

Weekly Announcements for City High Middle School

For Friday, September 29, 2017

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SENIOR FUND RAISER

The Class of 2018 is fund raising with the SaveAround coupon book. Books are \$25 and include coupons to local restaurants, retailers, and recreation providers. Coupons are available for a long list places you will recognize! A mobile app is included to help you make the most of your SaveAround. Books will be sold until 10/16. Contact a member of the Senior class or Jason Stachura, stachuraj@grps.org to purchase, and thanks for your generous support.

SENIOR PHOTOS

Senior photos are due to the yearbook staff on or before October 2. After October 2, there is a substantial late fee. Please send: Senior photo, baby photo, senior will, senior quote (if you want it printed in a certain font, please provide a copy of the quote done in Microsoft Word). Submit to cityyearbook2018@gmail.com

COUNT DAY

Count Day is a two-day event at City High Middle School. Wednesday, October 4, and Thursday, October 5, are both considered count days at City due to the block schedule. Count Day is very important for schools across Michigan as building/district funding from the state is determined through warm body student counts. It is essential that students are in class each hour as attendance is counted for every class period in a high school. Please try to avoid appointments, trips, or other reasons that could affect numbers. If your student is absent due to illness or any other reason, please call to excuse your child or send a signed and dated note. The attendance number is 819-2381.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Please check ParentVue to ensure emergency contacts are up to date. Remember, office staff are NOT able to release students to any person not listed on the emergency contact list. Nor is release of a student permissible during the school day by way of a phone call, Email or text message, as these tools do not allow staff to identify the caller or communicator. **Students must be signed-out in the main office by a parent, guardian or a person listed as an emergency contact.** These policies are for the protection of students, so please try to be understanding when staff are upholding district procedure.

EXPLORING COLLEGE OPTIONS

Exploring College Options is a special recruitment program sponsored by the undergraduate admissions offices of five of the country's leading universities: [*Duke University*](#), [*Georgetown University*](#), [*Harvard University*](#), [*the University of Pennsylvania*](#), and [*Stanford University*](#).

Sunday, October 1, 7:00 pm

JW Marriott Grand Rapids

235 Louis St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Register at: <http://www.exploringcollegeoptions.org/https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-parents>

Students and parents are in different stages of college preparation. The College Board is an excellent research to help guide you along the way. This website is a great stop for you regardless of where you are at.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-parents>

FAFSA WORKSHOP

The office of Federal Student Aid provides grants, loans, and work-study funds for college or career schools. High School Counselor, Danielle Ralston, is offering a workshop to learn how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, on Wednesday October 11, at 6 PM in the media center. This is open to all GRPS seniors & their parents.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

For those who are new to City High Middle School, teachers are available in the main gymnasium during conferences to meet with parents in the order of arrival. Student schedules are available at the welcome table, located just inside the gymnasium entrance. However, to save time, it is helpful to have a list of your child's teachers before arriving. Below are the conference dates for the 2017-2018 school year.

- October 9, 3:30 – 6:30 PM
- October 11, 3:30 – 6:30 PM
- December 4, 3:30 – 6:30 PM
- December 6, 3:30 – 6:30 PM
- March 5, 3:30 – 6:30 PM
- March 7, 3:30 – 6:30 PM

SPORTS SHORTS

OHHS

Girls Basketball Open Gym – Monday through Thursday at OHHS from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. Contact Coach Willis for more information at 616.821.5930 or gbwillis1@yahoo.com

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

The Athletic Board is located right outside the Main Office. For those currently participating in Fall sports, playing ***schedules ae attached to this communication*** Reminder, in order to participate in any sports activity this school year, you must have a current physical on file (after April 15, 2017) and pay the insurance fee (\$3.00) to participate. Please give that information directly to your coach.

OFF CAMPUS PERMISSION

Off Campus Permission Forms are available for 12th grade students only. Forms are available in the main office and do require parent signature. Please be sure to read the policy printed on the backside of the page as students are expected to know and adhere to the guidelines.

