



CMS 5th to 6th Grade FAQ's for Students & Families

School hours are 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Monday and 7:55 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

When will laptops be distributed?

You will receive a laptop device during the first week of school. It is the school's laptop but you will get to take it home and will use it in all of your classes. You will get more detailed information during the first week of school. The device is your responsibility to keep safe. Families can also purchase insurance for the laptop (recommended).

When can my student turn in their medication?

Students may turn in medication to our nursing staff during Orientation.

What do I do if my student is going to be absent from school or late to school?

Please call before 8:00 AM if your child is going to be late or absent from school. We do have voicemail that you may report absences to before 7 AM. If your child needs to leave school early, it's best to call the main office in advance. The student will be issued a pass to leave class early to gather their belongings and come to the office to check out. An authorized person must come to the office and show identification to sign the student out.

What if I need to drop something off to my student during the school day?

Please drop off any items for your child in the main office and we will call them down at the end of the class period to pick it up.

How do I learn about the activities at CMS?

The CMS Family Connections Newsletter will be sent directly to your email each week. In addition, please visit our CMS website regularly for updates and information. Our daily announcements are posted on our website (this is how we communicate with our students about upcoming activities).

Can I participate in extracurricular activities?

Yes! There are many extracurricular activities for 6th grade students. For the full list, [click here](#). 6th Grade students cannot participate in interscholastic activities. However, students are able to compete in clubs/intramural sports that include Cross Country, Basketball, and Volleyball.

When do I eat lunch?

All students eat lunch during 5th period. Lunch times are determined based on the 5th period classroom teacher. On Monday's 6th graders eat 12:57-1:27 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday 12:45-1:15 p.m.

Can I bring my cell phone to school?

Cell phones are allowed before school and after school. Our school policy does not permit cell phones during school hours, 7:55 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Students will be asked to leave phones in their locker or backpack. Remember, bringing a cell phone to school is the responsibility of the student.

Do all students get a locker?

Yes, all students have their own individual locker. Lockers are assigned by grade level, so your locker will be around other 6th grade students.

Is it okay if I tell my friend my locker combination?

No, please do not tell anyone your combination. Locker combinations must be kept private. Keep your combination to yourself. It is also wise to spin the dial of the lock after you close it. This ensures that your locker is secure.

What should I do if I can't get my locker open?

It is important to memorize your locker combination exactly. Lockers may also jam sometimes for various reasons. Your locker may get jammed if it is not cleaned out occasionally or if stuffed too full with coats or backpacks.

If you are having trouble for whatever reason, DON'T PANIC! Look around for a teacher or go to your classroom and tell your teacher you are having trouble getting it open. Most teachers or a counselor will have a locker key and can usually open any locker quickly. Remember, it is common to have trouble the first week or two, but after that you will be a pro at opening your locker!

How do I get my locker open?

Your school locker will open just like any padlock.

1. For the first number, turn the dial to the RIGHT (or clockwise) and go directly to the number.
2. For the second number, turn the dial to the LEFT (or counter clockwise). Go PAST the number once, then stop at the number the second time around.
3. For the last number, turn the dial to the right (or clockwise) again and go directly to the number and STOP!
4. Lift up on the handle, while pulling the door open.
5. Just Remember: RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT or, ONCE AROUND RIGHT, TWICE AROUND LEFT, then, ONCE AROUND RIGHT.

Practice opening a locker (requires touch screen): <https://www.hoodamath.com/games/comboinationlock.html>

Can I decorate the inside of my locker?

Some students put up small pictures or a mirror on the inside of their locker. You can only hang things using masking tape or sticky tack. Nothing permanent like glue or markers should be used and your decorations must be appropriate for school.