

Corunna Middle School - Parent Update - October 17, 2021

Calendar Items

Week of October 18-22	Book Fair
Monday, October 18	PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the CMS Office
Tuesday, October 19	Book Fair Open for Parents to Shop - 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 19	CMS Parent-Teacher Conference from 3:00-6:00 p.m. See information below
Wednesday, October 20	CMS Parent-Teacher Conferences from 2:00-5:00 p.m. See information below
Wednesday, October 20	No School for Students
Thursday, October 21	Popcorn Money Collected (25 cents per bag)
Friday, October 22	End of the 1st Marking Period
Friday, October 22	<u>Mind and Body Day - Fun Activities including the Walk-a-Thon</u> • Students who earned the breakfast and/or grab bag will receive it on this day. • All students will walk at the track for approximately 25 minutes. Please encourage students to dress comfortably for the outdoor walk. • The candy cart will be available for all students to purchase 1 item. All items are \$1.00 or less.
Tuesday, October 26	<u>Fall Picture Retake Day</u> • If your child had their picture taken during the first picture day and you are doing retakes because you don't like the picture, you must return the original picture package. Please write a note to the photographer letting them know what you didn't like so they can try to correct it with this picture session. • If your child missed the first picture day, order forms and online ordering information will be sent home with students on Friday, October 22 and will be available in the middle school office beginning Monday, October 18.

School Calendar Please click on the following [link](#) to view the full 2021-2022 school calendar.

Athletic Schedules Please turn to our [website](#) to find the most up-to-date athletic schedules!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Corunna Middle School parent-teacher conferences will now be held virtually. Information will be sent out in a separate email with instructions on how to schedule an appointment with your child's teacher(s).

Free Corunna T-Shirt for All Students

The Mind and Body Day Walk-a-Thon fundraiser raised more money this year than any year previous! To say thank you, the PTO will be purchasing each middle school student a Corunna t-shirt. Please fill out the following Google form to help us ensure your child gets the correct size. You will need to do a separate form for each 4-7 grade student that you have in your household. [CMS T-Shirt Order Form - Free for Students](#)

Assessment Results Sent Home

On Friday, October 15, the spring M-STEP scores from last school year were sent home with each student who took the assessment. Additionally, the fall benchmark assessment scores were also sent home with each student. This assessment covers end of the year grade level skills and can be thought of as a pre-test. We expect scores to be on the lower end because students haven't had the opportunity to learn all of these skills yet. The same assessment will be given again in the spring and those scores will be sent home as well.

Book Fair Parent Volunteers

Parents interested in volunteering at the CMS Book Fair may click on the link. [Book Fair Parent Volunteers](#)

CMS Book Fair This Week

Students can visit the Corunna Middle School Media Center on October 18, 19, 21 & 22, 2021 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Students will visit the book fair with their ELA or classroom teacher.

The book fair will also be open for parents to shop with their child on Tuesday, October 19 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Parents may also order books online from October 18 - October 31, 2021. Please use this link: [Online Book Fair](#).

Additional Book Fair Information: Book fliers are available by clicking [here](#) and the book fair preview video is available [here](#). Patrons may use cash, check, eWallet and credit cards to pay for items at the book fair. Write the check to **CMS** for the exact amount and be sure to **add on the 6% sales** tax to the total of your purchases. Only parents can pay with credit cards. **Parent Link to set up eWallet:** Parents may set up an eWallet account so students can purchase items at the book fair without having to bring cash or check with them to school. Click [here](#) to set up an account.

Lost and Found

The lost and found items have been set out on a table for students to claim. Please encourage your child to take a look for lost items or feel free to stop by the school yourself to take a look. Any unclaimed items at the end of the week (October 22) will be donated.

4th and 5th Grade Halloween Information

This year, like last year, celebrations will be in the classroom with students and staff only. Each celebration will be about one hour in length. The PTO will be covering the cost of all treats for the party. Here are additional informational items:

- 4th and 5th Grade Halloween celebrations will include the option of costumes and take place by grade level on Friday, October 29. A donation for wearing a costume can be given to support the VFW but is not required.
- We ask that students either wear their costume to school or wear black/orange/Halloween shirts. We do not want to have students change into costumes at school if at all possible. Please keep in mind if costumes are worn all day, they will be worn during lunch/recess.
- No costume masks will be allowed.
- Costumes may not include blood, gore or weapons. While clown costumes are not specifically prohibited, we ask the scary clown costumes not be part of this event.
- Please do not send fake swords, knives, guns or any other replica of a weapon as part of a Halloween costume.

Thank you for your help in making this day special.

