

CPMS KNIGHT REPORT

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Welcome to CPMS!	November 2018	Veterans Day observed 11/12/18 No School 11/22/18 and 11/23/18 No School	

It's hard to believe that we are a quarter of the way through the school year. While these grades are not recorded in your students' academic files, they are a great gauge of how your student is doing so far. It's important to remember that middle school is a time for learning about much more than academic content. This is when students are learning to take increasing responsibility for their learning and study habits. That means adult intervention should focus on helping students identify things they can do to improve, and then the adults need to follow up with monitoring and encouragement. To that end, here are some actions that are helpful to many students:

- **Round Table:** Students who are struggling in a class should be finding time each week to visit that class' teacher during Round Table to get individual help. Your student knows how to do this but may need your prompting and follow-up.
- **Contact the Teacher:** Sometimes students say that they aren't sure how to improve their grade. This is a good time to encourage your student to meet with the teacher and/or you can contact the teacher.
- **Connect with the Counselor:** If it's more than just one class or your student in struggling with general concerns, connect with your student's counselor. They are able to work directly with your student and/or coordinate communication with multiple teachers.

One of the ways that you can most support your student's middle school education is to participate in our school events. It shows your student that our school community is important to you, too. Even if you are just coming to enjoy a performance or fun event, the effort matters. Fortunately, you are in luck because there are many upcoming events. You are invited to come and watch the always-popular Turkey Trot which highlights the work students have done learning square dancing through their PE classes. We also have a wide array of drama productions and musical performances before Winter Break.

Lastly, I want to thank parents for so much support already this year. With your help, we exceeded our Magazine and Cookie Dough drive goals, funding a key portion of our ASB budget. Many of you have graciously volunteered at school events or staff appreciation activities. School staff have commented on how nice it has been to work cooperatively this year's parents. Together, we turn these awkward, formative years of middle school into a transformative experience that prepares our students for high school and beyond.

Sebastian Ziz, Principal

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<u>Mark Your Calendar</u>
November 12- Veterans Day No School
November 21 – Turkey Trot/No Early Release
November 22- Thanksgiving No School
November 23- No school

School Parking Lots: Safety First - To protect our children, please follow these safety rules:

- Do not enter the bus area between 8:00am and 3:00pm.
- All student drop-offs and pick-ups must occur either from the sidewalk or at the designated student drop-off area.
- Only CPMS staff may drive beyond the fire lane gates.
- Do not put students and adults at risk by passing other vehicles in the student drop-off area. We have had some near misses caused by impatient drivers.
- Students are not allowed on campus before **8:00 am** unless accompanied by a parent—as **supervision is not available**.
- Safety must precede all other concerns. Please help keep our children safe.

School Hours

- School hours are from 8:20am to 2:55pm; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; and 8:20am to 1:25pm on Wednesday.
- The office is open from 7:30am to 4:00pm.
- To excuse absences, call 425.408.6310 in the morning; you can leave a message if you call before/after school.

Odds and Ends

- We will have activity buses for sports, clubs, and detention. These buses will run on M/T/Th/F, leaving CPMS at 4:45pm.
- **Bicycles**, skateboards, roller blades, scooters or other wheeled devices cannot be ridden on campus at any time. Bicycles must be secured to bike racks located near the school's readerboard and other wheeled devices must be able to be stored in lockers.
- **Backpacks**, large bags, cinch bags, or any items worn on the back must be stored in lockers.
- CPMS is a **closed campus to student visitors** during school hours all year long.
- District policy requires that all **visitors** to CPMS must first check into the Main Office before entering any campus areas.
- **Electronics/digital devices** and headphones must be turned off and stored prior to entering instructional areas, assemblies, and emergency drills and remain stored during class time (including hallways, bathrooms, etc.), unless organized and approved by a staff member for academic purposes. Confiscated equipment is released to parents only, and an Admin referral may result.
- **Student insurance** brochures are available in the Main Office.
- Washington state law does not permit students to carry **prescription** or **over-the-counter** medication to school. Please read the health and nursing services information sheet in this newsletter regarding distribution of medication. If your student has any life threatening diseases or allergies, please make arrangements to meet with the nurse before or on the first day of s

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:

Canyon Park Middle School will continue the tradition of belonging to the National Junior Honor Society! If your student maintains a 3.5 GPA and is able to complete eight hours of community service between **May 1, 2017** and **April 30, 2018**, then he or she can be inducted into Honor Society! We meet three times a year and have other activities. If you have questions, contact Cheryl Klemz at cklemz@nsd.org or 425 408-6356. More information will also be available on the CPMS website under "Clubs and Activities".

