

CUTLER ARTS & HUMANITIES MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2019

CUTLER ARTS & HUMANITIES MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

At Cutler Arts & Humanities Magnet Middle School, we use the ARTS and HUMANITIES to engage students in inquiry based learning. Our students are active and responsible citizens who create, perform, respond, and connect in our global society.

Dear Cutler Families,

Welcome back! We are thrilled to be starting this new school year and are very excited to welcome all of you to Cutler Arts & Humanities Magnet Middle School! We have been busy over the summer preparing for what we believe will be a great year. We are pleased to welcome a number of new faculty members to Cutler this year, as we had some teachers retire and some were transferred to other schools at the end of last year. We welcome:

- Keith Danieluk, Assistant Principal
- Juliane Halliwell, Main Office Secretary
- Zachary Jacobson, Grade 8 Math, Team F
- Taryn McCabe, Grade 8 Social Studies, Team E
- Victoria Patrick, Grade 8 LA, Team E Long Term Sub
- Ashley Young-Ingvertsen, Spanish
- Alyssa Delaporta, Grade 7 LA, Team D

Cutler's Open House will be on Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there. As always please call or email us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Peter Bass
Principal

The **CUTLER ARTS & HUMANITIES MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER** is a monthly publication. It will include team, club, sports and activity news, as well as important general information of interest to both parents and students. **Beginning next month the newsletter will not be distributed in hard copy. It will be posted on the Cutler website** (<https://www.grotonschools.org/cutler>) and will also be emailed to parents with up to date email addresses in PowerSchool. If you do not have access to email please contact the main office at (860) 572-5830 and we will send you a paper copy.

Sexual Harassment Policy

The Groton Public Schools do not permit or condone sexual harassment of employees or students. If individuals or parents suspect that they or any students may be a victim of sexual harassment, they should contact the District Title IX Compliance Officer, Mrs. Denise Doolittle at (860) 572-2150 immediately.

REMINDER!!

Monday, October 14, 2019 (Columbus Day) is now a school day.

TLI EARLY RELEASE DAYS

There will be 6 early dismissal days this year for the Teaching and Learning Initiative (TLI) for staff. The TLI early dismissal days are:

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

All students will be dismissed at 12:32 p.m. Lunch will be served on these early dismissal days.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Friday, October 25, 2019

Thursday, October 24, 2019

Friday, April 3, 2020 (conferences held evening of April 2)

All students will be dismissed at 12:32 p.m. Lunch will be served on these early dismissal days.

Absences

If your child is absent from or will be tardy to school, please call the school at (860) 572-5830 before 9:30 a.m. Connecticut State Department of Education policy requires a **written** note from a parent/guardian upon the child's return to school.

Late Arrival

Students should not arrive before 7:55 a.m. The first school bell rings at 7:55 a.m. and homeroom begins at 8:05 a.m. at which time attendance is taken. Students are considered tardy if not in homeroom by 8:05 a.m. and should report to the main office to sign in. Students who are tardy three times without a valid excuse may be assigned a detention.

Student Early Dismissal

Should it be necessary for a student to be dismissed from school early, please send a written note to school. The note should be dropped off in the office first thing in the morning.

Transportation Change

A note is required if students are going home from school by means other than their normal assignment, whether they are walkers or bus riders. All notes must be brought to the office during homeroom. **Students are not allowed to ride other buses to friends' houses.**

Required Forms

Registration forms have been sent home with each student and should be returned to the homeroom teacher without delay. Keep in mind the person(s) you list under Local Emergency Contact (page 1) are those individuals the school would contact if unable to reach you. Only those individuals listed will have permission to dismiss your child from school. The Video Permission form and the Internet Permission form must be returned by all 6th grade students (and grades 7 and 8 students if the form was given to student).

Safety in our Schools

When you visit our school, you will notice the identification badges all staff members are wearing. This is part of Groton Public Schools' safety plan to protect our students. The front door will be locked beginning at 8:05 a.m. each morning and will remain locked until 2:45 p.m. To access the building during school hours please press the silver button located on the security camera located on the LEFT column and face the camera. Someone from the main office will 'unlock' the LEFT door. All visitors to our school must report to the Main Office, sign in, and receive a visitor badge before entering the building. As always you should have your photo ID ready and available. This procedure allows parent and community involvement while ensuring the safety of our students.