CAS HOURS

Please remember that CAS hours are a requirement for all students who attend City High Middle School. The first CAS deadline is quickly approaching for grades 6 – 10 on October 13, when one third of required CAS hours are due. We encourage all students to log their hours electronically on the CAS website: www.chmsib.com

For detailed information about CAS, or to find out about volunteer opportunities please visit the CAS website at www.chmsib.com

PTSA NEWS

PIE ORDERS ARE DUE MONDAY, OCT. 1

There are fabulous prizes available for our top sellers and top-selling EPIC classes, including the ability to throw a pie in the face of Principal Huppert! This year we're selling apple and blueberry. Here are the FABULOUS prizes:

- **Top seller gets \$100 visa gift card**
- **2nd place, \$75 visa gift card**
- **3rd place, \$50 visa gift card**

- **EVERYONE** who turns in their order by Oct. 1 gets a candy bar
- **Five names** drawn at random from all sellers get a \$10 visa gift card
- **One name drawn at random from all sellers gets to throw a pie in Mr. Huppert's face**
- **The EPIC class that sells the most pies gets an ICE CREAM PARTY & the EPIC teacher gets a \$50 visa gift card**

[People can also order pies online.](https://www.cityptsa.com/pie-sale/) They just need to specify the name and grade of the student they're buying from.
<https://www.cityptsa.com/pie-sale/>

SENIOR GRAD

Planning has already started for end-of-year party for seniors, which takes place directly after graduation – an overnight excursion of supervised food, fun and friends. Start thinking about volunteering to chaperone, details in the spring. Fundraising will be happening all year to help with costs but we still must ask families for a contribution (scholarships are available). Make full or partial payment by Dec. 10 for a cost of \$150. If nothing is paid by Dec. 10, the cost goes up to \$175 and must be paid in full by April 1, 2018. Questions? Or want to join the planning committee? Email committee chair Jess Carr, jesscarr@mac.com. Also, senior parents and guardians (NO STUDENTS!) please ask to join our closed Facebook group to help with communication: [City HS Senior Grad Party](#)

VOLUNTEER TO FOR PIE-MAKING DAYS, OCT. 13-14

The [sign-up sheet is posted](#) to help us turn the cafeteria into a pie-making factory! Friday afternoon slots are ideal for sixth-grade students while Saturday is open for older students and adults. It truly takes a village to make 3,000+ pies. Please consider signing up yourself or a family member who wants to help make the fundraiser a success! (Plus, it's a lot of fun!) <https://www.cityptsa.com/ptsavolunteer/>

FEED OUR TEACHERS AT CONFERENCES OCT. 9 & 11

Teacher conferences are Oct. 9 & 11 and that makes for a long day for the teachers. Please help provide them sustenance so they can be fed and happy when they meet with you. [Sign-up on our website.](#)
<https://www.cityptsa.com/ptsavolunteer/>

MORNING EVENT: COFFEE with the PRINCIPAL OCT. 26

Parents, please join us from 8-9 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26 for coffee with the principal! Bring your questions, have some coffee and meet some other City parents. We'll be in the Media Center/Library – hope to see you there! If you can't make it then, no problem: Send your questions to paulajfoley@gmail.com. Mark your calendar for two more Coffee with the Principal gatherings: Jan. 18 and Apr. 19.

FREE CLASSES FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS & CAREGIVERS

The district offers [FREE ongoing classes](#) for parents, grandparents, and caregivers, such as English as a Second Language, Play and Learn Group for those with 1-5 year olds, exercises classes such as Yoga, Zumba, Cooking with Kids, Basic Computer Skills, Home Buying 101, DACA Community meetings, and more. Classes offered at multiple locations, multiple dates – find something that works for you! Did I mention the classes are FREE?! Learn more here: <https://parents.grps.org/courses/>

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR ODYSSEY OF THE MIND, THE CHILI COOK-OFF AND THE AUCTION

Duties for these positions are spelled out and simply need to be put into action. Our OM teams regularly advance to the national competition, the chili cook-off raises money for the principal to do fun things with students and the silent auction is our other major fundraiser of the year. Please email Secretary@cityptsa.com if you are interested!