DRAMA PRODUCTION:

Mark your calendar for the A Drama production of "The Elf on A Shelf Must Die" on **December 11, 12, 13*, 14*** and 15 at 7:00pm in the Canyon Park Little Theatre. *Additional shows at 6:00pm on the 13th and 14th. Written by Don Zolidis. Tickets are still JUST \$5.00 and are available at the theatre on the day of the show. Children under 12 get in free! Come enjoy this light hearted, fast-paced romp!

FUNDRAISER DETAILS- 2018

The Donut Party will be on **Wednesday, November 21nd from 8:00 am – 9:15 am** for the students who qualified during the fundraiser. The students who qualified for this event will be notified ahead of time. There will be alternate choices for students with food allergies. Congratulations to all of the students who sold cookie dough and magazines! The money earned supports various clubs, activities and athletics at CPMS.

ATHLETICS:**2.0 GPA ON SEMESTER REPORT CARDS &
PASSING 5 OF 6 CLASSES BEFORE AND DURING THE SEASON****MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORT OFFERINGS AT CANYON PARK**

SEASON 1	SEASON 2	SEASON 3	SEASON 4
7/8 Volleyball (G)*	7/8 Basketball (B)	7/8 Basketball (G)	6/7/8 Track (C/NC)
Soccer (G) 6 th grade boys and girls	6 th Boys Basketball (NC)	6/7/8 Wrestling (C/NC)	7/8 Soccer (B) and (G)
6/7/8 Cross Country (C/NC)		6 th grade Girls Basketball (NC/C)	7/8 Tennis (G)
7/8 Tennis (B)			6 Volleyball (G/NC)

B=Boys, G=Girls, C=Co-ed, NC=No Cut

** 7th graders may try out – if they make the team they cannot participate in Season 4 volleyball*

Eligibility and How-to Information: Practice times: Typically 3:10-4:40 daily

Sport registration is online at familyid.com. Physical forms may be downloaded from the district site or picked up at Canyon Park and must be turned in prior to the start of the sports season. A CPMS ASB card is a requirement for eligibility.

- Have a physical on file ready for the first day of turn-out. (Physicals are good for 2 years.)
- Pay the junior high participation fee(s).

PLEASE NOTE: Transportation will be provided for practices. Transportation to away games and matches will continue to be one way only. This will necessitate the need for students to find alternative transportation after games and matches either with a parent or in a carpool with other parents.

***Our Fundraiser was a Success!***

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Poinsettia and Butter Braid Fundraiser or who made donations to Music Boosters. You helped us raise nearly \$8,000 for Canyon Park music programs! We're grateful to be part of such a supportive community.

Orders will be distributed at CPMS on Friday, December 7th from 3 – 6 p.m. and Saturday, December 8th from 8:30 a.m. – noon.

New Folder Folios Installed in Band Room

Students are very excited about folder folios that were recently installed in the band room. This new and improved shelving was purchased with "Pass the Hat" funds donated at last year's spring concert. Thanks everyone!

Students to Perform at Bothell Tree Lighting Festival

[Bothell's Tree Lighting Festival](#) takes place on Sunday, December 2nd and CPMS music students will be part of the fun. Our choir and 8th grade jazz band will provide musical entertainment along with Bothell High School jazz ensembles. Head to Main Street for some holiday cheer - at 5 o'clock Santa will light up the tree!

Volunteers Needed

If you'd like to help out with Music Boosters, here are a couple of upcoming opportunities:

- Poinsettia and Butter Braid distribution (December 7th and 8th)
- Winterfest field trip chaperones (December 11th)

Visit our [signup.com](#) page for details and to volunteer.

CPMS CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Art Club	Green Club
Junior Honor Society	Jazz Band
Science Olympiad Team	Robotics Dance

Cafeteria Guidelines

Our kitchen staff asks for your help in the following ways.