School Pictures

School Picture Day is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2019. School Picture Make-up Day is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2019.

Student pickup after school

If you are picking up your child after school from an activity (club, sports, etc.), particularly between 3:45 and 4:05 p.m., please do not block the driveway/fire lane in front of the school, as our late buses must be able to pull into the driveway and park in front of our main entrance. Feel free to park in one of the parking spots and/or arrange to have your child meet you on the side of the school closest to Route 1.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Remember: You only need to fill out one form for your entire family, and you can fill out an application at any time during the school year if your income changes. If you need assistance filling out this form please contact Food Services directly at (860) 572-2137. If your child received free/reduced lunch last year, you **must** reapply this year. Those families with a TANF form from the Department of Social Services should send that form to the school office immediately (you are not required to complete the GPS form).

Breakfast and Lunch Prices for the School Year 2019 – 2020

Breakfast Full Pay Middle School: \$1.50	Lunch Full Pay Middle: \$2.80
Breakfast Reduced: Breakfast \$0.30	Lunch Reduced: \$0.40
Milk - per carton \$0.50	

Horizon Point of Sale Computers

The Food Service Department uses the Horizon computerized system in all cafeterias. Each student has their own account and pin number, and deposits in any amount may be made to the student's personal account. Any time you have questions about your child's account you may contact your child(ren)'s cafeteria manager for a "History Transaction Report", which shows all transactions made in a student's account. If you wish to prepay online, please visit <https://frapps.horizonsolana.com>. You will need your child's school ID number to set this up.

Charge Policy

PLEASE NOTE: It is the policy of Groton Public Schools to allow a full pay student to charge up to \$11.75 at the Elementary schools and \$12.15 for Middle and High School, and reduced meals up to \$2.10. (All charge limits are equal to 3 days of Breakfast and Lunch charges). If no payment is received to cover the charges, then the student will be offered an "Oops" meal in place of the menu meal, however there will be a limit on the number of "Oops" meals allowed during the year. You will be contacted if there is a recurring problem. An "Oops" meal consists of PB&J sandwich, fruit and milk.

Sports:

CAHMMS Cross Country

Coach – Wayne Jacobs (boys); Carlye Anderson (girls)

CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

All meets start at 3:30 p.m. - home meets in bold

Thursday, September 26	vs. East Lyme, Clark Lane and St. Bernard's at Rocky Neck State Park
Monday, September 30	vs. Stonington at Mystic Middle
Wednesday, October 2	vs. Clark Lane Waterford at CAHMMS
Thursday, October 10	vs. Bennie Dover New London at CAHMMS
Tuesday, October 15	vs. Tyl at CAHMMS
Thursday, October 17	vs. West Side and Stonington at CAHMMS
Monday, October 28	vs. Bennie Dover New London at Calkins Park
Wednesday, October 30	vs. West Side at West Side
Wednesday, November 6	vs. Clark Lane Waterford at Clark Lane

CAHMMS Soccer

Head Coach Boys – Jake Browne Head Coach Girls – Ryan Magee

CAHMMS Soccer Schedule

All home games played at CAHMMS - All games start at 3:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Wednesday, September 25	vs. Clark Lane Waterford (boys home; girls away)
Thursday, September 26	vs. Stonington (boys away – at Mystic Middle; girls home)
Thursday, October 3	vs. Bennie Dover New London (boys home; girls away – at Calkins Park)
Monday, October 7	vs. Preston (boys home; girls away) – 4:00 start
Thursday, October 17	vs. West Side (boys home; girls away)
Friday, October 18	vs. Preston (boys away; girls home) – 4:00 start
Monday, October 21	vs. Bennie Dover New London (boys away – at Calkins Park; girls home)
Tuesday, October 22	vs. Stonington (boys home; girls away – at Mystic Middle)
Monday, October 28	vs. West Side (boys away; girls home)
Wednesday, October 30	vs. Clark Lane Waterford (boys away; girls home)

School-Based Health Center News

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you had a relaxing, safe and healthy summer. We have been busy getting the School-Based Health Center ready for a new school year. Here's a review of who we are and what we do.

