



Chehalis Middle School Newsletter

September/October 2024

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 grades will be posted to Skyward Family Access 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 Parent/Teacher Conferences the week of 11/4 - 11/8. School will be dismissed at 12:20 everyday. CMS's parent conferences will be Monday, Nov 4 and Tuesday, Nov 5 from 1 - 6:30pm and will need to be scheduled on Skyward.

Mr.Simpson

Student smiles are lighting up our halls, and it's clear we're off to a fantastic start this school year! Our CMS staff has worked diligently all summer to ensure a warm and welcoming return for all students.

On September 12, our ASB and Leadership students had the incredible opportunity to collaborate with AWSL and Bearcat leadership. They spent the day learning about leadership skills and how to positively impact our school community.

During September, our focus is on building connections, recognizing our commonalities, and fostering our Wildcat Community. We encourage families to engage in conversations about the importance of community and connection. Looking ahead, **October's theme** will be centered around **Respecting Differences**, so take some time to talk with your students about the significance of embracing diversity.

Our school fundraiser launched on **September 18**, and the excitement surrounding it has been incredible. This fundraiser supports a variety of school initiatives and activities, and we are deeply grateful for the enthusiastic participation of our students and the unwavering support from our families.

😊 **We love having our CMS community involved in our school! Volunteering provides students with extra support and caring eyes throughout their day. Let's partner to make a difference!**

Mark your calendars for our first social event of the year on **October 11th from 3:00 - 5:00 PM**. Stay tuned for an exciting theme announcement soon! We need at least **16 volunteers**. If you're interested, please contact the CMS office. We can't wait to have you join us!

Thank you for being such an integral part of the CMS community. Your continued support helps us make this school year amazing!

Mrs. Fagerness

THANKSGIVING BREAK

EARLY RELEASE NOVEMBER 27TH @ 11:05

NO SCHOOL NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH

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RETAKES

Retakes will take place on
October 24th.

Nov 4th - 5th
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. 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. Fees are based on the damage and age of the chromebook.

The full fee chart is available on the last page of the CMS handbook.



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.

Blue Fridays!!!

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



**No School
November 11th**

Greetings CMS Families!



Here are some things to know 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.)
4. Big Smiles Mobile Dental Clinic is returning to CMS on Thursday, October 3rd. Forms are available in the office.
5. 7th graders will be having hearing and vision screenings in October. If you have any concerns for your child's hearing or vision, please reach out to the school nurse and we will get your child screened.

Have an awesome school year!



Check out our

Library Media Center

- Textbook checkout
- Chromebook charging
- Chromebook and account support
- Books! Books! Books!



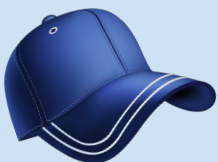
Destiny Discover

CHEHALIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Explore Destiny Discover!

Destiny Discover is our online library catalog. Link can be found on the Clever homepage of your chromebook.

Through Destiny Discover you can view all the newest books as well as place holds on any of the books in our collection. You can also see which books you currently have out, due dates, and any fines you may have.



Lids for Literacy

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

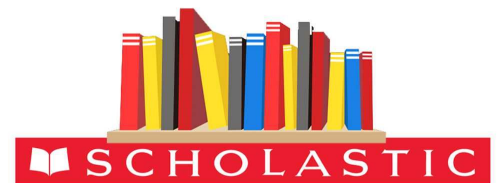
On November 20th students and staff are invited to pay \$1 to wear a hat for the day. This money goes directly to our library for the purchase of new books.

(Hoods do not count as hats)

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Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! Mark your calendars for conference week:

November 4th-7th

All purchases benefit the CMS library.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Attendance:

This year, the Chehalis School District is joining the rest of the state to focus on school attendance. Attending class regularly is the first step to school success, and it helps students feel better about school.

DID YOU KNOW?

- At any level, too many absences (excused and unexcused) can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) increases the chance that your student will fall behind in basic skills as compared to their peers.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- State law requires children ages 8–17 to attend school or a district-approved home school program.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Encourage good habits at home, and make school a priority. Set a regular bedtime and morning routine. As much as possible, schedule appointments or trips for times when school is not in session.

