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DEC 2017-JAN 2018

## CMS Monthly Calendar

**Dec. 4th**

*PTO @PKMS 6:15pm*

**Dec. 6th-22nd**

*5Essentials Survey Window*

**Dec. 8th**

*CHS Registrations Due in Skyward*

**Dec. 11th & 12th**

*CHS Counselor Visit*

**Dec. 18th**

*Board of Education Meeting  
@6:00 pm*

**Dec. 23rd- Jan. 5th**

*Winter Break*

**Jan. 8th**

*School Resumes*

*PTO @PKMS 6:15pm*

**Jan. 15th**

*MLK Holiday*

**Jan 16th**

*Board of Education Meeting  
@6:00 pm*

**Jan. 19th**

*End of 2nd Quarter*

### CHS COURSE REGISTRATION

This past Wednesday evening was the AAA showcase at CHS for incoming freshman. Course registration materials were handed out at the event. If you were unable to attend, registration packets will be sent home with your child. Please review these materials with your child, complete the green sheet and return to CMS by Friday, December 8th, and have your child register for classes in Skyward. Counselors will be at CMS on December 11th and 12th to meet with each child to verify course placements and answer any questions. If you should have questions, please feel free to contact the office or child's counselor at CHS.

Brian Melvin Last Name A-HARS

Rachel Rodriguez Last Name HART-PES

Megan Marciniac Last Name PET-Z

### WRESTLING SIGN-UP

Wrestling season begins on Monday, December 4th. Any athlete interested in wrestling needs to register on the CMS 8to18 webpage. Please go to: <http://il.8to18.com/bcms/>, click the Registration tab at the top, and follow the steps. Accounts created last year at PKMS will carry over. In addition to registering, all wrestlers must have an updated physical on file at CMS. Completed physicals can be checked in at the CMS Main Office. If you have questions about wrestling, please contact Coach O'Donnell at: [joseph.odonnell@central301.net](mailto:joseph.odonnell@central301.net).

### PSAT SCORES ARE COMING

Students 13 and over who took the PSAT 8/9 can [create an online account](#) to view their scores. Students can set up a free College Board account at any time. Scores will be available to students beginning December 11th. If a student doesn't see their scores when they log in, they may need to enter an access code. Contact Kristine Bushman at [kristine.bushman@central301.net](mailto:kristine.bushman@central301.net) for the access code. Paper reports will be sent at a later date.

## 5ESSENTIALS SURVEY

From December 6th to December 22nd, 2017, the Illinois State Board of Education will conduct its annual survey of learning conditions. The 5Essentials Survey was developed by researchers at the University of Chicago, and provides schools with data on five leading indicators for school improvement: Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Involved Families, Supportive Environment, and Ambitious Instruction. A summary of the results will be publicly reported on the State School Report Card website at <http://illinoisreportcard.com>.

Research has shown that schools strong on these indicators, the “5Essentials” are 10 times more likely to improve student learning. Your participation in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will help us understand the conditions of our school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The 5 Essentials Survey is available to parents starting on Wednesday. Please follow the link below and click on parents to complete a survey for Central Middle School. We need at least 20% of the parent population to complete the survey in order to receive a report. The information gathered from this survey assists the staff and administration in setting school improvement goals. Do not miss out on this opportunity. The staff at CMS values the information received from the parents through this survey. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.

<http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

## CMS ADOPTS 7 ORPHANS FOR CHRISTMAS

Each year the CMS staff makes it a focus to involve the students in community service. This year we have decided to adopt 7 orphan boys from the LYDIA House to provide Christmas presents for. Why 7 boys you ask? We chose 7 boys after speaking to the LYDIA House because they were the only ones left to be adopted. We wanted to make sure they all received something. CMS teachers, Student Council, and STAR will be spearheading the project. If any family is interested in assisting, we ask for you to send in gift cards to Target, Walmart, or Best Buy clearly marked LYDIA House to the office by Friday, December 8th. Items will then be purchased from the kids wish lists and sent to the LYDIA House. Thank you in advance for being a part of our project and bringing happiness to a child for Christmas.



## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

On March 20th and 21st, CMS will be volunteering at Feed My Starving Children from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Parent volunteers will be needed. Please click on the links below by team to volunteer.

Blue Team: <https://goo.gl/forms/VHnP6TAo2jirFFsq1>

White Team: <https://goo.gl/forms/dRDpcqzINMHCtguM2>



**CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Central Community Unit School District #301  
P.O. Box 397 \* 44W303 Plato Road Burlington, IL 60109

December 1, 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The middle school years are marked by students striving for independence yet needing a support system of peers and adults to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. Middle school students experience stress due to academic expectations as well as difficulties with peer relationships. At times, middle school students do not know how to best cope with the stressors they encounter on a daily basis. As educators, it is not only our responsibility to educate students in the areas of reading, writing, and math but also target their social-emotional learning (SEL). The definition of SEL is the process through which we learn to recognize and manage emotions, care about others, make good decisions, behave ethically and responsibly, develop positive relationships and avoid negative behaviors.

