Principal's Update – September 2024

Calkins Road Middle School

Pittsford Central School District

Welcome back!

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year and we are THRILLED to be underway! It is great to have our students back, full of energy and ready to embark on a great year. Please read through this monthly newsletter for useful information and upcoming events. I look forward to an amazing partnership with our parent community and having a wonderful and exciting school year together!

Mr. Walker

Student Club & Activity Fair shows off!

Last week, students were able to check out some of our club and activity offerings at CRMS. Clubs created displays with information about each club, pictures and other notes. Not all of the clubs were represented, and students should listen to the announcements for informational meetings after school. Joining a club is a great way to meet and connect with others and explore something fun!





Upcoming Events

September 24

PTSA meeting, 7p

September 28

Homecoming parade, 9a (SHS)

September 28

Homecoming game, 5p (SHS)

October 4

Grade 7 Fun Night, 6-8p

October 11

Superintendent Conference Day, No School

October 14

Columbus Day, No School

October 18

Grade 6 Fun Night, 6-8p

October 25

Grade 6 musical, 7p

October 26

Grade 6 musical, 2p

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Join our amazing PTSA!

Welcome to the Calkins Road community from PTSA!

CRMS PTSA supports all students, staff, and families and serves to connect and champion our community. Each year, this all-volunteer organization funds close to \$10,000 of programs and events that enhance and enrich CRMS. Did you know PTSA plans and manages Fun Nights, sponsors library programs, and provides the agendas for every student.

YOUR HELP is needed to keep PTSA programs running for 2023-24! Please consider joining the PTSA – you can register and pay the \$17 membership fee online at crms.pittsfordptsa.net.

Have you signed up for our bi-weekly e-news? The MidKnight Express is a great way to stay connected to what's going on at CRMS. If you haven't subscribed or want to edit your e-news subscriptions, you can do so here: MidKnight Express Sign Up.

We are looking forward to a great year for everyone!

Thank you!

CRMS PTSA co-chairs

Xueya Cai & Susan Sirianni-Grimm



Reminders for arrival & dismissal times



Thank you to our parents who have been so wonderful during our arrival and pick-up times at school. As a reminder:

- Please make sure you are following the signs for the parent loop and not cutting through the parking lot. As it is getting darker in the morning, we want to make sure our students and staff are safe.
- Students that are late to school MUST be signed in by an adult.
 Make sure you are coming to the office and signing your student in.
- Cars are not allowed in the bus loop between 7-8a and 1-4p. Thank you for your attention to this.
- DO NOT cut through the parking lot and put students at risk!

Reminders:

- Follow CRMS on Twitter!@PCSDCalkinsRd
- ALL visitors to CRMS MUST bring their photo ID to enter the building. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!
- Please do not park in the bus loop during the posted hours of 7:00 – 8:00a and 1:00 – 4:00p. These times are for bus traffic only.
- PLEASE do not send birthday cakes, cookie cakes, etc. or send pizza to your child during the school day. We want to honor and celebrate birthdays, but please save these items for home. We appreciate your cooperation!



School pictures

Picture day is Friday, 9/27

To place your order online

- 1) Go to this site
- 2) Enter school code **24CRS**
- 3) Place order & write approval code on form

Online payments available until 9pm on 9/28

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Sports study hall and after school reminders

Students playing on a school sports team are expected to be in sports study hall after school. Students report to the Commons and sit at assigned tables until their coach comes to pick them up. Some of our sports teams take a shuttle to BRMS and attend sports study hall there. This is an excellent time to complete homework and study as needed.

Students staying after school need to be under the supervision of a staff member. If a student is getting extra help, going to a rehearsal, or attending a club activity, they will be at that location until approximately 3:20p. Students taking the late bus will be given a late bus pass and be shuttled to SHS to take the bus home. Students getting picked up by a parent can report to the parent loop.

Get your CRMS yearbooks!

CRMS yearbooks are on sale now, online only.

ORDER TODAY!

www.yearbookforever.com

Search for: Calkins Road Middle School

Hard Cover books \$40.00 Soft Cover books \$30.00

Safety and Security reminders:

- All visitors to CRMS must bring a photo ID to enter our building and/or pick up a student. Parents signing a child into school or dropping off an item will not need to enter the building as we have shelves in our expanded vestibule.
- Students arriving late to school must be signed in by an adult. Do not drop off your student and leave.
- **Lockdown drills** will be performed during the week of September 20th and October 4th.

Come march in the Homecoming Parade on Saturday 9/28. Meet in the SHS bus loop at 8:45am. The parade starts ay 9:00am. Special appearance by Dwight the Knight!

Technology reminders for families

Our students have all been issued a school laptop as part of our 1:1 device program. Over the first years of this program, there have been some consistent needs, and we want to share some important tips for our families.

- Charge the laptop every night. Bring the charger to school each day.
- Students should always carry their laptop and charger in the protective sleeve.
- If using the laptop at home, please make sure your student completely shuts down <u>before</u> closing the lid.
 Safety and Security changes at CRMS

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