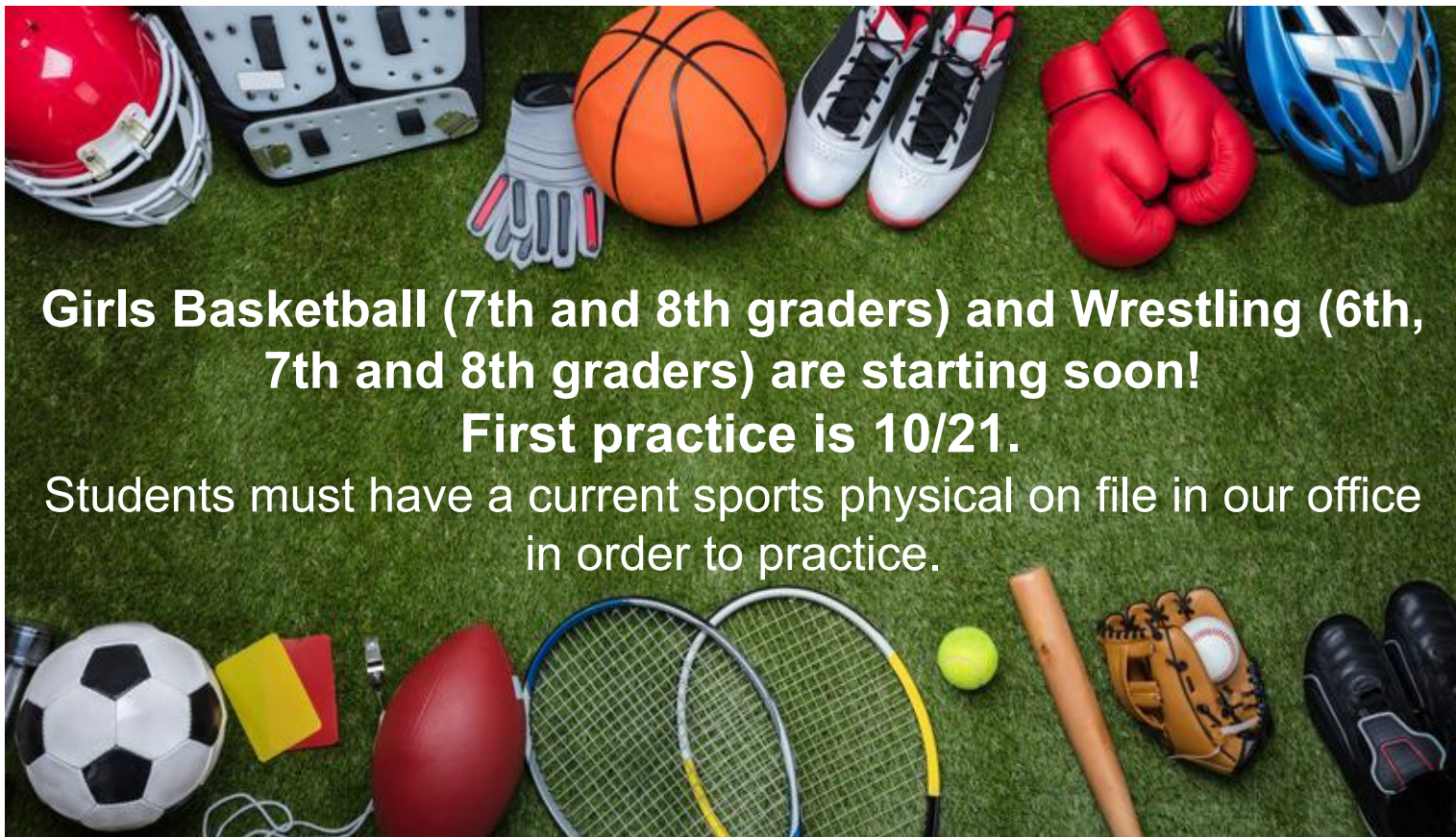
Of course, sometimes, there are reasons for a child to stay home. If your child is too ill to come to school, please take care of them at home so other students can avoid getting sick. If your child does need to miss school, call our attendance line at 360-807-7230 to let us know or message us in Parent square. Keep track of your child's absences—it's easy for them to add up without realizing it.

LET'S DO THIS!

We miss our students when they aren't here. Each student makes a difference. If you need help getting your child to school, or your child seems nervous about going, please tell us. *We'll work together to find a solution.*



Sincerely,
CMS Attendance



Girls Basketball (7th and 8th graders) and Wrestling (6th, 7th and 8th graders) are starting soon!

First practice is 10/21.

Students must have a current sports physical on file in our office in order to practice.

Order your yearbook today!

0% REGRETS

100% SMILES

Only a yearbook can bring you right back to the cringey styles, school pride and special moments shared with friends. You won't regret having it all captured for years to come.

