



Chardon Middle School

August 2017, Newsletter

OUR
MISSION:

The mission of the Chardon Local Schools is high achievement for all students, where learning is our most important work.

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A Message from the Principal:



Hello Chardon Middle School Families -

I am honored to join the topper family and Chardon Schools communities as the new CMS Principal and am looking forward to getting to know you and your students throughout their most formative middle school years! I appreciate the warm welcome so far - everyday I am reaffirmed as to the great people with whom I will get to work and serve in this role!

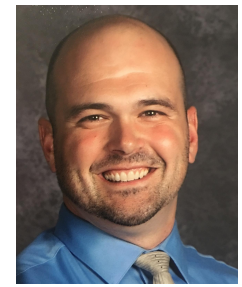
Prior to arriving in Chardon, I have worked as a middle school assistant principal, special education teacher and evaluator, and spent 4 years in higher education administration at BGSU where I continue to teach adjunct through their e-campus. Personally, I have three kids - Giuliana (6), Luca (4) and Sofia (1) - and a very support wife, Beth, who coordinates all of our lives while also working as a realtor.

I truly believe in the phrase "it takes a village," and encourage open lines of communication to create the best learning and growth opportunities for our students. Please never hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns.

Tim Velotta, Principal
Chardon Middle School

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A Message from the Assistant Principal:



Topper Families,

I am excited, eager and humbled to have the opportunity to join Chardon Local Schools as the new middle school assistant principal. I look forward to getting to know the students, families and community members who have contributed to making Chardon a district of strong tradition and community spirit. As a life long learner, I hope to foster a mindset by encouraging students to think critically, take calculated risks, be respectful and learn from our daily choices.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions or concerns.

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to fill out our online forms [HERE](#) in order to complete your student's school records.

Adam Tomco, Assistant Principal
Chardon Middle School

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New Faces & Changes at CMS

Welcome to the following new staff members:

- Principal: Mr. Timothy Velotta
- Assistant Principal : Mr. Adam Tomco
- 7th & 8th grade Social Studies/Science: Mrs. Amber Yeager
- 7th grade School Counselor: Mrs. Janelle Stuart

SUMMER READING:



Please click [HERE](#) for current information regarding Summer Reading

Sixth Graders: Due Wednesday, August 30th

Seventh Graders: Due Wednesday, August 30th

Eighth Graders: Due 1st day of School, August 17th

Questions, please email: melissa.downs@cardonschools.org

Sixth Grade Student Orientation:

Students entering sixth grade are invited to attend orientation on **Friday, August 11, from 1:00-5:00pm**. 6th graders will meet with their 8th grade *Topper Teammates (mentors)*, receive their schedules and Chromebooks, be assigned a locker and have plenty of time to practice their combinations so they are ready for the first day!

Parents of 6th graders (and new 7th and 8th graders) are invited to meet with the counselors and administration for their own orientation from **4:00-5:00pm** in the LGIR.

WELCOME NEW TOPPERS ...

NEW 7th or 8th grade students, please join us for your small-group orientation.

WHEN: Tuesday, August 15 @ 10:00am

WHERE: Our Large Group Instructional Room (LGIR). Stop in the main office if you need help finding us!

8th Grade Topper Teammates

Mentor training will be on **August 11** from 9:00am - 1:00pm; you will lead orientation activities from 1:00-5:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

Topper **TECHNOLOGY**

For detailed information on Chromebook distribution, click [HERE](#)

Distribution Schedule

August 10, 2017: 1:00–6:00 PM (returning 7th and 8th graders only)

August 11, 2017: 10:00 AM–12:00 PM (returning 7th and 8th graders only)

August 11, 2017: 6th Graders will receive their Chromebooks during Orientation

August 15, 2017: New Students will receive their Chromebooks during Orientation

Chromebook Policies and Procedures can be found [HERE](#).