HELP CREATE THE SET FOR THE MUSICAL

Want to help with the set for "Fiddler on the Roof"? There's a meeting at 5:30 pm Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Creston Brewery. Questions? Email to fiddlercityhigh@gmail.com or ask to join the closed [Facebook group, "City High's FIDDLER ON THE ROOF."](#)

FOLLOW CITY PTSA ON FACEBOOK & JOIN THE VILLAGE

The [City PTSA has a public-facing Facebook page](#) where we share announcements appropriate for our families and the public. Please like our page! City families have also created a closed Facebook group, the [City High Middle Village](#), for discussions, questions, announcements, carpool arrangements and other discussions geared toward City families. Ask to join and you will be added shortly. Please also visit our website for great information: cityptsa.com

UNIFORM CLOSET

Have your kids grown out of uniform clothing that's still in good shape? Please consider donating outgrown items to the uniform closet in the guidance office—just drop them off. Uniforms can be expensive for some budgets, and the closet is there to help—you can visit the guidance office or send your student to get what they need. If needed sizes are unavailable, let Ms. Ralston know and the PTSA will make it happen.

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

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 cannot 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 [Note: Permits have not been offered yet, and this line will not go into effect until they have been made available](#))
- 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. [\(Note: Permits have not been offered yet, and this line will not go into effect until they have been made available\)](#)
- 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

This is a reminder that students should be prepared to go home when school is dismissed at 2:41PM 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.

REPLACEMENT COST

Students ID - \$5

Lock - \$3

Planner - \$5

Please stop into the main office if you want to replace these items.

***CLUBS**

MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS

ROBOTICS is for 7th and 8th graders. Meetings are every Wednesday & Thursday after school until 4:00 pm in room 317.

YEARBOOK CLUB

Yearbook Club meets on Monday and Wednesdays in Room 110, from 2:45 – 4 PM. See Mrs. Emperor for more details.

COMIC CLUB

Comic Club meets on Thursdays, in room 206, from 2:45 – 4 PM. Mr. Shirey leads it.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB

Model UN meets each Thursday from 2:45 – 4:30 in Room 321. See Mr. Travis for more information about this mock UN simulation forum.

MEDICAL CLUB

Medical Club is for students who are interested in the medical sciences. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, from 2:45 – 3:50 in Room 204.

E-CLUB aka-ENVIORNMENTAL CLUB

This is a club for high school students interested in understanding the relationship between human actions and environmental health, and, promoting awareness and outreach through recycling, planting, beautifying and cleaning. Meetings happen during high school lunch in Room 330. For more details, contact Mrs. VandeGevel at VandeGevelK@grps.org

FRENCH CLUB

There will be a French Club meeting on Thursday after school until 3:45 in Madame Anderson's room (326.) All are welcome. Please let Madame A. know if you plan to attend by Wednesday afternoon so that we have enough materials for the activity. Arrange for your rides to pick you up promptly at 3:45. French Club is planning to meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 2:45 – 3:45 PM in Room 326.

SPEECH, DEBATE, FORENSICS

In Speech & Debate Club students learn the art of speechmaking and oral presentation. Additionally they learn how to research a preselected topic in order to convince people of a position. Speech & Debate Club meets Monday through Thursday from 2:45 – 4:30 PM in room 108. Mr. William Harris is the leader for this very active and competitive group.

*All clubs need pre-approval (via a club application form) by the principal, and a building use form before club meetings begin. Clubs must have an adult sponsor who is present at every meeting/activity and approved through the GRPS volunteer process.

*Ensure rides for after school activities are planned and communicated at home prior to meeting dates.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TALK & TOUR CAREER SERIES

Careers in Accounting and Finance is the topic for our November **Talk & Tour Career Series**, hosted by Plante Moran. This **career exploration** event is like getting 5 job shadows in one! Come hear directly from a panel of professionals, ask your career questions, and tour Plante Moran's beautiful workspace. Parents are encouraged to attend! Designed for 7-12 grade students. **Tuesday, November 7 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM.**

Check out the complete **2017/2018 Talk & Tour Career Series** at <http://www.kentisd.org/instructional-services/career-readiness/students/programs/talk--tour-career-series/>

PARENTS AS CAREER COACHES (PACC) WORKSHOP

Parents are the single greatest influence in their student's career decision making process. With this in mind, we are offering a workshop designed to equip parents with talking points, suggestions and tangible opportunities to help guide their student through the challenging process of narrowing down a post-secondary path. **Join us on November 8 from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM .**

Please visit this link for more details and registration information: <https://www.kentisd.org/instructional-services/career-readiness/students/programs/parent-workshops/>

Hosted at the Kent ISD.