

Chehalis Middle School

September/October 2023

Chris Simpson, Principal

Heidi Fagerness, Assistant Principal

I can't believe it's already October! The first month has just flown by with all the great things happening at Chehalis Middle School! The hallways are buzzing, the classrooms are full of laughter and learning, and our fall sports are in full swing. Our 6th graders have made a successful transition from Orin Smith with the help of some wonderful 7th grade and 8th grade students.

As we kick off the second month of school, please note a few upcoming items of importance: Individual grade printouts will be coming home with your students at mid-term and quarter end. Please refer to the calendar on our website for upcoming dates. You may also access your student's academic progress at any time through Skyward Family Access (chehalisschools.org) If you need your login and password, please contact the CMS office at 360-807-7230.

Please mark your calendar for Open House Oct 5 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm and Parent/Teacher Conferences the week of 10/30 - 11/3. School will be dismissed at 12:20 everyday. CMS's parent conferences will be Wed, Nov 1 and Thurs, Nov 2 from 1 - 6:30pm and will need to be scheduled on Skyward.

Mr.Simpson

It has been a terrific start to the 23-24 school year! Our halls are full of amazing students!

ASB and Leadership students have been working hard to plan activities to continue to build a culture of belonging at CMS. Several students participated in Student Summit with WF West students in August, titled, "Sparking a Culture of Belonging", Students collaborated to define "Belonging" and brainstormed ideas to create systems to build that culture in our building. Our ASB officers participated in Mt. Adams Leadership Camp. They are so excited and filled with energy to bring to life their ideas in leadership. Our first social is scheduled for Oct 20 from 3:00 - 5:00. Our theme is Pajamas. There might even be milk and cookies for sale.

We are also continuing our monthly themes. Leaders are preparing activities focused on our Monthly themes. September theme is **Flexibility** and October is **Patience**. As a family, find ways to discuss our themes with your child.

Our school fundraiser kick off was on 9/20. There is a lot of excitement and energy around this fundraiser and we are very appreciative of the effort. This fundraiser supports all ASB activities including sports, assemblies, 8th grade celebration and more. Thank you to all students who participated and families that are able to support this fundraiser.

We are looking for Volunteers!! We would love to build opportunities for students to make connections at lunch through a variety of activities, be present in the hallways and maybe even sit and assist some students with coursework. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer in our building, please contact me. We can get you set up with the volunteer forms and get you in the building making a difference very quickly.

Mrs. Fagerness

THANKSGIVING BREAK

EARLY RELEASE NOVEMBER 23RD @ 11:05

NO SCHOOL NOVEMBER 24TH & 25TH

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RETAKES

Retakes will take place
on October 26th.

Conference Week

Oct 30 - Nov 3

Early Release All Week @ 12:20

Chromebook Fees

The Chehalis School District will be continuing to implement appropriate fees to Chromebooks that are damaged, lost or destroyed. The fines are listed below. When a student brings in a Chromebook needing repair, a picture of the Chromebook is sent to our tech department and they will determine the fee to be assessed to the student.

Full Chromebook replacement	\$300.00
Replace Chromebook Charger	\$20.00
Repair/Replace Chromebook Keyboard	\$50.00
Replace/Repair LCD	\$50.00



Blue Fridays!!!

Support the Seattle teams or CMS Wildcats by wearing team/school colors!



VETERANS DAY

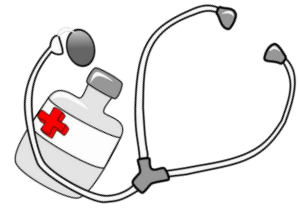
**NO SCHOOL
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Cell Phone Policy



Students should have all personal cell phones turned off during class time. Cell phones used during class time will be confiscated and placed in the Think Tank room (Room 107) until after school. Repeated occurrences of unauthorized use of cellphone could result in progressive discipline.

FROM THE NURSE



Greetings CMS Families!

