

## Good evening, Catonsville Middle School Families!

***This is the Monday Message for March 11, 2024!***

***Tomorrow is an A-Day!***

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- **March 14 - Pi Day!**
- **March 23 – Mulch Order Pick Up**
- **March 25 – April 1 – Schools Closed for Spring Break**
- **April 2 – Schools Reopen**

### **Student Food Deliveries:**

**Please limit deliveries for urgent matters only** – excessive deliveries are disruptive to school operations and a safety concern. Reminder, big deliveries (i.e. cupcakes, balloons, pizza) for student celebrations are not permitted in school. Students may not leave campus or receive deliveries from parents or services such as grub hub, door dash, uber eats, etc.

### **Ramadan –**

Families we are aware that Ramadan has begun and as such we have ensured that there are spaces for children to go while they are abstaining from eating and when they need to pray. A list of these locations will be shared in the school announcements and from the main office. If you have any questions or concerns about how this will affect your child, please feel free to reach out to the counseling office.

### **PTSA Happenings This Week**

#### **Catonsville Middle Annual Mulch Sale**

**It's a Win - Win!**

**You get a Quality Product and Support Our School!**

**Orders are being taken now through March 15th!**



#### **Mulch Options**

**2 Cubic Feet of Shredded Mulch**

- **Brown Hardwood - \$5.29**
- **Black Hardwood - \$5.99**

#### **Delivery Options**

- **Free local delivery for orders over \$100, \$15 for orders under \$100.**
- **Free Pick Up at CMS, Saturday, March 23rd from 9am - 12pm.**
- **Local delivery is 3/23/24 - 4/1/24.**



<https://www.catonsvillemsptsa.org/shop>

**Mulch Sale** - The LAST Day to support the CMS PTSA Mulch Sale is Friday, March 15th. Place your orders now!

Top 3 Reasons to Order Mulch from CMS PTSA:

1. Proceeds help fund student activities and staff appreciation events.
2. It's quality mulch at great prices.
3. You can have it delivered right to your house or pick up your order on Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to Noon.

[Orders](#) are due Friday!

**PTSA Meeting** - Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Please join us to find out the latest information about what happening at CMS and what our kids are learning about in class, updates about 8th Grade End of Year activities, Mulch Sale, and more.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82386471340?pwd=OE9mVCtqVWZKblMrVFBYTG1XUjhIdz09>

**Pi Day!** Please sign up to bring a pie to share with the teachers and staff on Thursday 3.14.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4EAEAD2FABF49-48295763-pi>

### **Staff vs Parent Basketball**

Our annual Staff v Parent Basketball fundraiser is set. Please put the date and time on your calendar! All information can be found below.

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### **Attention 6<sup>th</sup> grade families:**

[Spring Theatre Wokshop Flyer BCPS.pdf](#)

### **Attention 8th grade families:**

Our trip to Philadelphia has been approved. We will be heading out on May 22nd, and if you are willing to chaperone, [please click on this link](#). We want as many chaperones as possible so that we can create small groups. The cost will be \$55, so please start saving now. If you need financial assistance, please reach out to me at [rdungey@bcps.org](mailto:rdungey@bcps.org).

At the end of the year, we want to celebrate our 8th graders with a slideshow. [Please click this for the needed information](#). Slideshows are a hilarious and fun way to end the year, I just need your help to put it together.

### **Yearbooks**

The 2024 Yearbook can be ordered at this time!

To guarantee a copy, place your order online BEFORE April 27<sup>th</sup>.

See the attached flier for details, information and the [ybpay.com]link!

[YB Flier 2024.pdf](#)

### **From the Physical Education Dept:**

As the weather warms, please remind your students that they need to dress appropriately for Physical Education Class. This starts with the PE uniform t-shirt but also requires appropriate shorts and footwear. Shorts should be athletic shorts of an appropriate length for participating in physical activity. Shoes should be sneakers. Boots, sandals, flip flips, Crocs, skateboard shoes, Hey Dudes or other fashionable but slip on styles are not suitable for athletic activity and pose safety hazards.

We have a **limited supply** of uniform shorts available for purchase. This inventory will be sold on a first come first serve basis and some sizes may run out. We are selling them at a reduced price of \$10. (regularly \$13). Students may purchase these from the school store or see their PE teacher for more information.

### **From the Library:**

We have two author visits coming up in school!

- Barbara Dee is the author of over a dozen middle grade novels. *Violets are Blue*, published in 2021, is a Maryland Black Eyed Susan nominee! She will be visiting Catonsville Middle School on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. This visit is sponsored by our partners at the Baltimore County Public Library.
- Ira Marcks is an award-winning cartoonist. He has published two graphic novels, *Shark Summer* and *Spirit Week*. This visit will take place on Tuesday, April 2. Ira is visiting CMS while also visiting his cousin in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade!

Please have your students complete these two separate forms if they are interested in attending the presentations. If time permits, the author may sign copies of books. You can purchase a book at any book retailer.

[Barbara Dee Sign Up](#)

[Ira Marcks Sign Up](#)

### **Diversity Night**

The Silent Auction Team for Diversity Night is looking for donations of goods and services to help us raise funds for our many diverse clubs at CMS.

- Business Owners, would you consider making a donation for a product or a service?
- Home Party Consultants such as Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Scentsy, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, Color Street, Arbonne, Avon or any other home party business? Would you consider making a product donation?
- Donations can also be made if you have new, unused items that you think would attract attention from our school community! Think about re-purposing or re-gifting that duplicate item of something you already have.

Please contact [Mrs. Jeremenko](#) or [Mrs. Smith](#) in the school library if you have questions. We appreciate your support and look forward to having a fun silent auction on May 8!

### **BCPS Summer Art Enrichment Program**

BCPS Summer Art Camp is now full. If you are interested in camp and have not yet registered, we encourage you to use the attached link to register so you can be added to the waitlist.

[Summer Art Enrichment Program](#)

### **Maryland SPCA's Kindness for Paws**

Seventh grade art students who completed both the Kindness for Paws artwork and consent form will have their work on display at this year's Kindness for Paws Art Show at White Marsh Mall. The work will be on display from May 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. A reception will be held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> in which the artwork will be for sale with all proceeds going to the Maryland SPCA. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

[KFP-eventflyer-2024.pdf](#)

### **Tutoring Supported by NJHS**

The National Junior Honor Society is offering individual and group tutoring sessions during Advisory on Monday's. During these sessions, students can get assistance from one of our many tutors in any subject area and for any grade level. Students can sign up weekly using the following link. Once students have signed up, they will use the completed form as their pass to Room 30 for tutoring.

[Tutoring Weekly Sign-Up](#)

### **Buses**

You can use the link below to determine whether your child's bus is running on time!

[https://www.bcps.org/parents/transportation\\_status](https://www.bcps.org/parents/transportation_status)

### **From the Health Suite:**

The Baltimore County Department of Health has MMR vaccine in the health centers for both VFC-eligible and non-VFC-eligible children and adults.

A flyer is attached.

[BCDH Measles Flyer.pdf](#)

### **COVID Tests:**

We have MANY Covid test kits and would be more than happy to distribute these to our families. Please email Mrs. Palacios at [kpacios@bcps.org](mailto:kpacios@bcps.org) if you would like us to send a test home for you!

FYI - the tests that we have to send home have an expiration date of 2/12/23 on them, however, the FDA has authorized shelf-life extensions of many At-Home OTC COVID-19 tests. [These tests now have an expiration date of 5/12/24.](#)