6th and 7th Grade Halloween Information

While 6th and 7th grade students will not have a Halloween celebration, they will be allowed to participate in the special day by wearing a costume if they are willing to make a small donation. The cost to wear a costume for 6th/7th grade students will be \$1.00 and all proceeds will go to support the VFW of Corunna. Halloween costumes should be school appropriate and follow basic dress code expectations as well as the following criteria:

- No costume masks will be allowed.
- Costumes may not include blood, gore or weapons. While clown costumes are not specifically prohibited, we ask the scary clown costumes not be part of this event.
- Please do not send fake swords, knives, guns or any other replica of a weapon as part of a Halloween costume.

Veterans Day Information

We are excited to announce that we have multiple ways we will be recognizing and honoring our veterans this Veterans Day in Corunna:

Ways for students to honor veterans

We would like to welcome preschool-12th grade students to voluntarily participate in decorating the CHS entryway with items to honor our local veterans during our Veterans Day Assembly on November 11 at Corunna High School. There are many options that they can choose from in order to show appreciation for those that have served our country. Please review the flyer link below and turn in items to your child's school office by November 5th. [Veterans Day Flyer for PK - 12th-grade Students](#)

Halloween Fundraiser

Additionally, we will be holding a fundraiser the Friday before Halloween. It will be a costume fundraiser held on October 29. Funds raised will be used for continuing to build the District Veterans Wall of Honor at CHS. Funds will be collected at each school.

- K-5 = Donations accepted
- 6-7th grade = \$1 to wear costume to school
- 8-12th grade = \$2 to wear costume to school

November 11th Veterans Day Assembly at Corunna High School

We are also inviting all local veterans to attend the Veterans Day Assembly on November 11, 2021, at Corunna High School. Veterans that are interested in attending will be asked to RSVP by November 5 by calling Nellie Reed Elementary at 989-743-1579 or by completing the [Veterans Day Assembly RSVP](#)

- 8:30-9:00 Breakfast for veterans
- 9:00 Veterans Wall of Honor Ribbon cutting
- 9:30-10:15 Assembly

For any additional questions, please feel free to contact Jamie Johnston at jjohnston@corunna.k12.mi.us

Popcorn Pop - Volunteers Needed, Please

We still need volunteers for popcorn pops (Popping lasts from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. on Friday mornings). Our students love these each week, but we can't do it without you! Please consider asking grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. to volunteer if you are unable to do so as a parent. Thank you! [Popcorn Pop Volunteer Sign-up](#)

Patriot's Pen

Each year, the VFW sponsors an essay contest called *Patriot's Pen*. This year's theme is "How Can I Be A Good American?" Please encourage your 6th, 7th, or 8th grader to consider entering. This is a great way for us to show our support of local veterans. 6th and 7th grade students have had an opportunity to work on a draft in language arts class and have a starting point if they choose to enter. Prize money is awarded to the winning student and the local winner can advance to regional, state, and national awards as well. All entries are due by October 31 (CMS language arts teachers need them by October 28 if you would like the school to help with entry submission) and must be between 300-400 words. Please click the link for the entry form:

[2021-22 Patriot's Pen Entry Form](#)

Yearbooks for Sale

The 2021-2022 Corunna Middle School yearbooks are officially on sale! Please go to www.yearbooksforever.com to purchase online or pick-up an order form in the middle school office to pay with cash or a check. Checks should be made payable to Corunna Middle School.

This year, pricing will be based on when you order your yearbooks:

Yearbooks Purchased Between September 1 and October 31	\$25.00
Yearbooks Purchased Between November 1 and December 31	\$28.00
Yearbooks Purchased Between January 1 and January 29	\$30.00

Free Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast and Lunch for the 2021-2022 school year will be **free** for every student!

*Our current food supplier has been experiencing some shortages which is causing us to make slight changes to the predetermined monthly menu. Thank you in advance for your understanding as these changes are made unexpectedly when necessary. We are doing our best to continue to provide a variety of choices.

[CMS October Breakfast Menu](#)

[CMS October Lunch Menu](#)

If packing your child's lunch or sending a snack, please remember - NO PEANUTS, PLEASE!

Community Event Information

Corunna District Library Book Sale

The Corunna District Library is hosting a used book sale from October 14-October 23. Please click on the link below for more information: [Friends of the Library Used Book Sale](#)

Mom to Mom Sale - Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Perry High School Please click on the link for more information: [Mom to Mom Sale Flyer](#)

Heavenly Tumblers Gymnastics - Six week session: November 9, 16, 23, 30, December 7, 14

October Community Education

Please click on the link below if you are interested in any of the Corunna Community Education classes in October: [October Community Education Flyer](#)