Please follow these helpful lunchroom guidelines:

- ✓ Bring checks or cash **directly** to the kitchen in morning to put on your account.
- ✓ Paypam can take up to three days before money shows up on a students account. Until then, students must bring cash to cover their lunch.
- ✓ The cooks will advise your student when their balances run low. NO negative balances are allowed.
- ✓ Extra goodie items may not be purchased if you have an outstanding lunch account.
- ✓ Keep all selected lunch items on top of your tray so you may be charged appropriately.

Thank you, from your Kitchen Staff

ASB: This student run governing body supports our sports, clubs, and supplemental music offerings by providing equipment and supplies. At the middle school level we use the magazine and cookie dough drive as our only fundraiser versus running multiple fundraisers throughout the year. Because it is our only fundraiser, we hope to have your continued support to keep these worthwhile programs running effectively. Our drive kickoff will begin October, with two turn-in dates the two weeks following the kickoff.

Student Recognition at CPMS

CPMS staff along with our PTSA are excited to continue our newly revamped student recognition program this year. Last year, we incorporated our 4 pillars, which are; Community, Responsibility, Excellence, and Respect to celebrate all the different and amazing things our students are doing at school. CPMS staff members will nominate students for these awards, and then celebrations will be held during Round Table. We look forward to recognizing students' actions that exemplify our four pillars. Next pillar party will be held in January 11, 2019. The pillar party will represent Responsibility.



Canyon Park PTSA

Excellence | Community | Respect | Responsibility
Canyon Park Middle School (CPMS)

Important Upcoming Dates:

Nov 16th - PTA Reflections Entries Due

Nov 21st - FULL DAY OF SCHOOL - NO EARLY RELEASE THIS DAY!

Nov 21st - ASB Fundraiser Top Prize Earners "Donut Truck" Party (7:50-8:30am) - *Volunteers Needed!*

Nov 21st - CPMS Turkey Trot Square Dancing Competition (Time TBD)

Nov 22nd & 23rd - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov 30th - Staff Appreciation Event - Hot Chocolate Bar - *Volunteers Needed!*

Dec 11th-Dec 15th - Winter Drama Production - "*Elf on a Shelf Must Die*"

Dec 19-Jan 1st 2019 - NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK (School Begins Jan. 2nd)

Volunteer Opportunities:

There's always something going on at CPMS! From one-time needs, to monthly events like Staff Appreciation to ongoing needs such as Threads & Treads and Walkabout - our Volunteer Sign-up page is a one-stop shop with all the information on how you can help! Thank you for *any* help you can give this month and throughout the year! <http://cpptsa.org/ways-to-help/volunteer-sign-ups/>

National PTA Reflections Art Competition:

National PTA's Reflections program encourages students in Pre-K through grade 12 to explore and be involved in the arts. The theme for the 2018-2019 school year is: "**Heroes Around Me.**" Students choose the arts category they're interested in - visual arts, photography, literature, music composition, dance choreography, film production - create an original piece of artwork based on the theme and be recognized as an artist in their community. No experience is required to participate in Reflections!

The deadline for entries is Friday, November 16th. For more information, including entry forms and category rules, visit: <https://cpptsa.org/programs-activities/reflections/>

Paper copies of entry forms and basic category rules can also be found in our PTSA mailbox at school.

Questions? Contact our Reflections chairs, Jane Chiodo at reflections@cpptsa.org.

Membership:

Thank you so much for making our Fall membership drive a HUGE success! Not only were we able to surpass last year's total membership number, but this year we had many more staff members join up as well as 38 Canyon Park students! Thank you for showing your support for our PTSA! Way to go, CPMS Knights!

If you haven't joined yet, it's never too late! The benefits are endless! Membership is the heart of PTSA and together we can ALL make a difference. Become a member today and add your voice to the oldest child advocacy organization in existence! Learn more about membership and the benefits you receive here:

<https://cpptsa.org/membership/>

Staff Appreciation:

Thank you for all of the donations for the "Let's Celebrate our SOUPer Staff" event on October 26th!

On November 30th, we'll be hosting our next event, a "Hot Chocolate Bar". Let's kick off their holiday season with a warm cup of cocoa and a sweet treat! Every donation and contribution helps! Visit our PTSA Volunteer Sign-Up page to donate an item or some time - <https://cpptsa.org/ways-to-help/volunteer-sign-ups/>

To learn more about upcoming Staff Appreciation events, please visit our PTSA website <https://cpptsa.org/programs-activities/staff-appreciation/>.