CMS OPEN HOUSE

Please Join us... *August 16; 5:00 - 7:00pm*

Chardon Middle School will be hosting our annual Open House. 7th and 8th grade students will be able to view their advisory assignment through the Infinite Campus portal on the afternoon of August 16th - report to advisory for your locker assignments. 6th graders will have their schedules & locker assignments from orientation but may also check online.

Students will be able to walk their schedules, place items in their lockers, and greet their teachers throughout the night. Computers will also be available if you need assistance completing online forms.

In addition, there will be a reception in the media center celebrating phase 1 of the transformation of our collaborative learning space sponsored by PTO and Shiffler. Mr. Velotta and Mr. Tomco will also be available in the media center to greet students and parents. *"We hope to see you there!!!"*

REAL MONEY REAL WORLD

This August we will be hosting a **Real Money Real World** simulation for our 7th and 8th grade students. This is a financial literacy curriculum run by Ohio State University that is designed to give students a glimpse into the future and enables them to practice using the skills they are learning here at CMS in real-life scenarios. It is a great example of "learning by doing." More information about the program can be found [HERE](#).

To ensure the success of the program, we are in need of 12 parent volunteers on both 8/23 and 8/24 from 7:30 - 2:30. Volunteers from OSU will provide a brief training beginning at 7:30am each day for our parents.

To volunteer, or if you have any questions, please email Mrs. Collins (kate.collins@chardonschools.org) in the counseling office. Parent volunteers will be selected on a first come, first served basis. *In your email, please include your name, your student's name and grade, the best phone number at which to reach you, and if you have a preference for which day you would like to volunteer.* Thanks in advance for all you do to support our students and community!

CMS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO):

Stay tuned for updates & meeting dates

Board Members:

President, Shelly Leck: stleck4@gmail.com

Vice President, Amy Roediger

Treasurer, Cori Bruce

Secretary, Dana Zacarone

@chardonMSPTO on Twitter

SIXTH GRADE DANCE

Friday, August 25th

3:00 – 5:00pm

We are looking for both parent & student volunteers to help during the 6th grade dance. If interested, please e-mail Mrs. Shelly Leck at stleck4@gmail.com.

Topper SCHOOL LUNCH

LUNCH: \$3.00

ENTREE ONLY: \$2.25

*additional entree with lunch
purchase is \$1.50*



Topper SCHOOL FEES

School fees will be accessed through Infinite Campus. School fees are determined by grade and the courses in which the students are enrolled.



Seventh Grade Student Immunizations

STATE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SEVENTH GRADE:

By the start of this school year, all seventh graders are required to have a Tdap AND a meningitis shot. Parents must provide the school with written verification of both of these vaccinations from their child's healthcare provider. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from school. This requirement is a state law. Parents should contact their child's physician now to see if their child has already had these shots or to make arrangements to receive them. This vaccination can also be obtained through the Geauga Co. General Health District. The health district holds monthly walk-in immunization clinics. To view their clinic schedule click [HERE](#).

