



# STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH!

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## PRINCIPAL'S POST

Charger Families:

It has been a wonderful start to the school year! Thank you to everyone who was patient with us during the arrival and dismissal challenges the first week of school. Thank you to everyone who has set up a parent portal within myStudent. If you haven't done that already, I strongly recommend you set one up asap. This will allow you to monitor your student's grades, attendance, and behavior in real time. Another way to get up-to-date information about CHMS is through our Facebook page @ CHMS Chasco Middle School.

Something you may not know about me is that I opened CHMS as a teacher in 2001! This is the 11th year that I have spent working at Chasco Middle! I love this school, and I love serving the Chasco community! Please reach out if you ever have questions or concerns, I want to help you find solutions.  
Brandon Dahlin-Bracciale

## TITLE ONE

Chasco Middle is a Title One School. Please see the link below to see certification areas teachers are working on this year. Please copy and past the link below in your browser.

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## EARLY RELEASE DAYS 2022 - 2023

September 7	All 2nd Semester
October 5	early realese
Novvermber 2	days will be full
December 7	days to make up
	lost instruction
	from Hurricane
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## DATES TO REMEMBER TESTING

All math students will be taking their computer based benchmark assessment on Tuesday, October 25 - Wednesday October 26th.

## EVENTS

Red Ribbon Week is Monday October 24th - Friday October 28th. The theme of the event is Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free. Each day we will dress to show our support of this important event.

Mon.10/24: Wear Red

Tues.10/25: Wear Team Colors

Wed. 10/26 Wear Tye Dye/Neon

Thurs. 10/27 Wear college shirts

Fri. 10/28 Dress like a super hero (no masks or weapons).

## REMINDERS

Report cards will be posted to the parent portal 10/25

8th grade: This week, students are returning money and permission slips to attend the Kennedy Space Center Field Trip on December 2. Information for GradVenture will be sent home soon!

## BEEFS CHARGER NIGHT

Chasco Middle School would like to invite you to Beefs Charger Night! Tuesday, November 8 from 5pm-8pm.

Beef 0' Bradys 8717 Little Rd.  
New Port Richey, Fl. 34654.

We hope to see you there!!

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR PARENTS

### LUNCH FORMS

While breakfast remains free for all students, lunches are not. In order to receive free or reduced lunch prices, parents must complete a free or reduced form found here:

[https://www.myschoolapps.com/ Application](https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application)

## PARENT NOTIFICATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As a part of the Parent Bill of Rights Law, all parents must complete the Notifications, acknowledgements, and opt-outs during the registration process. If this is not completed, students will not be able to access clinic services.

## 1ST ANNUAL HOOPS FOR THE HUNGRY BASKETBALL CAMP

Saturday, October 29th @ CHMS  
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Middle & High school students.  
Pre-register by 10/27

Camp is free with a donation of any of the following donations:

- . 5 non-perishable items
- . Cash/check
- . store gift card
- . Hygiene products

## CHMS SCHEDULE

### Start Time

8:10

### End Time

2:30

### Early Release End

12:30

## DRESS FOR SUCCESS!

While we want our students to feel comfortable at school, pajamas, tube tops, sports bras, slippers, and short shorts should be worn at home. These items are revealing, distracting, or pose safety hazzards on the stairs. . Parents please support us!

See back for more >



## Continuation ...

### SCIENCE SCIENCE/ENGINEERING SHOWCASE

All students are invited to participate in this year's school-based Science and Engineering Showcase. Our CHMS Showcase is scheduled for December 7. If you have any questions, contact your child's science teacher. Honors and Accelerated students are required to complete individual projects as part of their grade.

### SEEKING CHAPERONES

Our 7th grade Science team is seeking chaperones for their annual field trip to Starky Park. If you would like to chaperone please complete the volunteer application on the district website and let your child's science teacher know that you're interested.

### STARKEY PARK FIELD TRIP

7th Grade students will be traveling off campus to visit Starky Park in November. Be on the lookout for permission slips and details in the coming weeks. If you are interested in becoming a chaperone, please contact your teacher's science teacher.

### SCIENCE DEPARTMENT STAFF

6th Grade

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8th Grade

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Mrs. Reay - [mreay@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:mreay@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Science Coach

Mrs. Seese - [aplunkar@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:aplunkar@pasco.k12.fl.us)

### COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Red Ribbon Week will be October 24 - 28. The theme of the week will be Celebrate Life..Live Drug Free. We will have theme days each week as well as a poster contest. The Poster must convey the message " Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free." It should be 18 x 24 and can be digital or free hand. Posters are due to Mrs. Masotto by October 26th.

### MATH

All math students will be taking their computer based benchmark assessment on Tuesday, October 25 - Wednesday, October 26th.

Students should complete any missing assignments and study notes to be prepared for this important test.

### FOCUS ON READING

Lexia PowerUP Literacy is a supplemental literacy program designed to enhance core ELA instruction for non-proficient readers in grades 6-12. Lexia PowerUP responds to students as they work so students get additional instruction and practice as they need it and move quickly in areas where they have shown proficiency. In first Quarter, Mrs. Depp's reading classroom had more than 30 students who completed 100 units or more in the program. Mrs. Stirsman/Pantoja's classes had more than 35 students who have completed more than 100 units in the program. Keep up the wonderful work reading students! For students who have not completed close to 100 units, it's time to step it up!

### AVID

Students will be selling World's Finest Chocolates from October 17 - 28th. The funds raised will support field trips to colleges and on-campus activities.

### ATHLETICS

Girls Basketball tryouts are this week October 17 - 20. Per the Florida High School Athletic Association, students must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher to be eligible to tryout. Students must have a physical completed for athletic clearance in order to tryout. This year the physical forms are done online. Please go to [AthleticClearance.com](http://AthleticClearance.com) to begin the process.

### ELA

Every day in Language Arts students are listening, speaking, reading, writing and thinking. The topics for each grade level are listed below.

6th grade Quarter 2

How does one finally reach the decision to act in the face of uncertainty? What motivates us to conquer feelings of uncertainty? After reading a variety of texts about individuals who act even when they are unsure of what lies ahead, 6th grade students will write an expository essay comparing what motivates these individuals to act or make a decision when there are no guidelines to help them.

7th grade Quarter 2

Why do people chase dreams, even if they seem impossible? What makes a dream worth pursuing? How do optimism and grit contribute to the pursuit of a dream? This unit emphasizes argumentative writing and encourages students to explore these questions through the reading of a wide variety of texts. The selections convey a range of messages about people overcoming obstacles to create a better life for themselves and their communities.

8th grade Quarter 2

What are the characteristics of a risk-taker? Why do we take chances? Students will be reading an assortment of texts about people who take risks and the outcomes of those risks. They will also be analyzing the informational texts to determine how the authors inform readers about their risk-taking subjects.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

US History - Students are currently learning about the birth of our nation, the declaration of independence and the Revolution. If your student is struggling with US History, please reach out to their teacher, Mr. Neil, Mrs. Baldwin or Mr. Desantis, for support.

Civics - Civics students are continuing to learn about our American government, its beginnings and what has inspired the founding documents of our country. If you have questions about your student's progress toward the state mandated Civics EOC (End of Course) Exam, please reach out to their teacher, Ms. Bixler, Mrs. Marando or Mr. Desantis.

World History students are learning about the start of human civilizations. During the second and third quarters, World History students will be working on an extensive research project. The theme of this year's project is Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas. Please encourage your student's active participation in this project by asking them to share their research and progress with you. If you have questions about the project or your student's progress in World History, please reach out to Mrs. Dill or Mr. Hogg.