

Weekly Announcements for City High Middle School

For Friday, October 20, 2017

Email: albina@grps.org

PREMIERE POINTS

STUDENT PHOTOS

Most school photo packages, were distributed this week. However if your student did not receive their pictures, please stop into the main office to pick-up.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Mrs. Ralston is leading a non-perishable food drive that will take place on October 26th. Please note that this food drive is separate from the *United for Puerto Rico* drive that concluded on 10/19. Students are asked to bring in canned, boxed or packaged non-perishable pantry items on, or before, October 26th that will be given to the Creston Neighborhood Association for their work with families who are in need locally. Please drop off donations to the box found outside of your 8th hour teacher's room. Each EPIC class will be competing to see who can bring in and fill the most boxes with food. The winning class will receive a reward!

COTTON CANDY FUND RAISER FOR TRAVEL CLUB

There will be cotton candy on sale for \$1 a bag on Wednesday, 10/25, after school by the library! One day only! Limited amounts will be available, first come first served! Help support the trips to France and Spain.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Enjoy fabulous music brought to you in concert by the City High Orchestra on Thursday, October 26th at 7 PM.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

The Annual Halloween Dance is Friday, October 27th from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. It is going to be an awesome and fun evening filled with ghost, goblins, food, laughter, and fun. In order to attend, 6th – 10th grade students must have completed one-third of their CAS hours, while 11th and 12th grade students should have turned in their CAS hours for the month of September. Admission is \$3 dollars, or free if you have an Activity Pass. Please note that this dance is for City High Middle School, and Center for Economicology, students only, sorry no guests this time.

PROTECT YOUNG EYES

On October 24th there will be a digital safety assembly entitled "Protect Young Eyes" taking place for all students. The assembly is about 50-60 minutes in length, with three sessions taking place. Times are below.

- 6th & 7th grade (9:15 – 10:05 am)
- 8th & 9th grade (10:15-11:10 am)
- 10th – 12th grades (11:15 – 12:15 pm).



FOOD DRIVE

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Bring your non-perishable donation to your 8th hour. The class with the highest donation count in comparison with the number of students in the class will win a Donut & Cider Party. All donations to be given to local food pantries.

This event is sponsored by JNHS/NHS

PosterMyWall.com

NO SCHOOL

There is no school for students on November 7. It is a professional development day for staff.

IB PARENT MEETING

There is an IB Parent Meeting on November 8, at 6 PM. Several college representatives will be on-hand to answer questions about:

- Application deadlines
- Admission standards
- IB credit/placement
- Campus life
- Financial aid/scholarships
- Extracurricular Offerings
- Program majors/minors

This meeting is open to parents and students of any grade level. It is never too soon to start thinking about the college selection process. Please join us for this insightful evening of academic advising.

PARKING PERMITS

High School Students: If you plan on driving to school and utilizing the parking lot, you must fill out the appropriate paperwork with Officer Mosley or Officer Vincent. There is a form that requires a parent/guardian signature. Additionally, a copy of your driver's license, vehicle registration, car insurance and payment of \$15 is required before a permit will be issued. Please bring a check or money order in the exact amount of \$15 made out to GR Public Schools, as the security office is unable to make change. Any vehicle parked on the school property without the proper identification is subject to being ticketed or towed. See Officer Mosley or Officer Vincent as soon as possible.

SPORTS SHORTS

OHHS SPORTS INFO

Volleyball - Congratulations to the Ottawa Hills Lady Bengals varsity volleyball team as they took home 1st place in the annual Godwin Heights Pink-Out tournament over the weekend. The tournament featured eight teams total. Lady Bengals took home the trophy to capture 1st place. Great job. Lady Bengals.

Girl's Swimming- Individual Event winners are: Lauren Kuzee, Zoe Julian, Anna DeBraber, Miranda Lee, Kristina Lesatz & Sophia Scott. Leslie Owen, Rori Sanders, Ella Carr, Myranda Denczek, & Hannah Owen also finished first in relay events. Ottawa defeated Union 110-73. Both teams fought hard with numerous fast swims, and will finish out their seasons in Hastings at the OK Rainbow Conference Championships.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS INFO

- 7th & 8th Boys Soccer team were eliminated by Burton 2-1. Congratulations to the players and Coach Tindall on a fine season.
- Co-ed Cross Country Invitational Saturday 10-21-17 @ 11AM. The race will be at 1400 Fuller NE
- Girls Volleyball 10-23-17 C A Frost at City White 5:15PM
10-23-17 City Blue at U-Prep @ Central High 5:15PM
- City Volleyball Tournament 10-28-17 at Union High School 8:00 AM
- We will have the following sign-ups on 10-24-17 during lunch.
- 6th-7th-8th grade co-ed swimming
- Girls 7th-8th grade Competitive Cheer
- 6th grade and 7th-8th grade boys basketball

SPORTS VOLUNTEER NEEDED – STUDENT OR PARENT

If there is anyone who is willing to be the information liaison for the Union High School sports teams, please contact Alesia Albin. We would love to hear about the events and participation that our City students who play for Union High School, are accomplishing. Please email albina@grps.org if you are willing to fill in this gap.

