

CLINTON TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

CTMS



Family NEWS

Vol. 2 Community & Teamwork Motivate Success

September 22, 2023

A letter from the Principal's Desk...

Dear CTMS Families,

Our middle school students are settling in and getting acclimated to their new teachers and the activities that CTMS offers.

Our fall sports program is in full swing. Our cross-country athletes had their first meet on Thursday against Warren Hills. Our boys and girls soccer teams have their first game today against William Annin and our girls volleyball team has their first match against JP Case. We wish our student athletes good luck as they compete against the other teams. Go Hawks!

Students worked hard in their math and language arts classes while taking the fall benchmark assessment. Teachers and administration will work collaboratively to analyze the data and determine what supports and interventions students need.

The first month of school is just about in the books and mid marking period will be here in no time. Please continue to check Powerschool and monitor your child's progress.

Best,
Luke Mason and Christina Hunte
Principal and Assistant Principal, CTMS

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CTMS Calendar of Events

9/25/23	Monday - No School - Yom Kippur Observance
9/26/23	Tuesday - Picture Day
9/29/23	<p>PTA sponsored Welcome Back Social for Students 6:00-8:00</p> <p><i>Our middle school students get to kick off the new year with the PTA Welcome Back Social. This drop-off evening with a DJ, sports/games, karaoke, and all the snacks a middle schooler could want makes for an unforgettable "Welcome Back!"</i> Permission Slip</p>
10/9/23	Monday - Schools closed for students. Professional Development Day
10/12/23	Book Fair Family Night
10/13/23	Kids' Night Out More information can be found here
10/21/23	Trunk or Treat

Governor's Educator of the Year Program:

Please nominate our amazing staff! Each school will recognize *BOTH* a **classroom teacher** AND an **educational services professional**, so you may submit one nomination for each.

The New Jersey Department of Education has announced the Governor's Educator of the Year Program for the 2023-2024 school year. This celebratory program highlights educational innovation, student achievement, the rewards of teaching, and important services outside the classroom environment that lead to student success.

Do you know a **classroom teacher or educational services professional** who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference in the lives of students?

If so, please take the time to recommend this person by completing the nomination form below for each school and submitting it to your building principal on or before **Friday, November 17, 2023**.

[CTMS Nomination Form](#)

[RVS Nomination Form](#)

[PMG Nomination Form](#)

Administrators, staff members, parents, and community members are encouraged to participate!



Welcome Back Social

SEPT 29, 2023 6-8PM
6th, 7th, & 8th invited!
Not just a Dance!
Activities include Karaoke, Games, Basketball, & more!

Come out to "Social"ize with your friends!
Drop off event-Use Gym Entrance
Adults must come in to pick up students.

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CLINTON TWP PTA
2ND ANNUAL
Halloween
TRUNK OR TREAT
FREE EVENT FOR ALL CTSD FAMILIES
SATURDAY OCTOBER 21
CTMS PARKING LOT
RAIN DATE: SUN, OCT 22
3:00PM - 5:00PM

SCAN TO SIGN UP YOUR TRUNK AND/OR TRICK OR TREAT! ---->

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Don't forget to wear your costume!

[Permission Slip for Welcome Back Social](#)

If you need financial assistance for PTA Membership or additional PTA Services, please fill out the [PTA Community Fund](#).

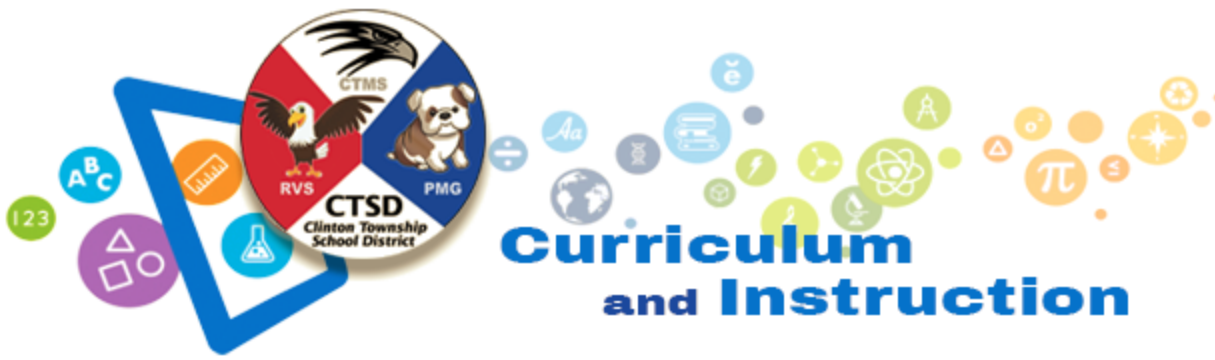


News from Special Services

Welcome to Kristina Knapp, our new Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant at PMG. Ms. Knapp is a former special education teacher in the district and we are excited she can serve the district in her new role.

