

Clarksville Middle School

PTA Newsletter

January 13, 2012

Department of Student, Family and Community Services

Black Student Achievement Program Saturday Math Academy

Limited Spaces!

What: The BSAP-Saturday Math Academy offers mentoring and tutoring in mathematics on Saturday mornings by HCPSS certified teachers.

Who: Students in grades 4 - 12

Where: Oakland Mills High School Cafeteria
9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia, MD 21045

When: On Site Registration 9:00AM - 11:00AM
Saturday February 11, 2012

*** Please bring a copy of your child's 2nd Quarter Report Card, latest IEP, and/or any other documents that may assist the teachers in working with your child or with the registration process. *Registration is not complete until all necessary documents are received.*

Questions: Jackie Jenkins at 410.313.1598
jacquelyne_jenkins@hcpss.org
website: <http://bsapsma.weebly.com>

Spring Session 2012 On-Site Registration
Registration Fee: \$35. Registration fee is non-refundable.
Registration is continuous until capacity is reached.

Spring Session 2012 Dates:

February 25
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
April 14, 21, 28



We know its cold outside right now, but the Red Cross is looking for blood donors who have warm hearts to help save lives. Winter is one of the more challenging times to schedule enough donors to meet hospital needs, but the need for trauma cases, surgical patients and people with cancer doesn't stop just because it's winter. We are hoping Clarksville Middle School PTA can count on you to donate blood at our blood drive on **Wednesday, February 15, 2012 from 2 :00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**** CMS families, please help me reach my goal of 20 donors! This is my 4th Red Cross Blood Drive and delivering 20 units to the Red Cross would be a big accomplishment for me. I really need help. This is a terrific event for the community and I hope to see many of you there.

Please contact Vicki Harvey at vickiharvey@remax.net or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your donation!!!!

Wellness Committee

Attention Redskins, Steelers and non-football fans! Your Sunday afternoons are free so mark your calendars for the Howard County Junior Striders weekly races. On **Sunday, January 15th at 2pm at Athlonton High School AND Sunday, January 22nd at 2pm at Burleigh Manor Middle School** bring the family out for a fun, non-competitive run ranging from 2 miles to 15 kilometers. While these races emphasize participation, they also reward performance. Some "fast" facts:

- Show up no more than 30 minutes before the race to register.
- Runners of all abilities and ages are welcome, including non-Striders! Walk if you must!
- Sorry, no bathroom facilities will be available
- Fees are cheap! (\$1 for Strider members and \$2 for non-members)
- Water available on longer courses

What a great way to stick to your New Year's resolution while spending time as a family. For more information go to <http://www.striders.net/weekly-series/>.

ADDITIONAL PRIZE INFORMATION... Just to make it interesting, if your student attends 6 races between now and the end of the school year, he or she will receive a cool prize from CMS! This is separate from the awards given by the Striders. Just email Missi Hamet at mhamet@verizon.net to let her know which weeks you participated in the runs/walks.

Take the Y-Fi Challenge

Put your money skills to the test!

Sat, Jan 28, 2012 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Howard Community College - Kittleman Room
Youth Ages 12-18 and their parents

Kids: Think you have what it takes to stretch your dollar to cover ALL your needs and wants?

Drop in to spend one hour on this interactive, reality simulation. During the event you will...

1. Get your "career"; find out just how much the job pays, and stretch your paycheck to cover all your expenses.
2. Go "shopping" and see if you can stick to your budget as you make money choices about housing, utilities, transportation, food, clothing and much, much more!
3. Watch out for your "Lucky or Unlucky Chance" card to see if you can stay on track. Your luck could be good, or it could wreak havoc on your monthly budget!

The event is perfect for youth from 12-18 years old. Younger students will gain an appreciation of the tough financial choices adults have to make each day. Older students will learn how career, education and spending choices can have a direct impact on their success. Families together will learn how to support each other in making earning, spending and saving choices. Registration is encouraged but not required. Visit

www.yfichallenge.eventbrite.com to register.

Reflections Artwork

CMS Students' Reflections Artwork Forwarded to Howard County

The following students' Reflections entries on the theme of "Diversity means..." have been forwarded to Howard County PTA for further judging:

Christine Kwon, visual arts

Amy Li, visual arts

Chris Young, photography

Congratulations on your outstanding interpretations of the theme and best wishes for continued success in the county PTA adjudication!!!

Free Youth Finance Seminar

Debra Young, Parent Seminar Committee

Junior Achievement of Central Maryland will sponsor a free youth finance event for students ages 12 - 18 on **Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Howard Community College**. Plan on spending up to 90 minutes participating in a simulation of financial planning, goal setting and decision-making. Students will receive a "job," find out how much they are paid, and stretch their paychecks to cover their expenses to learn how career, education and spending choices can have a direct impact on their success.

