Panther Tracks

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2012-2013 Community & Communication!

Upcoming Events

Nov. 1 Report Cards issued

Nov. 6 Parent Teacher Conferences/No School

Nov. 8 Make-Up Picture Day

Nov. 9 Hat Day \$1

(for Special Olympics)

Nov 15 Jersey Mike's Family Night

Nov. 16 6th Grade Fall Ball Dance at CMS

Nov. 21-23 Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 30 Spirit Wear/Jeans Day \$1(for Robotics Club)

Dec. 4 PTSA General Meeting/ 7th Grade Percussion

Dec. 10 Winter Band Concert 6th Grade – 6pm

7th Grade – 6:45pm

 8^{th} Grade -7:30pm

Dec. 10-14 PTSA Santa Shop **Dec. 11-17** Scholastic Book Fair

Dec. 18 Treats for Teachers

Coastal Middle School will be a very busy place over the next two months. There are several new events occurring this year we would like to invite you and your CMS student to participate in. CMS Dances at the school, CMS Info Session Nights, PTSA supporting the Book Fair, Santa Shop, and the organizing of a school store to open in January.

Coastal Middle School Information Session 101 went well. We look forward to CMS families attendance at our next CMS 201 Information Session in January. Please look forward to joining us for pizza, refreshments, and Spirit wear sales. Concessions open at 6:00, while info sessions begin at 6:30. If there is something you are interested in learning more about please email us or Ms. Coursey.

By now you should have been contacted by a Team parent. If not and you would like to participate please let us know. 8th Grade Phoenix team is in need of a Team Parent. If you would like to support the team, family member or student, please let us know. We need help getting important information to 8th graders and their families.

New CMS Dances will happen this year at the school. PTSA excitedly announces the first 6th Grade "Fall Ball" and 7th/8th Grades "Spring Fling". 6th grade Fall Ball will be Friday, November 16th. Please consider volunteering and making these dances special for our CMS students.

Thank you!

Dana Coin and Amy Norton, Co-Presidents, Secretary, Tracy West and Treasurer, Tonya Allen

Belk Charity Day - Nov. 3rd

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in Belk Charity Day. We had several students participate in this event as well as two of our officers. Special charities were given the opportunity to participate in the event from 6:00 to 10:00 am to earn funds for their groups. Coastal Middle School was one of many represented. This is an annual Charity Day that we have been participating in for over 16 years! Again, thanks for your support of our school! We look forward to another great year with Belk!



Coastal PTSA Business Partners - Earn \$ when you Eat!



Beef O'Brady's CMS Spirit Nights

Jewen Mikes subs

Nov 15 & Dec 20th % of Night's sales go to CMS

Publix.

ERE SHOPPING IS A PLEASURE Swipe your card for % sales



Pizza Donations and Pizza sales to Coastal PTSA



Student Involvement - Buy a Spirit ribbon, cheer on your Panthers!

CMS Girls Softball ended their season ranked 2^{nd} in the District. Way to Go Lady Panthers!

CMS Football is having a good season; keep playing hard Panthers!

Volleyball tryouts for girls will begin **Oct 29-Nov 2** after school until 4:30pm. Contact <u>lauren.greene@sccpss.com</u>. Must have SCCPSS paperwork turned in.

Ms. Hoffman and Coastal Cares Club will be collecting donations for Turkey Gift baskets for several Coastal families. Please contribute with monetary donations or food donations to Coastal Cares Service Club. These baskets will be assembled and distributed. For more information contact Ms. Hoffman or Ms. Greene.

CMS Band - fundraiser sales of Discount Discount card for \$10, lots of great deals!

Treats for Teachers – Dec 18th – Team parents will request donations for this event. Faculty, Staff & Bus drivers invited. Thank our staff for a great year!

CMS PTSA Team parents

6th Ambassadors: Julie Yearwood and Rhonda Buie

6th **Dignitaries:** April Cullen and Jody Jones

7th **Discoverers:** Judy Pixley

7th Voyagers: Linda Rahimitabar and Nikki Scott

8th Phoenix: Need a parent

8th Summit: Ericka Walden

Please support PTSA volunteers in their communication efforts.

Check CMS website, PTSA website for more information and/or please ask the office or PTSA!

Learn why IB is important for your CMS student's future.

http://www.ibo.org/myp/



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Life as a Panther

Fall Ball - 6th Grade Dance

Friday, Nov 16th at Coastal Middle School gym. PTSA event coordinators need volunteers, adults and/or students, to make this a special event. Concessions, chaperones, harvest party decoration donations, before and after set up, prizes, pictures, and other activities. A volunteer link is available on our PTSA website or please email Dana or Amy if you are interested. We'd love the help and/or donations to make this event special for our 6th graders!

PowerSchool Parent Access

PTSA strongly encourages all CMS families to sign up for **Parent Access**. This is a FREE service from SCPSS. Link to **Parent Access** from the District SCCPSS website to get daily updates on grades or attendance for your student. This site allows you and your

student to know what your student's grades are as they are assigned. Tardy and absentee notices are posted as well. This is a wonderful tool to help students and their families stay pro-active on their GPA for each class and overall grades. This helps you communicate with your teachers effectively about posted grades that decide your student's GPA.

Get your access codes from the CMS front office to enter Parent Access. You can program notifications on grades to your email daily or weekly.

Stay Informed, get on Parent Access.

Any ideas on topics that we can include in next month's newsletter, please let us know! Are we keeping you informed?

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