PTSA NEWS

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL OCT. 26

Parents & guardians, please join us from 8-9 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26 for coffee with the principal! Bring your questions, have some coffee and meet some other City parents. We'll be in the Media Center/Library – hope to see you there! If you can't make it then, no problem: Send your questions to paulajfoley@gmail.com. Mark your calendar for two more Coffee with the Principal gatherings: Jan. 18 and Apr. 19.



SHOP FOR A GOOD CAUSE AT THE RECYCLED ART MARKET ON NOV. 4

Each year City hosts the Recycled Art Market, a wonderful collection of artisans who focus on repurposing, upcycling or recycling materials in their work. It's a great opportunity to find unique, wonderful, one of a kind gifts for someone on your holiday list. \$2 Admission supports our school! Feel free to spread the word by sharing the Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1766171503683034/>

VOLUNTEER FOR THE RECYCLED ART MARKET NOV. 3-4

We need adult and student volunteers from Friday afternoon for set-up to Saturday afternoon for tear-down. The vendors LOVE how helpful City students are. If you sign up for a whole day, you get a free lunch! Don't let the next CAS hour deadline sneak up on you; get the next requirement out of the way early. Sign up here for a variety of jobs to choose from:



http://www.cityptsa.com/ptsa/volunteer/?sheet_id=15

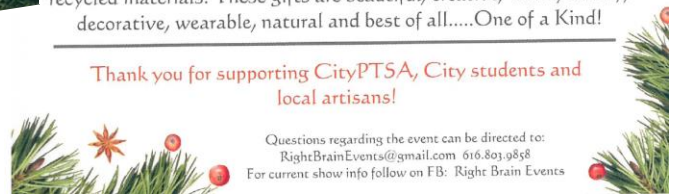
Join us at City High Middle School on Saturday November 4th for one of the most unique holiday markets of 2017!

The 9th Annual Recycled Art Market

Help support City students by inviting your friends and family to our unique shopping event. 75 juried artisans will delight you with their well stocked booths, full of quality, handmade goods! 60 of these talented artists have items made from at least 50% repurposed, upcycled or recycled materials. These gifts are beautiful, creative, warm, cuddly, decorative, wearable, natural and best of all.....One of a Kind!

Thank you for supporting CityPTSA, City students and local artisans!

Questions regarding the event can be directed to:
RightBrainEvents@gmail.com 616.803.9858
For current show info follow on FB: Right Brain Events



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CITY'S MUSICAL NOV. 10-12

City students are performing "Fiddler on the Roof." There will be 7:30 p.m. shows Friday and Saturday followed by a 2 p.m. show on Sunday. Tickets (\$8 for students, \$12 for adult) can be purchased online or at the door. For info: <http://www.cityptsa.com/event/citys-musical-fiddler-on-the-roof/2017-11-10/>

SENIOR GRAD

Fundraising will happen all year to help with costs for this graduation celebration, but we still ask families for a contribution (scholarships are available). Make full or partial payment by Dec. 10 for a cost of \$150. If nothing is paid by Dec. 10, the cost goes up to \$175 and must be paid in full by April 1, 2018. Questions? Or want to join the planning committee? Email committee chair Jess Carr, jesscarr@mac.com. Also, senior parents and guardians (NO STUDENTS—IT'S A SECRET!) please ask to join our CLOSED Facebook group to help with communication: [City HS Senior Grad Party](#)

VOLUNTEER FOR THE AUCTION

Duties for this spring fundraiser are spelled out and simply need to be put into action. Last year's chair is happy to serve as co-chair to ease the transition. Please email Secretary@cityptsa.com if you are interested!

FREE CLASSES FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS & CAREGIVERS

The district offers [FREE ongoing classes](#) for parents, grandparents, and caregivers, such as English as a Second Language, Play and Learn Group for those with 1-5 year olds, exercises classes such as Yoga, Zumba, Cooking with Kids, Basic Computer Skills, Home Buying 101, DACA Community meetings, and more. Classes offered at multiple locations, multiple dates – find something that works for you! Did I mention the classes are FREE?! Learn more here: <https://parents.grps.org/courses/>

UNIFORM CLOSET

Have your kids grown out of uniform clothing that's still in good shape? Please consider donating outgrown items to the uniform closet in the guidance office—just drop them off. Uniforms can be expensive for some budgets, and the closet is there to help—you can visit the guidance office or send your student to get what they need. If needed sizes are unavailable, let Ms. Ralston know and the PTSA will make it happen.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Have you been clipping those Boxtop labels off the products you buy regularly? Send them in with your student and raise money for the school. There's a box in the office to collect them.