For more information and to register for this free event, visit:

<http://yfichallenge.eventbrite.com/>



Community Service Announcement

BLANKET MAKING WORKSHOP

Girl Scout Troop 2527 has organized a blanket making workshop to earn their Silver Award!

Please come for three hours of FUN on **Saturday, February 11, 2012 (1-4pm)** at Schooley

Mill Park. We will be making fleece blankets to donate to the House of Ruth, a domestic violence center that helps abused women and children find safety and security. Snacks and a fun patch are also included. Participants should be 10 years of age or older. Cost is \$15.

Space is limited. **Please RSVP by 2/5/12** to knoblett6@yahoo.com

CMS Band Program Winter Concert

The CMS Band program **Winter Concert** will be held on **Wednesday, January 25th at 7:30pm** at CMS, with a snow date of Wednesday, February 1st. Further details will be forthcoming, but we wanted to let the families of Concert Band and Wind Ensemble students know so that you can mark the dates on your calendars for our band students' big performance!

Looking farther into the future, the **Spring Concert** date will be May 31st (same time and location).

If you have any questions, please contact CMS Band Director Mr. Smith or Lauren Levy, Band Booster President, (410-531-7414).

River Hill Field Hockey Fundraiser

Where: Ledo Pizza and Pasta - River Hill Shopping Center
When: **TUESDAY, January 31, 2012. 4-10 pm.**

10 % of ALL the revenue from 4-10pm will support RHFH Dine-in OR carry-out !

(Carry-out number- 443-535-0599)

GO HAWKS!

Magazine Drive

Thank you for supporting this year's magazine drive. Although we are no longer accepting paper orders, you can continue to support CMS and the PTA by ordering online at www.gaschoolstore.com. The CMS ID is 1736412. CMS will receive 40% of all online orders for the rest of the school year.

Food on the 15th

January Schedule

January 9 - 19: Food & Toiletry Collection
January 19: Delivery

Directory

It's here! The CMS PTA Student Directory has been delivered. Only those that joined the PTA received one. If you would like one, you can bring **\$5.00 in EXACT CHANGE** or a **check** (payable to CMS PTA) to the front office to purchase one. The only times to purchase will be:

- Before alpha
- Before lunch
- After school until 3:30

If you did not see your information in the Directory and would like to add it, send all the pertinent information to Carrie Thompson at tct@ix.netcom.com. An addendum will be going out next week if anyone who didn't get their information in the original would like their information included. If you have not joined the PTA, you can contact Debbie Tow at debtow@verizon.net.

Fresh Produce to be Delivered to your Home all Winter Long!!

Become a member of the Clarksville Community Supported Agriculture - Winter Edition to have fresh, local produce delivered weekly to your home or office! YOU CHOOSE what goes into your weekly basket!

The farm will donate a basket of produce to the Food on the 15th program and/or local families in need for every 15 members who sign up for the Winter CSA!

The farm also makes a donation to the PTA based on the number of members.

For more details and to sign up, please go to <http://www.thezahradkafarm.com/>. Go to the CSA tab and look under "NEW! Winter Member Sign Up" for prices and "Weekly Share Orders" for examples of how to choose your own produce each week.

Fundraising Committee

The CMS PTA needs volunteers for a Fundraising Committee to assess if the current Magazine Drive (being the only CMS fundraiser) is sufficient for the school's needs and/or if it's the right type of fundraiser considering the decline of the print media industry and the going green initiative we're striving for. We're still looking for 3 participants to sit on this committee. Please contact Adrianna Abate, CMS PTA President @ cmsptaprez@yahoo.com if you are interested.



Sign up for free \$\$\$ for your student's education

Welcome to the start of a new school year with the CMS retailers school support programs. By registering your **GIANT**, **SAFEWAY** and now your **HARRIS TEETER** store savings card online, Clarksville Middle School will earn cash every time you shop. The cash awards will automatically be forwarded to our school and can be used for the educational needs of our children.

Please remember that everyone must re-designate each year!

For Giant Food Shoppers: Please log onto <http://www.giantfood.com/aplus> to designate your card, use CMS code: 00966.

For Safeway shoppers: Please visit <http://www.escrip.com> (For new accounts: Choose Step 1 "Sign up - Its free" and enter Group Id 6488860. For existing accounts, simply sign in and follow the prompts.)

For Harris Teeter shoppers: Please visit <http://www.harristeeter.com> and select either sign up or login, use CMS TIE code: 8248.

Thank you for supporting CMS. We look forward to an exciting and rewarding year of collaboration with **GIANT**, **SAFEWAY** and now **HARRIS TEETER**.

Any questions may be directed to the program chair, Laura Uecker, at lsuecker@verizon.net