The SBHC is run by **Child and Family Agency of Southeastern CT (CFA)** and we are one of 10 SBHCs in the Groton, New London and Stonington areas. CFA's main office is located in New London. The SBHCs in Groton are located at Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School, Claude Chester

Elementary School, Cutler Arts and Humanities Magnet Middle School, Fitch High School, and West Side STEM Magnet Middle School.

The staff at CMS includes Anne Ravenscroft, the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Amanda Frechette, the Mental Health Clinician, and Liz Weber, our new Medical Assistant/Secretary. Anne provides medical coverage on Monday, Friday, and every other Wednesday. Amanda is here for mental health services during the week, although her schedule varies. Our phone number is **860-572-4448**, if we are not in the office we will call you back within 24 hours.

Students must be registered with the school-based health center to obtain services. All students will receive a registration packet on the first day of school for you to register your child if you wish. We ask that parents of a student who is already registered to complete a new packet so we can have your most recent information on file.

A student can be seen at the SBHC for a medical visit in several ways. Students who become ill or injured during the school day may be referred for evaluation by the school nurse. A parent can also call and request to have their child seen for an illness. Anne may also schedule an appointment for a student who needs follow up care. Finally, she may schedule students with chronic medical conditions such as asthma or weight management for routine review. She will either call the parent or send a note home after seeing a child.

We do offer the influenza vaccine each year. Permission forms will be sent to all students for you to indicate if you would like us to vaccinate your child at the SBHC.

We are not a substitute for your child's primary care provider (PCP). Routine school physical exams should be scheduled with the PCP – please make your appointment well in advance. We can do urgent sports clearance exams as our schedule permits and per your medical insurance guidelines. We can provide required school physical exams for those students who do not have medical insurance or a PCP. We do send reports to PCP's if your child is seen for a medical issue. Anne may also call a provider to discuss concerns.

Students who are struggling with emotional or behavioral issues, family relationship problems, or other mental health concerns may benefit from the SBHC's counseling services. Amanda, our mental health clinician, can provide individual, family, or group counseling as well as crisis intervention. CMS guidance counselors, the school psychologist, or administrators may refer a student for counseling. Alternatively, parents can contact the SBHC directly to speak with Amanda. Students are usually seen during the school day; however, other arrangements can be made to fit a child or family's needs. A psychiatric evaluation for ongoing medication management with one of CFA's child psychiatrists can be arranged in conjunction with counseling.

There is never a direct cost to the family for SBHC services. We are required by the Department of Health to attempt to bill a student's medical insurance company for the visit but we **do not** collect co-payments, balances or other fees. There is also never a fee for those students who do not have health insurance.

Please call us at **860-572-4448** with any questions. We love to do all that we can to make sure our CAHMMS students have a healthy and productive school year.

In good health,

Anne Ravenscroft APRN
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Amanda Frechette LCSW
Mental Health Clinician

Liz Weber
MA/Secretary

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Wednesday, October 2	Cross Country vs Clark Lane at CAHMMS – 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 3	Soccer vs Bennie Dover New London (Calkins Park) – 3:30 p.m. Boys home; Girls away
Monday, October 7	Soccer vs Preston – 4:00 p.m. Boys home; Girls away
Tuesday, October 8	Early Dismissal for TLI – 12:32 p.m.
Thursday, October 10	Cross Country vs Bennie Dover at CAHMMS – 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 15	Cross Country vs Tyl at CAHMMS – 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 17	Soccer vs West Side – 3:30 p.m. Boys home; Girls away
Thursday, October 17	Cross Country vs West Side and Stonington at CAHMMS – 3:30 p.m.
Friday, October 18	Soccer vs Preston – 4:00 p.m. Boys away; Girls home
Monday, October 21	Soccer vs Bennie Dover New London (Calkins Park) – 3:30 p.m. Boys away; Girls home
Tuesday, October 22	Soccer vs Stonington (Mystic Middle) – 3:30 p.m. Boys home; Girls away
Wednesday, October 23 – Friday, October 25	Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences – 12:32 p.m.
Monday, October 28	Cross Country vs Bennie Dover New London at Calkins Park – 3:30 p.m.
Monday, October 28	Soccer vs West Side – 3:30 p.m. Boys away; Girls home
Wednesday, October 30	Soccer vs Clark Lane Waterford – 3:30 p.m. Boys away; Girls home
Wednesday, October 30	Cross Country vs West Side at West Side – 3:30 p.m.
Monday, November 4	Picture Retake Day – 8:10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Tuesday, November 5	No School – Professional Development for Teachers
Wednesday, November 6	Cross Country vs Clark Lane Waterford at Clark Lane – 3:30 p.m.
Monday, November 11	No School – Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 27 – Friday, November 29	No School – Thanksgiving Recess
Tuesday, December 10	Early Dismissal for TLI – 12:32 p.m.
Friday, December 20	Early Dismissal for Holiday Break – 12:32 p.m.
Monday, December 23 – Wednesday, January 1	No School – Holiday Recess
Tuesday, January 14	Early Dismissal for TLI – 12:32 p.m.
Monday, January 20	No School – MLK Holiday
Tuesday, February 11	Early Dismissal for TLI – 12:32 p.m.
Monday, February 17- Tuesday, February 18	No School – Winter Break
Friday, March 13	No School – Professional Development for Teachers
Friday, April 10	No School – Good Friday
Monday, April 13 – Friday, April 17	No School – Spring Recess
Tuesday, May 12	Early Dismissal for TLI – 12:32 p.m.
Monday, May 25	No School – Memorial Day
Thursday, June 11	Early Dismissal - Last Day of School – 12:32 p.m.

