

Weekly Announcements for City High Middle School

Friday, April 14, 2017

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TESTING

8th grade students will begin M-STEP testing. **Monday, April 17, through Friday, April 21.** On Monday, April 17, students will have a listening piece, so if your student has ear buds or headphones please bring them to the testing session. There will be a limited supply of headphones available for testing, so it will be helpful if students are able to supplement. Students should check their session rotation on the schedules that are posted throughout the school.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SHORTS

OHHS - Please recognize the following athletes for their wins at the track meet on 4/11/2017:

- Jama Jama - won the 1600m and 800m runs and was a part of the winning 4 x 800m relay
- Bayron Lobo-Paz - was also a part of the winning 4 x 800m relay
- Rihana Pellow - won the 800m, 1600m and 3200m runs

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

The middle school activity that was originally planned for April has been moved to Thursday, May 11. There will be more details forthcoming, but middle school students should plan to have a super fun time. Admission is free for activity pass holders. Mark your calendars now because you will not want to miss it!

SENIOR GRAD NIGHT NEWS

Parents of seniors, please get your money for the event in by May 2. If you are in need of assistance please contact Ms. Ralston at school or Tony Garza for Spanish speaking (706-8934). *We would love to have all the students participate* and want any barrier to be addressed. If you have any questions or concerns about the event, please contact Sharon Music (340-2252) or Tony Garza. There will be a table at graduation with specifics for parents/guardians about the event. Look for more information about this soon.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONCERT

The music department is hosting a Solo & Ensemble Concert on May 4, at 7 PM.

FINAL CAS DEADLINE

The final CAS deadline is May 12 for all grades.

SENIOR AWARDS

The Senior Awards Ceremony is Wednesday, May 17, at 6 PM.

PTSA NEWS

DALE HOVENKAMP SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: APRIL 17

Families with seniors, there are just a few more days for students to submit their essay to compete for the \$1,000 Dale Hovenkamp Community Involvement Scholarship. Details in the attached document or on our website: <http://www.cityptsa.com/media-archives/ptsa-business/>

PAYMENT FOR SENIOR GRAD PARTY DEADLINE: MAY 2

Families with seniors, there is still time to pay the \$125.00 for your child's all night graduation party! You can drop your check made out to City PTSA to the main office. Please put your child's name in the memo line. The deadline is May 2. We want 100% students to attend their party regardless of financial considerations. If you want to donate to more to the fund to help defray costs, that is welcome, too! If you have difficulty paying this amount or want to make arrangements, please contact Tony Garza, Garzaton4@gmail.com, 616-706-8934.

GET YOUR MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS & HELP THE JUNIOR CLASS:

Mother's Day is just around the corner! Support the class of 2018 in buying flower baskets and tomato plants! The flowers vary and may include various colors and combinations of petunias, million bells, fuchsias, begonias, geraniums, thunbergia and double impatiens. Orders due April 25; order forms attached. Forms can be turned in to the front office or emailed to Lauren Kuzee: laurenkuzeee@gmail.com Pick up will be May 11 after school at City. Prices:

- Potted tomatoes \$20
- Dwarf Cherry Tomato Baskets \$20
- 12-inch Terra Cotta Urns \$37
- 14-inch Fiber Baskets \$43
- 12-inch Fiber Baskets \$35
- 10-inch Baskets \$25

COME MEET THE NEW BOARD AT THE NEXT PTSA MEETING: APRIL 19

Come vote for our new exec board at the regular April meeting of the PTSA. Snacks and socializing at 6:45, meeting starts at 7 in room 130. Here are the nominations:

- President: Cynthia Gardiner
- Vice President: Cara Gregory
- Vice President: Stephan Hokanson
- Vice President: Jodi Schmalz

We are still looking for volunteers to step up and learn the ropes for secretary and treasurer. Interested? Reach out to Cami at cami.estep@gmail.com or Donna at vangesseld@gmail.com.

THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE AT LITTLE LUCY'S

After you drop off your kids on Friday, April 21, head over to Little Lucy's to meet and greet other city parents and guardians over coffee. Information from the most recent PTSA meeting will be shared, too!