To proactively address these issues, Central Middle School is administering a survey to ascertain a child's stress inside/outside of school and his/her support system inside/outside of school. In addition, if your son or daughter completes the questionnaire and there is a concern, please know that CMS staff will be available to meet with students and then follow up with a phone call to you.

If you do NOT wish your son or daughter to participate in the survey please complete the form below and return it to CMS to the attention of Mrs. Walter by December 8th, 2017. If we do not hear from you, we will assume your child has permission to participate in this survey.

Sincerely,

Carie Walter	Kristine Bushman	Rose Danielek	Sarah Nolan
CMS Principal	CMS Asst. Principal	CMS Social Worker	CMS School Psychologist

I do **NOT** wish my student, \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the screener.  
(print student's name legibly)

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# CENTRAL COOKIE CREATION COMPANY

## Raspberry Almond Thumbprints

- ❖ A delicious buttery base cookie, filled with raspberry preserves and drizzled with an almond glaze.



## Chocolate/White Chocolate Pretzel Rods

- ❖ A sweet and salty taste that will satisfy your taste buds. Milk chocolate and white chocolate pretzel rods.



## Christmas Cutout Sugar Cookie

- ❖ A favorite at every holiday table. Colorful, decorated sugar cookie cut outs.



## Christmas Chocolate Chip Cookies

- ❖ A twist on an old classic. Colorful red and green chocolate chip cookies.



**\$5 for a baker's dozen**  
**Don't Let Santa Go Empty handed**  
Contact [Cathy.britts.Axen@central301.net](mailto:Cathy.britts.Axen@central301.net)



PACK THE PLACE

DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

by

P.T.O AND C.M.S. PEP CLUB



Come and **cheer** on the CMS basketball team and **win** gift cards!

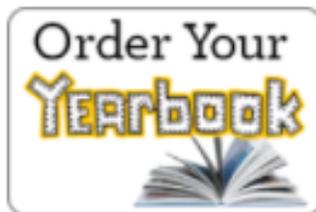
**Game Time is 4:00**

We will also be holding a Food Drive. Admission will be waived if attendees bring 2 cans of food.



Are you still looking for that perfect  
gift for your 8th grader?

How about a 2018 CMS School  
Yearbook?



[www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)

# SAVE THE DATE

Are you interested in learning more  
about Central High School's Advanced Placement (AP) program?

- **Join us on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> for AP Night**
  - Parents and students are encouraged to attend!
  - **6:00pm in CHS's auditorium**
- The evening will include an opportunity to hear from a panel of AP teachers, students, parents and a college admissions rep!

*We want to answer your questions!*

- Is AP right for me/my student?
- How will AP benefit me/my student?
  - How do I enroll in an AP class?
  - What exactly does the class entail?

## Advanced Placement courses offered for the 18-19 school year:

AP Biology	AP English Language & Comp	AP Physics 2	AP Studio Art: 3D - Design
AP Calculus AB	AP English Literature & Comp	AP Psychology	AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP Calculus BC	AP Environmental Science	AP Spanish Lang & Culture	AP US Government & Politics
AP Chemistry	AP German Lang & Culture	AP Statistics	AP United States History
AP Computer Science A	AP Physics 1	AP Studio Art: 2D - Design	AP Human Geography



# FREE PICTURE with SANTA



SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER  
17th @ 2-5pm

## 125 S. MAIN ST. BURLINGTON, IL

# FEED THE RIVALRY

DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup>



## PUT YOUR APPETITE TO WORK FOR YOUR SCHOOL.

The fundraising battle is on. From Monday, December 4th through Sunday, December 10th, when you come into McAlister's new location in Elgin, we will donate 20% of your purchase to your school. Simply drop your receipt into the box marked for either Central High or South Elgin High. The school that raises the most money will receive an additional \$1,000 for their school.



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We wish to thank those 240 guests that participated in our 10th Annual Trivia with a Twist.

Photos from the night are up on our facebook page.

Thank you to our generous sponsors! Please patronize them! Sponsor's links will be up on our website soon.

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Please know that we are accepting donations to our organization through the Illinois Give #GIVINGTUESDAY program. Though the program is designated for Tuesday, November 28th, it will be open to accept donations already. This is another method by which you can support our mission of:

**"Dream it. Fund it. Build it. College and Career Readiness"**

[w.ilgive.com/organizations/301-central-education-foundation](http://w.ilgive.com/organizations/301-central-education-foundation)

Our next event is the Harlem Wizards basketball game in October of 2018. We are seeking volunteers and sponsors. If you'd like to learn more about the 301 Central Education Foundation and how you can help, please contact [Chairman@301foundation.org](mailto:Chairman@301foundation.org).

We wish you a strong finish to 2017 and an incredible 2018!