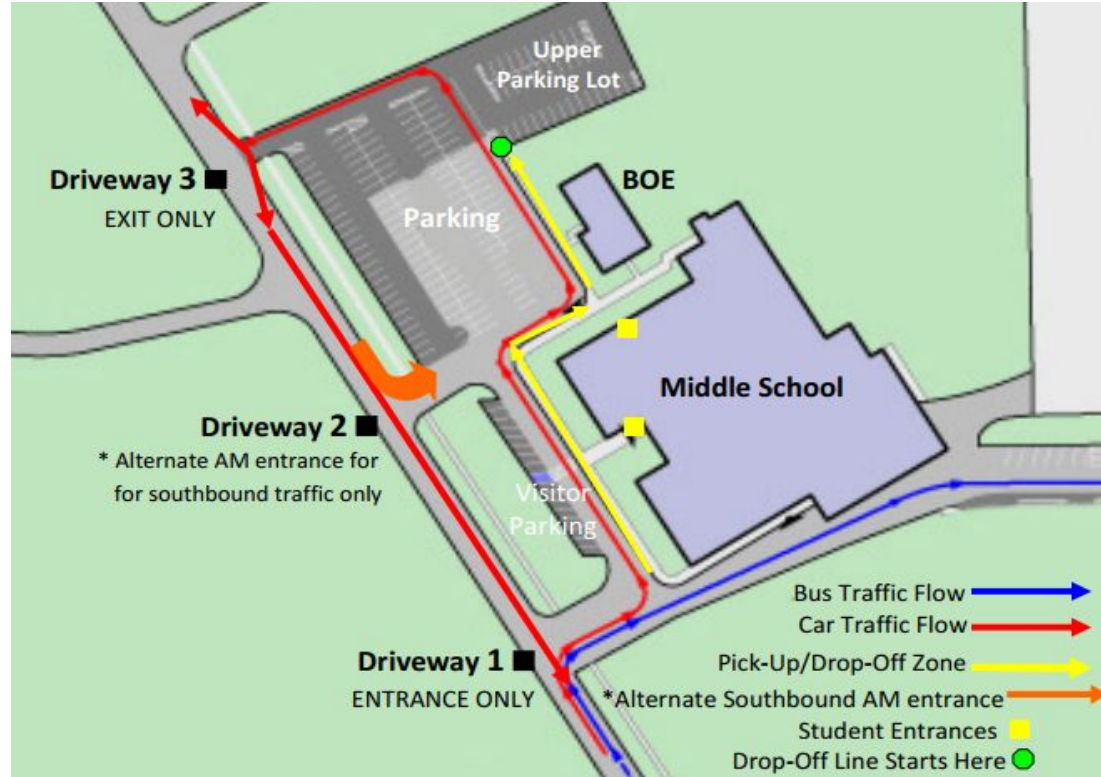
Immunization records can be faxed to school at 440-286-0461 attn. Lori Strickland, RN or emailed to lori.strickland@chardonschools.org



Topper **TRANSPORTATION**

Bus Schedules will be posted **HERE** by August 7th.

Please be sure to review the **BUS SAFETY RULES** posted on **this page** as well!



Topper ATTENDANCE:



Attendance#: 440-285-4062 (press 1 for absences)

Parents and Guardians are able to report their child's absence, early dismissal, or late arrival using an automated voicemail system. PLEASE report your student's absence NO LATER than **8:30am** on the day of said absence. (Planned absences may be called in prior)

When reporting an absence, please be prepared to CLEARLY state the following:

Student's First/Last Name

Spelling of LAST Name

Grade Level

Date or Time of Arrival/Dismissal

Reason for Absence, Late Arrival/Early Dismissal

Parent/Guardian Reporter's Name

UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday, 8/10: *returning* 7th & 8th grade Chromebook pick-up (1:00 – 6:00pm) in cafeteria

Friday, 8/11: *returning* 7th & 8th grade Chromebook pick-up (10:00am – noon) in cafeteria

Friday, 8/11: 6th Grade Orientation

9:00am–1:00pm: Topper Teammates 8th grade mentor training

1:00 – 5:00pm: 6th grade STUDENT orientation (begin in LGIR)

4:00 – 5:00pm: 6th grade PARENT orientation in LGIR

Tuesday, 8/15: New 7th and 8th Grade Orientation (10:00 – 11:00am)

Wednesday, 8/16: CMS Open House (5:00 – 7:00pm)

UPCOMING DATES, CONT...

Thursday, 8/17: First day of school!

Wednesday, 8/23: MAP Reading Test (Grades 6, 7 and 8) & 7th grade Real Money Real World

Thursday, 8/24: MAP Math Test (grades 6, 7 and 8) & 8th grade Real Money Real World

Friday, 8/25: 6th Grade Dance (3:00 – 5:00pm)

Thursday, 9/28: School Pictures

Saturday, 9/30: last day to purchase Chromebook insurance

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