS. THIS KNOWLEDGE WILL EMPOWER YOU TO BETTER SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION. WE ARE HERE TO ASSIST AND GUIDE YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO YOUR CHILD'S ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER OR THEIR MATH TEACHER.

WARMEST REGARDS,
ROBERT G. STECKEL INTERIM PRINCIPAL, CATASAUQUA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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