

# *CSMS Parent Newsletter*

## Redhawk Tales



### Holiday 2022

### Message from the Principal!

As 2022 comes to a close and we reflect upon the last year we wanted to share some things that we have learned and ways that we have continued to improve and change the instructional practices here at the middle school.

Through the use of data and hard work put in by our curriculum office and Reading departments we were able to add 3 additional reading teachers to meet the needs of our students. We revamped our reading program to offer different intervention levels of service for each grade level during the same period so that students could move through the levels of Multi-tiered systems of support(MTSS) without needing to make big changes to their schedule. Through the work of the Math and ELA audit we were able to identify gaps and plan for additional lessons of support where our students have not performed well in the past. We are happy to say that based on our strong supports and our staffs' hard work in our curriculum audits we have been make changes to our curriculum to better support our students.

We listened to our teachers and students and added additional support in the form of a Restorative Practices team member from Peaceful Schools. Ms. Meredith Needham started with us in August and has a wonderful impact on both our students and staff. She has worked with all grade levels to help with peer mediations along with working with 6th grade students specifically with social skills and strategies to help diffuse conflict. We have seen a direct correlation between the students that are seen by Ms. Needham and our reduction in disciplinary actions.

We hope that you all have a restful and much deserved holiday break with your family. We will continue to work hard to help prepare all of our students to be 21st century learners in an ever changing world. Wishing you a restful and healthy holiday break.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Penrod, Mr. King & Miss Nugent*

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## NEED TO KNOW

- **Students will no longer need to be signed out** if getting picked up at normal dismissal time. Students who are getting picked up will be dismissed first (to help parents beat the busses)
- Breakfast will be served daily and students that would like to eat breakfast will be let in the building at 7:25. All other students will be allowed in the building at 7:30. Pick up for students will start promptly at 2:20.
- All students should have their hats and hoods off when they enter the building. This is a safety protocol to identify who is in the hallway.
- **All electronic devices should be off and away during the day unless specifically being used for academics. If you need to get a message to your child please contact the main office.**
- Please make sure that when picking up your child after school you are not blocking the buses. We have many buses for athletic and academic after school activities. All parents/guardians should be pulling into the parent loop by the flagpole.

## Winter Sports Update

Winter Sport Session 1 is well underway! We were happy to host games for both Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball. Winter Sport Session 2 starts Monday January 9th for Boys Volleyball and Girls Basketball. **Please make sure you have an updated physical for your child and you are signed up through FamilyID.**

## Holiday Celebrations at CSMS

Students in our Foundations Classroom worked on their baking skills when they baked cookies to share with their teachers at CSMS.

Thanks to the CSMS Tech Dept for putting on a staff team building activity which included an afterschool activity of having staff make their own ornament! With so many new staff this year the CSMS Social Committee has tried to organize monthly events to help staff get to know each other and become part of the CSMS community! Our staff has been busy getting in the holiday spirit!

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# SPIRIT WEEK

**Monday 12/19- Winter Wonderland (blue & white)**

**Tuesday 12/20- Dress as your favorite Holiday Movie Character!**

**Wednesday 12/21- Candy Cane Lane (Red & White)**

**Thursday 12/22 - Ugly Sweater Day**

**Friday 12/23- Merry Merry Morning- Wear your most festive PJs**



## CSMS PTO Needs you

CSMS PTO is actively seeking new members. They meet monthly and plan fun events like fundraisers, fun nights, and our end of year 8th grade dance. You will need to be approved to be a volunteer for Fun Nights but anyone can attend the PTO meetings. Volunteers must fill out a [volunteer form](#) (form must be completed for each school building the volunteer will be in, and completed each year. Forms need to be in at least

24 hours prior to the event to be reviewed and processed.)

Contact CSMS PTO to let them know you can help: [csmschoolpto@gmail.com](mailto:csmschoolpto@gmail.com)

## Get your CSMS Yearbook today!

The CSMS Yearbook is on sale now. It makes a wonderful gift and you can purchase from the comfort of your own home. Just go to [studiobalfour.com](http://studiobalfour.com) to get yours today. Books are \$25 each and for an additional amount, you can get them personalized with the student's name and/or add an icon. Please email Mrs. Williamson: [rwilliamson@cssdapps.org](mailto:rwilliamson@cssdapps.org) with any questions!



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## CSMS Winter Concert

The CSMS Music Department held their annual winter concerts throughout December. Mrs. Ziemba, Mrs. Ezzo, Mr. Hoholuk, and Mr. Shelton would like to congratulate all the chorus and band students on their wonderful performances! Recordings of every concert can be found on the CSCSD PerformingArts YouTube page: [CSCSD Performing Arts](#)



## CSMS FUN NIGHTS!



### Couple of reminders about FUN NIGHTS:

- Students are expected to be in school in order to attend a fun night.
- Moving forward students who had a full day of ISSD or any OSS may not attend the fun night. This is from the time of the last fun night.**
- Students that are suspended in any way are not allowed to attend fun nights.
- Only CSMS students are allowed to attend fun night
- Cost: \$3 for all grade levels.

- 6th Grade 2:30 - 4:30 PM - students will stay immediately after school. There is *no* school provided transportation home - students must have their own ride home at 4:30 from CSMS.

- Grades 7/8 6:00-8:00 PM - **Do not drop students off earlier than 6:00**, there is no supervision for them and the doors will not open until 6:00 PM. Students must have their own ride home at 8:00 PM.

## Student Leadership Updates!



Student leadership has been busy. The group recently ran a food drive at CSMS. This event collected food for the local food pantries. We also coordinated with the Positivity Project to do a school-wide activity where students made positive or encouraging sticky notes. These were then put on every locker in the school so students walked into some positivity to start their morning. We will be running more events in January so stay tuned!

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