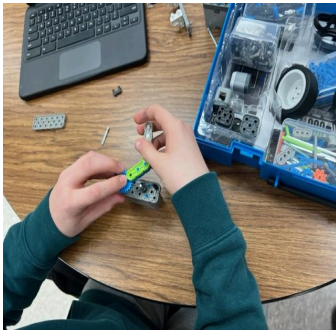
Tri-County is providing therapeutic counseling services in all three schools this year. [Davida Sales](#), PMG, [Sophia Wells](#), RVS and [Kyra Baumstark](#), CTMS.

[SEPAG Meetings](#) This year our meetings will be a combination of virtual and in-person. We look forward to all families joining the meetings.

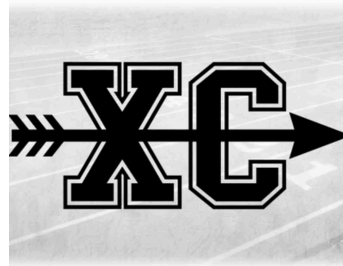


Notification of Standardized Testing 2023-24

This year, students in CTSD will be administered [certain standardized assessments](#) including those mandated by the state. Please note the grade level and time windows for these assessments. The administration windows indicate the dates during which these tests may be administered. They do not indicate the number of days these assessments will take. More information will be shared closer to the time of testing for those students qualifying for the assessments. This information can also be found on the district website in the links towards the bottom of the homepage.



The **Robotics Club** had its first meeting this past week. We are so excited to get our inaugural season off the ground!



The **Cross Country TEAM** is off to a Great Start.



All CTMS students participated in grade-level presentations on Thursday from a member of the Cyber Forensics division from the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. The presentations addressed social media awareness, potential dangers, and consequences of inappropriate usage.

In partnership with CTMS, we urge you to continue to have conversations with your children on these topics to assist in maintaining safety for all of our students.



PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Tuesday, September 26, 2023
Clinton Twp Middle School

Pre-order today on mylifetouch.com with your Student ID or Picture Day ID:

EVTNSJ8HB



Scan to order!



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*Offer expires April 30, 2024. Taxes, shipping and handling may apply. Other restrictions apply. Learn more at lifetouch.com/K12GWP



Praise Referral Recipient.

9/2023





CTMS News Crew * Relay for Life * TREP\$ * WORD Masters *
LAW Adventure * Poetry Club * Book Club * Spelling Bee *
Student Council * Drama Club * gArten Club * Continental Math
League [Click here for more information](#)

Every day at CTMS we begin with the daily video news! News crew has over 100 students participating this semester! Students take turns recording the news, and the editors work their magic after school.




Today you can watch the CTMS news here: Our monthly edition of the video news for parents can be found here [Parent News 9/22/23](#)



ARTLINE is an enrichment art group open to all CTMS students. This is a program designed for students who wish to go beyond classroom art instruction to explore a variety of artists and art techniques. Students must apply for this enrichment opportunity and submit three pieces of artwork.

[Click here for more details!](#)

