

Weekly Announcements for City High Middle School

Friday, June 2, 2017

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LAST CHANCE TO VOTE - TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD – VOTING ENDS AT MIDNIGHT ON JUNE 2

Exciting news! It is the people's choice award for the **CITY HIGH MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR!** This year, 2016-17, we are starting a new tradition at City High Middle School to honor one outstanding teacher. There are many reasons that teachers capture the respect and admiration of the school community, but we ask you to consider an instructor:

1. Who is an expert in his/her field and guides students to achievement?
2. Works with administrators, colleagues, parents and students to develop a culture that is learning focused, innovative, engaging, and organized and goal oriented.
3. Communicates effectively.
4. Recognizes potential and challenges students to discover and develop talents, skills and qualities that will help the learner grow as an individual and as a learner.
5. JUST BECAUSE YOU LIKE HIM/HER!

Please click on this link to vote for the **City High Middle School Teacher of the Year**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14bldFNgVctzYNcq1zkkk2jieKFj8GUz_I7nG5P9_Smo/edit

Rules for Voting:

- A Gmail account is necessary to access the voting link
- Only current City High Middle School, staff students and parents may vote; and only one vote per gmail address
- All votes must be received by Thursday, June 2.

CHOIR CONCERT

There is a final choir concert on, Monday, June 5, 7 PM at Berean Baptist Church, 1574 Coit NE.

CLASS OF 2017 GRADUATION

Commencement for the City High Middle School Class of 2017 will be Tuesday, June 6, at the Fountain Street Church starting promptly at 6 PM. Graduating students should arrive by 5 PM, and be dressed in cap and gown with appropriate footwear in order to participate in the program.

LOCKER CLEAN OUT

Final locker clean out will be Friday, June 9 after 1st hour exams. We suggest that students bring bags or backpacks to begin taking home personal items early in the week. In addition, we ask that students are mindful to use the appropriate containers to separate trash from recycle. Any personal items left inside lockers will be donated or discarded once school is finished on June 14.

Teachers will be collecting locks during the scheduled clean out. All locks need a tag with the written combination and then to be returned to the main office. All textbooks, novels and any checked out items are due back to the Media Center before the last day of school. Invoices will be mailed for lost or missing materials.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost something this school year? Check the lost and found in the cafe. The box is overflowing with unclaimed clothing and other items left around the building this school year. After June 14, all unclaimed items will be donated to our Clothes Closet or to a charitable organization, so please make sure you look for missing treasures before the area is cleaned up. There are a few smaller, non-clothing type of lost and found items, kept in the office, (e.g. earrings, keys, jewelry, glasses, and electronics). Stop by if you are looking for something of this nature.

EXAM SCHEDULE

Friday, June 9

1st hour: 8:00 —9:30 AM
(All other classes 42 minutes)

Monday, June 12

2nd hour: 8:00—9:30 AM
Passing Time: 9:30—9:40 AM
3rd hour: 9:40—11:10 AM

Tuesday, June 13

4th hour: 8:00—9:30 AM
Passing Time: 9:30—9:40 AM
6th hour: 9:40—11:10 AM

Wednesday, June 14

5th hour: 8:00—9:30 AM
Passing Time: 9:30—9:40 AM
7th hour: 9:40—11:10 AM

All students must exit the building by 11:30 AM, unless participating in an extra-curricular activity or meeting with teachers.

PTSA NEWS

“FIDDLER ON THE ROOF” MAIN ROLE AUDITIONS JUNE 8!

Mark your calendars for 3-6 p.m. on June 8 – that’s when auditions will be held in the auditorium for key roles for City’s production of “Fiddler on the Roof.” Please prepare a song that best suits your voice type and bring the music with you. A piano accompaniment will be provided. (Acapella is not recommended.) Singing auditions from 3-5, some reading after that. The ensemble and any remaining roles will be cast in the fall. Performances are this fall, Nov. 10-12.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE MUSICAL

We’re already recruiting volunteers to help make the production a success! Want to help? Contact Beth Cranson, bcranson@gmail.com. Want to stay in the loop on the production? Ask to join the closed Facebook group, "City High's FIDDLER ON THE ROOF." <https://www.facebook.com/groups/238315059979475/>

UNIFORM CLOSET

Don’t forget the guidance office has a uniform closet for those who may need it. Those darn kids just keep growing and sometimes it’s hard to budget for more clothes – especially as the seasons change. The uniform closet has lots of options to help you out. And if you don’t find what you need, let Ms. Ralston know and we will make it happen. [And if you’re students went through a growth spurt, please consider donating your gently used uniform items to the closet. Thank you!]

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Have you been clipping those Boxtop labels off the products you buy regularly? Send them in with your student and raise money for the school. There’s a box in the office to collect them.

SHOP ONLINE? START AT SMILE.AMAZON.COM

Another easy way to raise money for City is to start your online shopping at smile.amazon.com. When you start there, Amazon donates a portion of qualifying purchases to the nonprofit of your choice. Choose City High Middle PTSA from the dropdown menu underneath the search bar. Thanks!

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!