Here are some reminders for the new school year:

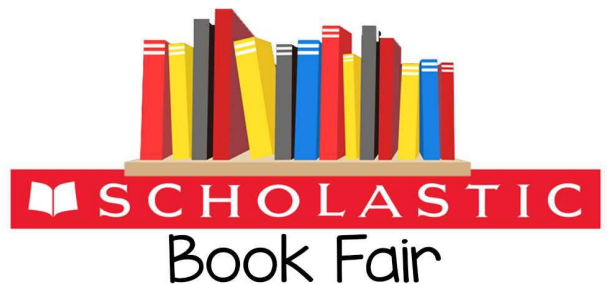
1. All students with life threatening conditions must have life saving medications (EpiPen, Inhalers, Etc.) and doctors orders while in school. Please get those to me ASAP!
2. All incoming 7th graders should have gotten a tetanus booster.
3. All non-emergency medications also need a doctor's order and should be stored in the Health Room (tylenol, ibuprofen, cough drops, etc.)

Have an awesome school year!

Lids for Literacy

Love wearing hats?
Love supporting your library?
Do both!!

On November 29th students and staff are invited to pay \$1 to wear a hat for the day. This money goes directly to our library for the purchase of new books.
(Hoods do not count as hats)



Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! Mark your calendars for conference week:
October 30-November 3
All purchases benefit the CMS library.

Welcome New Staff to CMS!!!

Andrew Judd—Music

Marc Annan—Social Studies

Emma Reynolds* —AVID

Jessica Lorenzo* —Kitchen

*New to our building but not new to our district



CMS Social October 20

3:00 - 5:00pm

\$3.00 with ASB Card

**\$5.00 w/o ASB Card or at
the door**

**Students with overdue library books,
fines or suspensions will not be able
to attend the social.**

**Please call the office if you'd like
information on chaperoning a
school social.**

*Pajamas
Theme!!*



Chehalis Middle School Social

Info and Rules

“Pajama”

We are excited to have our 1st Social of the year! A few things to keep in mind:

WHO: Chehalis 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders Only! Students who have overdue library books, fines or have been suspended (ISS or OSS) are unable to attend.

COST: \$5.00 ~ \$3.00 with ASB sticker. Please prepay at the student store. Students with ID who prepay will be admitted FIRST, through an express entrance!!

WHERE: Chehalis Middle School

WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th from 3:00-5:00 PM

- **Activities include game room, dancing/music, open gym and movie room.**
- **You may NOT bring drinks into the social from outside. Drinks and candy may be purchased from the school student store.**
- **Students will not be allowed to leave the building before 5:00 pm without a parent/guardian signature. Students must either bring a note on the day of the social or have parents sign them out at the early exit door. Without a note, students are not allowed to leave with parents/guardians of another student.**
- **All school rules are in effect.**

DRESS CODE - School dress code applies, but hats ARE allowed

OTHER INFO:

- Students will enter and leave through the front doors or the Commons courtyard door (see above). The back, side, and gym doors are not to be opened.
- Bring extra money if you want to purchase candy or drinks while attending the social (\$1 per item).
- Students will remain inside the approved social areas. Students who leave the building are not allowed to come back in. Students who leave without permission will not be allowed to attend the next social.
- Students must arrive by 30 minutes after the social starts or will not be allowed in.
- **Students MUST BE picked up within 20 minutes after the social has ended. Students who are not picked up on time will not be allowed to attend the next social.**
- Backpacks will be checked in and can be retrieved at the end of the social.
- The hallways will be closed and students should not bring valuables.
- Unauthorized people on the premises will be referred to the authorities.
- All school rules and policies are applicable, students not abiding by school rules will call their parents to pick them up, will not be allowed to attend future socials, and may face disciplinary action.
- **HAVE FUN!**

CMS Counselors

A - L Mr. Kyle State

M - Z Mrs. Alicia Hill

Mrs. Autumn Ledgerwood



Career and College Ready (CCR) Wednesdays!

We encourage our staff and students to wear college gear on Wednesdays. We also love to see shirts from locally owned businesses to support career options. At lunch, Mrs. Ledgerwood will be handing out candy to those participating in CCR Wednesdays!

Parent Tips for Student Success

- Check Skyward and/or your student's Google Classroom regularly to monitor academic progress
- Talk to your child daily about what they are doing in school
- Contact teacher directly for class specific questions
- Ask your child if they are facing any challenges at school



If your student needs any additional academic, career/college, or social emotional support; the counselors are ready to help. Students may request an appointment through the link in HelloID.





Music Department



Upcoming Events

October 19, Thursday - 7pm

All Strings Performance @ WF West Commons

November 14, Tuesday - 7pm

Choir Concert @ CMS Gym

December 12, Tuesday - 6pm

Strings Concert @ CMS Gym

7:30pm

Winterfest Band Concert @ CMS Gym

Music Boosters Needs YOU!!!