GET READY FOR THE PTSA SPRING PICNIC ON APRIL 26

Help us celebrate the year and welcome new families to City at our annual spring picnic featuring a gourmet hotdog buffet, side dishes, dessert and activities. Come with any questions you want answered and leave with some new friends. Administrators will hold an informational meeting for new families after dinner. Bring the whole family! Spanish interpreters courtesy of the PTSA will be available. Sign up here: <http://www.cityptsa.com/volunteer/>

SENIOR GRAD COMMITTEE NEEDS FUNDRAISER VOLUNTEERS

The Senior ALL NIGHT Committee is looking for volunteers to help staff at a really cool charity poker fundraiser May 25-28, Thursday through Sunday. It takes place in the Kings Room in Grand Rapids. Shifts are from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. with three parents per shift. This can be our biggest fundraiser yet if we can get all the slots filled. Please check your calendar and let Tony Garza know what day and time you can help out. Our part of the fundraiser is easy! Garzaton4@gmail.com 616-706-8934 Must be a member of the PTSA to help. Join on the website: cityptsa.com (Spanish translation in attached PDF)

NEWS WORTH REPEATING

WORKZONE

WorkZone is an after-school only academic support program for students in grades 7—12. Hours are: 2:45—3:45 PM, Monday through Thursday when school is in session. Assistance is available for individual and group work. Additionally, there is the opportunity for students to be connected with a tutor for help in an area of need. Please make sure that

transportation is lined up for students when WorkZone dismisses at 3:45 PM. Students will be asked to wait on the exterior for their rides.

PARKING LOT REMINDERS

- Drive slowly at all times. Speed should never exceed 10 miles per hour in the parking area – reckless driving or excessive speed will not be tolerated
- Observe and obey stop signs
- Always yield the right of way to busses and pedestrians
- Only enter at designated access areas, and exit at marked outlets.
- Keep the circle drive clear for buses
- Do not park in, or block, driveways and lanes to avoid congestion and maintain the steady flow of traffic
- Park your car in a marked parking space when dropping off or picking up a student
- Remove keys and lock doors when exiting a car and never leave a child unattended.
- Use only one parking space per vehicle – parking across spaces is not permitted and may result in ticketing
- Student drivers need a parking permit (available in the school security office) – the cost is 15 dollars and proof of a valid driver's license, vehicle registration and insurance are required
- Student drivers with a valid parking permit should park in the lot on the south end of the gym. Non-registered cars may be ticketed.
- Never walk between parked or moving busses
- Report any parking lot accident or injury immediately to the school security office or to the main office.
- Treat other drivers and pedestrians with consideration – being kind to each other inside and outside the building exemplifies the values of our City School Community.

CROSSWALKS

All students who cross Plainfield, please use designated crosswalks and look carefully before stepping into traffic lanes. When activating the flashing cross lights, ensure that traffic is clear, or has come to a complete halt, before stepping away from the curb.

INSTRUCTIONAL INTERRUPTIONS

As often as possible, we ask all of our City families to help limit interruptions to the classroom by:

- sending a note with your student for appointments, or other events that cause the need for early dismissal, so that we can limit calls to the classroom.
- Letting your student know that deliveries (lunches, homework, athletic items, projects, etc) should be picked up in the main office in-between classes or during your student's lunch period.
- talking about after school transportation arrangements with your student prior to the school day.

Thank you for helping us make the most of our classroom teaching time.

DISMISSAL TIME – IMPORTANT

This is a reminder that students should be prepared to go home when school is dismissed at 2:38 each day unless involved in an approved, adult-led club, WorkZone, or athletic team event. For safety reasons, please take time to discuss after-school arrangements with your child so there is a clear plan for travel home, or for involvement in an adult supervised activity at dismissal time. Students will be asked to wait outside once school is dismissed, or during inclement weather, to stay in the sheltered entrance areas, and should dress accordingly. WorkZone will not be held the last school day before an extended break such as winter break or spring break.

FOOD ORDERS DURING SCHOOL

We do not encourage take-out food orders at school, however, we must remind students that any food orders placed with local, take-out restaurants should be pre-paid or placed so delivery happens only during assigned lunch periods. Please understand that we will not disrupt class time to manage deliveries and payment arrangements for student food orders.

CHANGES REGARDING MORNING & LUNCH ACCESS TO THE INSTRUCTIONAL WING

The instructional wing at City will remain closed until 7:45 a.m. each day, and during lunch periods for the following reasons.

1. Supervision and Safety - Aligning student access to classrooms, with the teachers' contractual start time of 7:45 a.m., provides a higher level of supervision, safety and security. We understand that there may be times when students request to meet with a teacher regarding homework, grades, assignments, etc. prior to 7:45 a.m. and that is fine as long as the teacher is extending the invitation and taking direct responsibility for providing supervision in his/her classroom.
2. In an effort to rid the building of unwanted mice, measures to limit food items to the cafeteria and staff lounge areas, are being implemented. This is a recommendation by pest control specialists who have been on site, and are working to contain, control and eradicate critters that do not belong at school.
3. As a program that is dedicated to sustainability and environmentally friendly practices, recycling is an important part of our teaching and learning culture. However it has been challenging to maintain a recycling stream that is clean; that is, free of food and other contaminated materials that should not come in recycling containers. We are hoping that providing more clearly defined areas for food consumption and disposal will help to promote recycling regularly and recycling right!