WELCOME TO COVENTRY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR!
99% of the answers to your most popular questions are included in this newsletter. Information is also available on the web. See the “Back to School” Web Portal at www.coventryschools.org. We are excited about the upcoming year and are very busy making preparations. Enjoy the rest of your summer! We look forward to seeing everyone on August 23rd.

DRESS CODE AND SUPPLY LISTS AVAILABLE AT COVENTRYSCHOOLS.ORG

*Important...Students may not wear clothing that has holes, is torn or tattered. NO BACKPACKS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

SCHOOL FEES FOR ALL CMS STUDENTS ARE $38.00

*All students in 6th grade and 7th & 8th grade will need a Texas Instruments TI-34 MultiView calculator approved by the Ohio Department of Education for testing and is listed on the grade level supply lists. *Band students who utilize a “school owned instrument” will pay a $25.00 fee per year. Planners are not provided for students this school year. Of course, students may purchase a store bought planner for their use.

REGISTRATION/SCHEDULE PICKUP
ALL CMS STUDENTS & PARENTS
8/17 4:30-7:30 PM & 8/18 8:30-11 AM
*Including those who attend Comet Camp

We are requesting ALL students and parents attend one of the registration dates to accomplish the following:
- Beginning of the year paperwork
- School Pictures
- Fee Payment
- Schedule pickup once all of the above items are completed
- Candy Pickup

Forms available in the Back to School Web Portal or the day of the event. For students who do not attend registration/schedule pickup, paperwork & schedules will be distributed on the first day of school. Parents should complete the paperwork and return it to school immediately with a check for school fees. We will NOT pass out schedules to those who do not attend. First period classes will be posted on Friday, August 18th at 5 PM.

COMET CAMP ORIENTATION: August 17th

Comet Camp Orientation will be held on August 17th from 9:00-11:00 for all incoming 5th grade students and any 6th, 7th or 8th grade students who are NEW to the district. A separate flyer regarding that event is enclosed for applicable students. Any student IN ATTENDANCE at Comet Camp will receive a Coventry Comet shirt within the first weeks of school. For students who are unable to attend, don’t panic. We have a large group of 8th grade students identified as “guiding stars” who will assist all students in the first days of school. These students will be easily identifiable in the building and in the parking lot.

OPEN HOUSE August 23rd 6:30-8:00 P.M. Stop in anytime between 6:30-8:00 P.M. to meet your child’s teachers and pickup World’s Finest Chocolate.
OPENING DAY INFORMATION
First day for students:
Wednesday, August 23rd

All Students: For students who do not come to registration/schedule pickup dates, first period class assignments will be posted on door #11 (gym event entrance) at 5 PM on Friday, August 18th. We will NOT pass out schedules to those who do not attend.

CMS Bell Schedule (NEW)

*Tardy Bell at 8:00 AM
1st Period 8:00 – 8:41
(Attendance is taken and announcements are made at the beginning of 1st period.)
2nd Period 8:43 – 9:22
3rd Period 9:24 – 10:03
4th Period 10:05 – 10:44
A Lunch 7/8 EP 5/6 10:46 – 11:30
5th Period 12:18 – 12:57
6th Period 12:59 – 1:38
7th Period 1:40 – 2:19
8th Period 2:21 – 3:00

*Dismissal at 3 PM

CHILD ABSENT?
You must report your child off:
330-644-2232 ext. 1
Written note required upon return

Breakfast/Lunch
Breakfast $1.25 Lunch $3.00
Daily entrée and ala carte selections available.

A NOTE ABOUT FUNDRAISERS...
Each year the school conducts various fundraisers to support activities and provide rewards to students. Your support of these fundraisers is much appreciated. The office fundraisers include the World’s Finest Candy Sale that will begin on August 17th and the Magazine/ Cookie Dough Sale that will kick off in October. These fundraisers are not mandatory for students. Candy can be picked up by parents at either registration event or Open House on August 23rd. Distribution to students will occur at the end of each school day. These fundraisers will follow each other in short succession. However, once they are complete, you should not see additional fundraisers throughout the year (unless your child is involved in extra-curricular activities). Community support of these endeavors is crucial to their success and the corresponding activities and rewards for our students. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the office. If you do not wish for your child to participate in the World’s Finest sale, please contact the office.

A NOTE ABOUT SCHOOL TRIPS: Students may have the opportunity for parent-paid, school-based overnight field trips. It is important to note that the school may exclude students from those trips at our discretion, including failure to pay fees, attendance concerns and/or disciplinary reasons. Trip information will come home with students after the year begins.
VERY IMPORTANT!

Drop-off and dismissal information

Drop-off and dismissal are congested! If your child can ride the bus, please utilize the bus. The doors at Coventry Middle School will open at 7:30 AM. For safety reasons, students MAY NOT wait outside. It is also critical that the procedures outlined here are followed, as they are designed to ensure student and staff safety.

STUDENT DROP-OFF PLEASE READ

Cars in the parking lot prior to 7:30 AM will prevent staff member arrival to ensure appropriate student supervision. Students arriving in cars should not arrive prior to 7:30. The building will be locked. Students arriving by car should only be dropped off in the drop off zone and enter Door #15 to the Cafeteria. Students arriving via bus will be dropped off at the front door and go immediately to the Cafeteria. Students will be released from the Cafeteria at 7:55 AM and have 5 minutes to get to their first period class.

The tardy bell rings at 8:00 AM.

3 P.M. AFTERNOON DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

BUS: At the dismissal bell, students exit the front doors and need to load the bus that will transport them directly home.

WALKING: Students who walk and must cross Cormaney Rd. should do so in the marked cross-walk at the corner of Cormaney and Robinson.

CAR: Parents who are picking up students at school should park ONLY in the lower lot. Parents should enter and exit the lower lot according to the morning drop-off procedures. Cars should only turn right to exit the lower lot. Parent car traffic should not at any time be in the upper portion of the parking lot nearest the building during the following times: 7:30-8:30 AM AND 2:30-3:30 PM. Tip to avoid frustration: Arrive for student pick-up after 3:10 PM. Please do not park in the grass or across the street. The safety of our students is jeopardized when these procedures are not followed. Parent volunteers direct traffic in the lot after school. Please be courteous and follow directions. If you would like to join our corps of lot volunteers, please contact the office.

*See map on back of this page. Map also posted on the website.

2017-2018 Student Scheduling

First period class assignments will be posted on door #11 (gym event entrance) at 5 PM on Friday, August 18th. Students who do not attend one of the registration/schedule pickup dates will receive schedules during their first period class on the first day of school. We will NOT pass out schedules prior to the first day of school other than during the scheduled registration dates/times. Students that are currently enrolled in band or choir will be automatically re-enrolled in those classes unless a WRITTEN parent request for a change has already been made to Ms. Hibian in the Guidance Office (no e-mails). Want to join in the fun? Contact Ms. Hibian to add band and/or choir to your schedule. It is important to note that band and/or choir classes entail a year-long commitment. We will NOT remove students from band and/or choir once the school year begins. Ms. Hibian can be reached at khibian@coventryschools.org to answer any questions.