SHOP ONLINE? START AT SMILE.AMAZON.COM

Another easy way to raise money for City is to start your online shopping at smile.amazon.com. When you start there, Amazon donates a portion of qualifying purchases to the nonprofit of your choice. Choose City High Middle PTSA from the dropdown menu underneath the search bar. Thanks!

COUNSELORS CORNER

MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

From Ms. Tamara Johnston, Middle School Counselor

TALK & TOUR CAREER SERIES at Kent ISD

A variety of career paths will be highlighted throughout Kent ISD's Talk & Tour Career Series this year. These **career exploration** events are like getting 5 job shadows in one! Come hear directly from a panel of professionals, ask your

career questions, and tour the employer's workspace. Parents are encouraged to attend! Designed for 7-12 grade students. Check out the complete [2017/2018 Talk & Tour Career Series](#)

CAREER SPEAKERS SERIES

The middle school career speaker series has begun! Students will get exposure to many types of careers and professions. It is Wednesdays during lunch time in the media center. Students sign up to attend outside the counseling office.

YOU AS A CAREER SPEAKER

We would like to invite parents or interested professionals to be a speaker! Please join us. You will get to share about your work with students from 10:45-11:30. You could bring a presentation, props, activities, or examples. Please contact Tamara Johnston for more information at: 616-914-0700. johnstont@grps.org. We look forward to having you!

CALLING ALL 6-12TH GRADE CHANGE AGENTS!

THE 2017/18 CYCLE OF YOUTH COALITION IS LIVE AND YOU ARE NEEDED!

WHAT IS YOUTH COALITION ANYWAY?

The Above the Influence [ATI]-Kent County Youth Coalition is a project of the Kent County Prevention Coalition [KCPC] and was birthed out a vision to empower youth to successfully rise above the negative influences that surround them daily. ATI-Kent County is a movement through which we are changing the tide of underage substance use in our community and placing youth at the helm as the driving force of change. Individually we do amazing things, but collectively, we can have an exponential impact that extends beyond what any organization, school, or individual has the capacity to do alone.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

The ATI-Kent County Youth Coalition has put together many INCREDIBLE projects across Kent County [from Project: Sticker Shock to our annual Youth Summit!] and is committed to grooming youth for greatness! Through participation, you can serve as the "face of ATI-Kent County" while earning cool incentives, make new friends, have fun...AND MORE!

I LIKE WHAT I SEE. WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Youth Coalition is a commitment. This group meets on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from 3:45-5:30PM. Meetings are held at network180 [790 Fuller Ave. NE, GR, MI 49503]

I'M IN...HOW DO I JOIN?

1. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the Youth Coalition application. <http://files.constantcontact.com/3a91c101101/8560eecb-cf23-4e6d-905b-abd2e4acd67b.pdf>
2. Bring your COMPLETED application to the next Youth Coalition gathering! The dates and times for upcoming meetings are noted: Monday, November 6th, 3:45-5:50pm - *final day to join!*

NEWS WORTH REPEATING

PARKING LOT REMINDERS

- Drive slowly at all times. Speed should never exceed 10 miles per hour in the parking area – reckless driving or excessive speed cannot be tolerated
- Observe and obey stop signs
- Always yield the right of way to busses and pedestrians
- Only enter at designated access areas, and exit at marked outlets.
- Keep the circle drive clear for buses

- Do not park in, or block, driveways and lanes to avoid congestion and maintain the steady flow of traffic
- Park your car in a marked parking space when dropping off or picking up a student
- Remove keys and lock doors when exiting a car and never leave a child unattended.
- Use only one parking space per vehicle – parking across spaces is not permitted and may result in ticketing
- Student drivers need a parking permit (available in the school security office) – the cost is 15 dollars and proof of a valid driver's license, vehicle registration and insurance are required [Note: Permits have not been offered yet, and this line will not go into effect until they have been made available](#))
- Student drivers with a valid parking permit should park in the lot on the south end of the gym. Non-registered cars may be ticketed.
- Never walk between parked or moving busses
- Report any parking lot accident or injury immediately to the school security office or to the main office.
- Treat other drivers and pedestrians with consideration – being kind to each other inside and outside the building exemplifies the values of our City School Community.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Please check ParentVue to ensure emergency contacts are up to date. Remember, office staff are NOT able to release students to any person not listed on the emergency contact list. Nor is release of a student permissible during the school day by way of a phone call, Email or text message, as these tools do not allow staff to identify the caller or communicator. **Students must be signed-out in the main office by a parent, guardian or a person listed as an emergency contact.** These policies are for the protection of students, so please try to be understanding when staff are upholding district procedure.