CMBC Annual Dessert Potluck

Tuesday, October 10th, 6:30pm-7:30pm

WFW Commons

Come listen to a fun night of music, brought to you by our jazz bands, steel drums, strings and choir. We will share a dessert or two and give you information on the upcoming year in music and opportunities for your student. Parents, grandparents and local businesses are all invited to join our booster club and support our music students.

Come learn and join the Chehalis Music Boosters Club that supports students in music programs in the Chehalis School District, grades 6-12! You will also have the opportunity to become a member, volunteer or donate during this meeting. We could always use more help when it comes to supporting these students as they grow and learn!

For more information contact:

Stacey Cummings - scummings@chehalisschools.org

Here is a QR Code for those that want to donate now or signup as a member.



Chehalis Music Booster Membership Form

Please join us!

The Chehalis Music Booster Club,

a Washington State Non-Profit Organization

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

STUDENT NAME(S) & GRAD YEAR(S) _____

_____ YES! PLEASE CONTACT ME BECAUSE I WOULD LOVE TO VOLUNTEER!

_____ I AM HAPPY TO BE A MEMBER BUT NOT INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer opportunities include fundraisers, officer positions, social media and event promotion, snack and event errands, scholarship awards and more. Volunteers needed and appreciated!

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

\$5 ENTRY	\$25 PATRON	\$50 BRONZE
\$75 SILVER	\$100 GOLD	\$150 CORPORATE

Please join us! Help us support our music teachers and our students as they pursue excellence in music education. Our goal is to involve parents and the community in school music activities, and give our fantastic music program the recognition it so deserves.

Questions? Please contact us! Stacey Cummings, scummings@chehalisschools.org

CHEHALIS MUSIC BOOSTER CLUB P.O. BOX 744

CHEHALIS, WA 98532

Thank you for your support!



Chehalis School District Anonymous Security and Safety Reporting Form

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Chehalis School District wants everyone who uses our schools to feel safe. If you, your child(ren) and/or someone you know has been the target of bullying, harassment, intimidation, threats and/or have information on targeted violence please tell us so we can investigate.

All reports are sent to Officer Thornburg and personal information is optional and confidential.

If you have information that poses an immediate threat, call **911**.

Chehalis School District Annual School Report

Chehalis School District and the State of Washington believe that important information about local public schools should be provided to educators, parents, community members and the general public. The combined support of these various stakeholders ensures the success of all students. Information regarding current and past test scores, demographics, teacher qualifications, graduation and dropout rates for secondary students, and the status of school improvement can be obtained from the following website:

<http://reportcards.ospi.k12.wa.us/> search for Chehalis School and click on the school of choice.

Printed copies of the annual school report or newsletter may be obtained from the Chehalis School District Office at 310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7200. You may also log on to the district website at: <http://chehalisschools.org> and click on the appropriate link to view each document.

Title I Notification

Parents can request the following information regarding instructional staff who work with their children:

- Whether or not the child's teacher has met state certification for the grades and subjects she/he is teaching.
- Whether or not the teacher is working with an emergency or conditional certificate where state certification criteria has been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held, including field of discipline of the certificate or degree.
- If the child receives instructional services from a paraeducator, the paraeducator's qualifications.

Chehalis School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

El Distrito Escolar de Chehalis no discrimina en ningún programa o actividad por sexo, raza, credo, religión, color, origen nacional, edad, estado veterano o militar, orientación sexual, expresión o identidad de género, discapacidad o el uso de un Guía de perros entrenados o un animal de servicio y proporciona igual acceso a los Boy Scouts y otros grupos juveniles designados. Los siguientes empleados han sido designados para manejar las preguntas y quejas de supuestas discriminaciones:

Title IX/Affirmative Action Officer: Tommy Elder - 310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 360-807-7235

telder@chehalisschools.org

Section 504/ADA Officer: Katie Howell- 310 SW 16th Street., Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7245

khowell@chehalisschools.org

Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator Debby Gregory - 310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7235

dgregory@chehalisschools.org

Habla Espanol?

El distrito escolar de Chehalis ofrece servicios de traducción al Espanol a nuestros padres y familias.

Por favor comuniquese con Ines Perez al 360-807- 7230, o al correo electrónico a iperez@chehalisschools.org