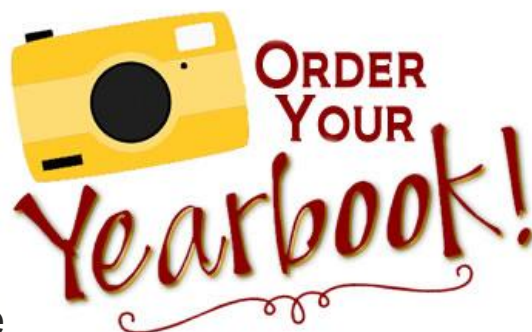
ORDER YEARBOOK › [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com)

JOSTENS PAYMENT PLAN

Spread out the cost of your yearbook order with three interest-free payments.*

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*Minimum purchase requirements and eligibility restrictions apply.



Welcome New Staff to CMS!!!

Michael Borowski –Social Studies

Mary Claire Gegen –French

Mindy Judd –English

Margo Riley –English

Kyle Smaciarz –Math

Chloe Stewart –Science

Heidi Graham –Kitchen Lead

Katie Marquez –Behavior Support

Tonya Olson –Lead Secretary



Stay up to date with what is happening at CMS



@chehalismiddle



@chehalisschools



Chehalis School District



ParentSquare

CMS Social

October 11th

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.

Chehalis Middle School Social

Info and Rules

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 11th 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

If your student needs any additional academic, career/college, or social emotional support; the counselors are ready to help. Students may request an appointment by clicking on this icon on their Clever homepage.



Minute Meetings



Every fall the counselors conduct “minute meetings” with CMS students. Our goal is to meet each student and spend just a minute getting to know them. This is one of our favorite activities of the year because we get to talk to so many amazing Wildcats!



Career and College Ready (CCR) Wednesdays!

We encourage our staff and students to wear college gear on Wednesdays. We also love to see swag from locally owned businesses or the military 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



WE ARE WILDCATS



In September we will focus on getting to know each other, recognizing things we have in common, and developing our Wildcat Community

Student of the Month

Staff members nominated a student of the month from each grade level for this month's theme of "Community".

Congratulations to Ella Sund, Keren Estrada, and Madiynn Wallace!



Our students nominated Miss Gundersen as our **Staff Member of the Month**.

Ella Sund -6th grade



Keren Estrada -7th grade



Madiynn Wallace -8th grade



October's Theme is Respecting Differences



Music Department



Upcoming Events

October 10, Thursday - 7pm

All Orchestras Performance @ WF West Commons

November 14, Tuesday - 7pm

Choir Concert @ CMS Gym

December 12, Tuesday - 6pm

Orchestra Concerts @ CMS Gym

7:30pm

Winterfest Band Concert @ CMS Gym

Music Boosters Needs

CMBC Annual Dessert Potluck

Tuesday, October 8th, 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:

Sarah Veach - sveach210@gmail.com

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



CHEHALIS MUSIC BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Thank you for joining us!

We are a Washington State Non-Profit Organization



NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

STUDENT NAME(S), GRAD YEAR(S) and MUSIC PROGRAM(S): _____



MEMBERSHIP LEVELS: Please circle the level you have chosen.

- I will be paying in person (check or credit card)
- I paid online using the QR code ----->

\$10 ENTRY	\$25 SUPPORTER	\$50 BRONZE
\$75 SILVER	\$100 GOLD	\$150 DIAMOND

\$200 + CORPORATE sponsors will receive a sign to put up in your place of business & your business will be named in music programs and social media posts
Business name: _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Please mark your favorite volunteer opportunities.

<input type="checkbox"/> Poinsettia Leadership Team <input type="checkbox"/> Poinsettia Set Up (Dec. 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Poinsettia Pick Up (Dec. 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Krispy Kremes <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Other Fundraising projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake maker <input type="checkbox"/> Snack bar at solo/ensemble contest <input type="checkbox"/> Find and apply for grants <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure right now, but let me know when you need help
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Questions? Please contact Sarah Veach, sveach210@gmail.com

CHEHALIS MUSIC BOOSTER CLUB P.O. BOX 744 CHEHALIS, WA 98532

Chehalis School District Anonymous Security and Safety Reporting Form

Chehalis School District
Anonymous Security/Safety Reporting Form



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: Leslie Wohld, 310 SW 16th Street Chehalis, WA 98532 360-807-7200

lwohld@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