CROSSWALKS

All students who cross Plainfield, please use-designated crosswalks and look carefully before stepping into traffic lanes. When activating the flashing cross lights, ensure that traffic is clear, or has come to a complete halt, before stepping away from the curb.

INSTRUCTIONAL INTERRUPTIONS

As often as possible, we ask all of our City families to help limit interruptions to the classroom by:

- Sending a note with your student for appointments, or other events that cause the need for early dismissal, so that we can limit calls to the classroom.
- Letting your student know that deliveries (lunches, homework, athletic items, projects, etc) should be picked up in the main office in-between classes or during your student's lunch period.
- Talking about after school transportation arrangements with your student prior to the school day. Thank you for helping us make the most of our classroom teaching time.

DISMISSAL TIME

This is a reminder that students should be prepared to go home when school is dismissed at 2:41PM each day unless involved in an approved, adult-led club, WorkZone, or athletic team event. For safety reasons, please take time to discuss after-school arrangements with your child so there is a clear plan for travel home, or for involvement in an adult supervised activity at dismissal time. Students will be asked to wait outside once school is dismissed, or during inclement weather, to stay in the sheltered entrance areas, and should dress accordingly. WorkZone will not be held the last school day before an extended break such as winter break or spring break.

REPLACEMENT COST

Students ID - \$5

Lock - \$3

Planner - \$5

Please stop into the main office if you want to replace these items.

***CLUBS**

MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS

ROBOTICS is for 7th and 8th graders. Meetings are every Wednesday & Thursday after school until 4:00 pm in room 317.

YEARBOOK CLUB

Yearbook Club meets on Monday and Wednesdays in Room 110, from 2:45 – 4 PM. See Mrs. Emperor for more details.

COMIC CLUB

Comic Club meets on Thursdays, in room 206, from 2:45 – 4 PM. Mr. Shirey leads it.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB

Model UN meets each Thursday from 2:45 – 4:30 in Room 321. See Mr. Travis for more information about this mock UN simulation forum.

MEDICAL CLUB

Medical Club is for students who are interested in the medical sciences. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, from 2:45 – 3:50 in Room 204.

E-CLUB aka-ENVIORNMENTAL CLUB

This is a club for high school students interested in understanding the relationship between human actions and environmental health, and, promoting awareness and outreach through recycling, planting, beautifying and cleaning. Meetings happen during high school lunch in Room 330. For more details, contact Mrs.

VandeGevel at VandeGevelK@grps.org

FRENCH CLUB

There will be a French Club meeting on the first and third Thursday of each month, after school, until 3:45 in Madame Anderson's room (326.) All are welcome. Please let Madame A. know if you plan to attend by Wednesday afternoon so that we have enough materials for the activity. Arrange for your rides to pick you up promptly at 3:45. French Club is planning to meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 2:45 – 3:45 PM in Room 326.

SPEECH, DEBATE, FORENSICS

In Speech & Debate Club students learn the art of speechmaking and oral presentation. Additionally they learn how to research a preselected topic in order to convince people of a position. Speech & Debate Club meets Monday through Thursday from 2:45 – 4:30 PM in room 108. Mr. William Harris is the leader for this very active and competitive group.

KNITTING CLUB

Knitting Club meets in Mrs. Castillo's room (321) on Tuesdays from 2:45 – 4:00 PM. The first meeting date is 10/10/17.

BOARD GAME CLUB

Board Game Club is not only fun but it will strengthen mental agility, strategy, thinking ahead, sequencing, decision-making and teamwork. Meetings are every Tuesday from 2:45 – 3:45 PM in room 116. Mr. Brown is the club leader.

JOCULARITY CLUB

This club is a place for students to hang out and have fun through a variety of different activities, Some weeks it may be watching a video together, other weeks it may be board games, or perhaps a group discussion or activity . This club will meet in room 126 from 3 – 4 PM. Mr. Tweedale is the leader.

*All clubs need pre-approval (via a club application form) by the principal, and a building use form before club meetings begin. Clubs must have an adult sponsor who is present at every meeting/activity and approved through the GRPS volunteer process.

*Ensure rides for after school activities are planned and communicated at home prior to meeting dates.