This calendar will be revised on a continuous basis as events are added or deleted

CUTLER ARTS & HUMANITIES MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL LATE BUS SCHEDULE

MYSTIC SOUTH LATE RUN

Leaves CAHMMS at 4:00

Right out of the school

Left onto Route 1

Left onto Groton Long Point Road

Stops along **Groton Long Point Road as needed**

Left onto Burrows Street

Left on North Street

Stops at North Street and East Shore Avenue

Left onto East Shore Avenue

Right onto Groton Long Point Road

Stops along **Groton Long Point Road as needed**

Right onto Route 215

Stops along **Route 215 as needed**
Stops along **Noank Road as needed**

Left onto West Mystic Avenue

Stops along **West Mystic Avenue as needed**

Stops along **Allyn Street as needed**

Left onto Ann Avenue

Left onto Avon Place

Right onto Nantucket Drive

Stops at **Nantucket Drive and Lamphere Road**

Left onto Lamphere Road

Right onto Cow Hill Road

Bear Left onto Cow Hill Road Ext

Stops along **Cow Hill Road Ext as needed**

Continue onto High Street

Stops along **High Street as needed**

Right onto New London Road

Stops along **New London Road as needed**

Right onto Flanders Road

Stops along **Flanders Road as needed**

MYSTIC NORTH LATE RUN

Leave CAHMMS at 4:00

Right out of school

Continue onto Noank Ledyard Road

Stops along **Noank Ledyard Road as needed**

Right onto Sandy Hollow Road

Stops along **Sandy Hollow Road as needed**

Continue across to Sandy Hollow Road

Left onto High Street

Right onto Bindloss Road

Left onto River Road

Stops along **River Road as needed**

Left onto Shewville Road

Continue across on Shewville Road

Stops along **Shewville Road as needed**

Right onto Hyde Pond Road

Turn around

Left onto Shewville Road

Right onto Route 184

Stops along **Route 184 as needed**

Right onto Pumpkin Hill Road

Stops along **Pumpkin Hill Road as needed**

Turn around

Left onto Pumpkin Hill Road

Right onto Route 184

Stops at **Route 184 and Chesebrough Farm Road**

Stops along **Route 184 as needed**

Left onto Flanders Road

Right onto Rogers Road

Stops along **Rogers Road as needed**

Left onto Route 184

Stops along **Route 184 as needed**

Right onto Candlewood Road

Stops along **Candlewood Road as needed**

Right onto Route 117

Stops along **Route 117 as needed**

Left into Lorenzo Park to turn around

Right onto Route 117

Right onto Gales Ferry Road

Stops along **Gales Ferry Road as needed**

Turn around

Left onto Gales Ferry Road

Stops at **Gales Ferry Road and Mountain Laurel Road**

Right onto Route 117

Continue on Route 117

Left onto Hazelnut Hill Road

Stops along **Hazelnut Hill Road as needed**