CTMS - Quick Information Reference Sheet

CTMS	Mission Statement	Contact Us	Office Staff
 <p>School Mascot HAWK</p> <p>School Colors Maroon, Silver & Black</p>	<p><i>The Clinton Township School District, in partnership with the community, achieves excellence for each child by ensuring a meaningful and challenging educational experience in a supportive environment, developing lifelong learners who are responsible and productive citizens.</i></p>	<p>Main Office: 908-238-9141</p> <p>Fax: 908-238-9376</p> <p>District Website: www.ctsdnj.org</p> <p>All email addresses are the initial of the first name and the full last name of the staff member.</p>	<p>Principal Luke Mason</p> <p>Assistant Principal Christina Hunte</p> <p>Principal's Secretary Mrs. Cindy Christopher Ext. 201</p> <p>AM Secretary Mrs. Caron Davis-Diop Ext. 200</p> <p>PM Secretary Mrs. Angela Pearly Ext. 200</p>
Health & Guidance	School Hours & Bus Info	Morning Drop-Off/Parking	Afternoon Pickup/Dismissal
<p>School Nurse Priscila Karalevich Ext. 206</p>  <p>Guidance Counselors Mrs. Kerry Mueller Gr. 6, & Gr. 7 (A-L) Ext. 208</p> <p>Mr. Greg James Gr. 7 (M-Z) & Gr. 8 Ext. 209</p> 	<p>Regular Hours M-F 7:55 AM - 2:20 PM</p> <p>Students may be dropped off beginning at: 7:35</p> <p>Students need to be picked up by 2:20</p> <p>Early Dismissal Hours M-F 7:55 AM-11:55AM (No lunch)</p> <p>Delayed Opening Hours M-F 9:55 AM-2:20 PM</p> <p>Buses Please know the number for your child's bus. CTMS has bus #s 1 - 14</p> <p>Transportation Coordinator Carmella Shaw 908-236-7235 Ext. 9521</p> <p>(Please use this number for transportation concerns before 8:00 AM or after 1:30 PM)</p>	<p>Cars will enter the CTMS campus via Grayrock Road.</p> <p>Cars will line up in the guest parking lot adjacent to the curb on the right. Please remember to pull up as close to the school as possible.</p> <p>Beginning at 7:35 am, students will exit their vehicle on the right-hand side onto the median walkway and proceed to the main entrance of CTMS.</p> <p>Staff will monitor and regulate traffic patterns for student safety.</p> <p>Cars will exit via Grayrock Road.</p> <p>Cars are not permitted to exit via Spruce Run School.</p>	<p>Early pick-ups need to be before 2:00.</p> <p>Similar to Arrival, at dismissal, cars will line up in the guest parking lot, adjacent to the curb on the right.</p> <p>Students being picked up will be dismissed from the flagpole outside if the weather is inclement, students will be dismissed from the cafeteria.</p> <p>Staff members will use a walkie-talkie to communicate to staff supervising students to indicate who is being picked up</p> <p>Staff will monitor and regulate traffic patterns for student safety</p> <p>Please do not arrive before 2:00.</p> <p>Cars will exit via Grayrock Road</p> <p>After the buses and cars have departed, all students remaining must wait outside, weather permitting, or in the cafeteria for their parent/guardian to collect them.</p>

★ Absences ★

If your child is absent or tardy, please complete the [Absence Form](#) which can be found on the CTMS webpage (This is the preferred method) or call and leave a message on our attendance line at (908) 238-9141 Option 1

Please Share the following information:

- Name of Parent/Guardian
- Student's Name
- Reason for Absence or anticipated time of arrival if tardy.

We are required to verify each absence, so if you do not leave a message on the attendance line, you will receive an automated message from the front office.

★ Notes From Home ★

Please direct all notes to your child's homeroom teacher and **always include the date, teacher's name, and student's name.** If you go away without your child, please notify the office in writing of the name of the person who will be in charge of your student in your absence. We will not release children to anyone not on your emergency contact sheet, including grandparents and siblings unless we have written permission from parents.

★ Allergies ★

CTMS has a number of students with **severe** food allergies. In order to maintain a **safe** environment for everyone, **all** classrooms, and the cafeteria may have additional restrictions.

★ Emergency Closings ★

Emergency Broadcasts will be sent via phone, text, and/or email, depending on the nature of the message. Contact information is pulled from PowerSchool, so it is of the utmost importance to **keep your information up to date.**

★ Wellness & Safety Supplies ★

Each day, please send your child to school with:

- HAND SANITIZER
- TISSUES
- REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE

★ Teaching Staff ★

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Support	Unified Arts	Teaching Assistants
Mrs. Carew Mrs. Chipman Mrs. Comly Mrs. Dandeo Mrs. Fulse Mr. Kocot Mrs. Materna Mrs. Mitaritan Mr. Rudolph Ms. Sim	Mrs. Birken Mrs. Damanakis Mrs. Gagliano Mrs. Gitto Mr. Greco Mrs. Lin Ms. Parsh Mrs. Prall Ms. Taylor	Ms. Abrams Mrs. Butler Ms. Cantagallo Mr. Cozin Ms. Jekal Ms. Kiefer Mr. Leggio Mr. Majorczak Ms. Rogers	Ms. Collins Ms. Cormican Mrs. Culcasi Mrs. Gallo Ms. Guidi Mrs. Kinhead Mrs. Niebuhr Ms. Nugent Mrs. Grambor Mrs. Shearer Mrs. Stanwick Ms. Torrey Mrs. Welch	Mrs. Beatrice Mrs. DiGioia Ms. Gilbert Mr. Helmstetter Mr. Kaplan Mr. Schaefer Mr. Tarriff Mrs. Travioso Dipini Mr. Shanklin	Mrs. Junge Mrs. Mastroianni Mrs. Pisani Ms. Reia Ms. Reiner Mrs. Seguine Mrs. Tavaréz Mrs. Uccardi Lunch Aids Mrs. Bunnicelli Ms. Guarino Mrs. Huntley Mrs. Vitale

District Offices 908-236-7235
Dr. Melissa Stager, Superintendent

Director of Curriculum, Learning & Grants
908-236-6341
Carl Blanchard

Mrs. Gretchen Dempsey, Business Administrator

Special Services 908-238-9141 Ext. 244
Michelle Fox **Ext. 244** Courtney McIntosh **Ext. 215**
Mrs. Jennifer Paccione, Director of Special Services



Helpful tips if your child is attending any field trips and/or activities

If your child has life-threatening allergies and/or asthma, make sure that the health office has all the required paperwork from your physician and the medication is provided to the health office. Expired medication must be replaced.

If your child has physician's orders to self-carry/self-administer an inhaler and/or epinephrine, remember to bring your medication with you.

If you have seasonal allergies, remember to take your daily medication as prescribed at home.

Bring water to stay hydrated

Wear comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear

Apply sunscreen, students may carry and self-apply in Middle School (no aerosol products allowed)

Listen to instructions

Be respectful and polite

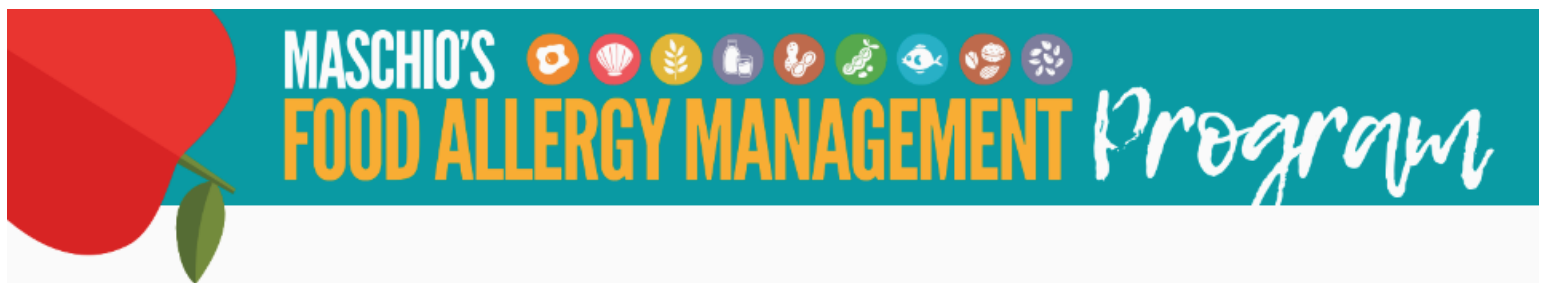
Have fun!



The way teens obtain working papers in New Jersey has changed!

As of June 1, 2023, Working Papers for minors have gone digital. Minor workers, their caregivers, and employers all fill out their respective parts of our streamlined online application instead of using the old paper form.

[Click here](#) to download a handout explaining the new process.



If your child requires a special meal or milk substitution request for the 23-24 school year please complete Maschio's *Medical Statement Request for Special Meals and Milk Substitutions Document*. You can email (nutrition@maschiofood.com). If submitting via email, please use the subject line "**SAFE MENU.**" Alternatively, the form may be faxed to **(908) 888-2335**.

[Click here for English](#)

[Click here for Spanish](#)

or complete the on-line form below.

[Medical Statement: Request for Special Meals and Milk Substitutions](#)