Questions? Email Susan Switzer at staffappreciation@cpptsa.org.

Threads & Treads:

Threads & Treads provides Northshore families free, quality donated clothing for school-age youth, teens, young adults and parents. Clothing items include appropriate clothing for the school day as well as special events, sportswear, shoes and accessories. All Northshore families in need of clothing assistance are welcome to shop each month for up to three outfits. Currently, there are over 200 families accessing this resource! For more information on this incredible program, including how to get involved or donate, visit this link:

<https://cpptsa.org/programs-activities/threads-treads/>

We're always looking for volunteers to help sort & stock or to help during shopping hours. Visit our PTSA Volunteer Sign-Ups webpage to sign up: <https://cpptsa.org/ways-to-help/volunteer-sign-ups/>

We are looking for someone to step up to lead this important community resource at the end of this school year!! Contact Eileen Jowell @ tandt@cpptsa.org for more information.

Walkabout:

Walkabout is in full swing! We have lots of opportunities for you to help out before and after school as well as during lunch times. If you have been through Walkabout Training, you are ready to go. Send us an email at walkabout@cpptsa.org and let us know when you would like to come in. We will get you scheduled and send you a calendar invite. Easy as that! We will also be hosting another training or two after the New Year. So if you haven't had a chance to do the training yet, you haven't lost out! Look for information as we enter 2019!

Thank you to all our volunteers who have been Walking About! We truly appreciate the extra eyes and ears and help you give our students during your time on campus!

Career Day:

We know this is well in advance, but as you start to put important dates on your 2019 calendar, think about reserving **March 6th** for Canyon Park Middle School's Career Day. We'll be looking for people who would like come and talk to the students about their career path. It's our hope that we can have as many careers as possible represented. This is just a "save the date" -- more information, including how to sign up to be a speaker, will be given once finalized.

8th Grade Party:

We have Co-Chairs for the 8th Grade End of Year Party and they would like to form a committee to help plan an awesome send-off. If you are interested in being on the Party Planning Committee, please contact Terise & Christy at eighthgradeparty@cpptsa.org. The date, location and ticket cost for the 8th Grade Party is still to be determined. We will update you as soon as the announcement is ready!

PTSA Meetings:

We would like to invite all parents, teachers, staff, and students to attend any (or all!) of our PTSA meetings. Meetings are usually held at 7pm in the library – be sure to check our website for any updates.

Remaining meetings for the 2018–19 year are:

- Membership Meetings: January 9th, March 27th and May 8th
- Board of Directors Meeting: February 6 (Location TBD)

Nominations:

Our entire Executive Committee has filled their maximum 2-year terms in their current positions and must step away next school year. A nominating committee has been formed and are currently looking for people that care about our students, staff and school community and are ready to consider stepping up to the roll of

President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary. Curious as to what the jobs entail? Click [here](#) for more information about each position. Being a part of the executive committee is a great way to be involved and to make a positive difference for the families and kiddos of Canyon Park! If you are interested in nominating either yourself or another, please contact the members of our Nom Com: Leah Schubert leahschubert7@gmail.com, Cathy Jones ricathy@rocketmail.com, or Theresa Ahdieh theresa@outlook.com.

Advocacy At Work:

Back in October, PTA delegates from across the state attended the 40th Annual WSPTA Legislative Assembly to learn, collaborate, debate and ultimately vote on a new 2-year platform. Here are the top five legislative priorities, as voted on by delegates:

1. Social Emotional Learning
2. School Construction and Simple Majority for Bonds
3. Prevent Gun Violence
4. Strategies to Address the Teacher Shortage
5. Strategic K-12 Investments to Close Gaps

These top five issues will now become the WSPTA's short-term platform and will be the priority issues when advocating throughout the year. Other issues are placed on an "also supported" list. To see the entire platform, please visit the [WSPTA Advocacy website](#).

Facebook & Website:

Just about all of our communication is done on our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#). "Like" our Facebook page to see reminders, important info and notifications of volunteer opportunities show up on your newsfeed. Check out our website for an up-to-date calendar, detailed information on events, volunteer sign-ups, quick links and handy documents. **You do not need to have a Facebook account to view our page!**