

WILDCAT NEWS

Central Middle School

November, 2022

Hartford Jt. #1 School

Principal:

Hello CMS Families!!

We are over 2 months into the year and the time is flying along fast. By this reading, students are starting quarter 2. Most of the students in the school have started new electives (*the non-Spanish Tech Ed. students*).

Tomorrow, 11/10/22, is our **Veterans Day program**, from 9:30-10:30. Community members are welcome to help us honor the veterans.

*"When you have a dream,
you've to go & grab it and
never let go."*

- Carol Burnett

Reports cards will be mailed out this Friday, so families can expect to see them Saturday or Monday, in your mailboxes. We had a grading committee meet this past summer to look at our current standard based numbers, 1-4, and better match them with letter grades. A 3.0 nicely matches up to a B. If you have any questions as you see the report cards, feel free to reach out to the teachers or to me.

This Saturday, 11/12/22, the 7th and 8th grade marching band will perform at the **Hartford Holiday Parade**, starting @ 3 pm. Dress for the weather, as the forecast is calling for the mid-30s. I don't know about you, but I will be stopping for coffee, somewhere downtown before the parade. 😊

We will also be having our 1st concert of the year on **Tuesday, November 15th**, from **6-8 pm**, in the gym. This concert will be for the 6th grade Band/Orchestra/Choir students. I always tell students this is the fastest quarter because of all of the breaks mixed within. We go to Thanksgiving break in 2 weeks, have 3 weeks before the Holiday break, and then 3 weeks before the end of the quarter. The HUHS counselors will be scheduling their visit for mid-January to meet with the 8th grade class, to discuss all things high school and scheduling for freshman year. I'm telling you, the time cruises by!

Calendar of Events

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- Week of 11/7 – Spirit Wear delivery
- 11/10 – Veteran's Day Concert
(8th grade BOC) 9:30 – 10:30
- 11/11 – Report cards mailed home
- 11/12 – CMS Marching Band in
Hartford Christmas Parade
- 11/15 – 6th Grade First BOC Concert
- 11/22 – District School Board
Meeting 6:00 – 8:00
- 11/23 – 11/25 NO SCHOOL
- 12/8 – Student Council Senior
Citizen concert/lunch
11:00-1:00
- 12/13 – District School Board
Meeting 6:00 – 8:00
- 12/14 – Choir Concert
7:00 – 9:00
- 12/15 – Orchestra Concert
7:00 – 9:00
- 12/20 – Band Concert
7:00 – 9:00
- 12/23 – 2nd Quarter Progress
Reports sent
- 12/26 – 12/30 NO SCHOOL/Winter
Break

For a full listing of events, see
our District Web page.

<https://www.hartfordjt1.k12.wi.us/central-middle-school/cms-calendar>

As we are rolling through the year, I want to remind all families that they **should not drop students off, in the front, when the buses are present.** We still have too many cars dropping off up front, when buses are arriving, or here. **Buses are present from about 7:40 am – 8:00 am.** During this time, it is **imperative**, that families drive around the back of the school, to drop off. This is for the safety of the students being dropped off, and makes for a more orderly drop off for the buses. Thanks for honoring this 😊

Finally, our entire staff works hard everyday to help prevent behaviors with students, so it is a great learning environment for all. More recently, we have been dealing with student drama with social media. Any help you can provide to monitor this at home would be greatly appreciated. We have to remember that these are middle school students, and there will be middle school behaviors. Obviously, we work to prevent behaviors from happening. When behaviors do happen, it is our job is to act swiftly, hold students accountable, and also help to get to the why of the behavior. Central Middle School is a great place, and we want to be able to highlight all of the good that is happening. The staff and I are proud of this school, and we want the community to be proud of it too. If you ever have a concern, suggestion, or comment, feel free to reach out to me, @ anytime. You can call the school directly @ (262) 673-8040, or you can email me @ viste@hjt1.org

Have an awesome Fall, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

- Mr. Viste

Assistant Principal:

Bullying & Harassment:

If you feel your child is involved in a situation where they are being bullied/harassed by another person, immediate action is needed for it to stop. Below are actions that should be taken:

- 1) If you are made aware of an incident that occurs on social media outside of the school hours, **contact the police department immediately, at 262-673-2600 or 911 if it is an emergency.** DO NOT wait to report to school the next day or after the weekend.
- 2) If it is an incident during school hours, but happened outside of school, **Mrs. Rose/Mr. Viste need to be made aware, immediately.** At that time, Mrs. Rose and/or Mr. Viste will decide if the school should take action or refer the incident to Officer Whipple, our School Resource Officer. Sometimes actions from the school and HPD are necessary.
- 3) If it is an incident that occurs during school hours, **report the incident to the nearest staff member, email Mrs. Rose/Mr. Viste, or come immediately to the office to report.** School administration will decide if police involvement is needed. If police involvement is needed Mrs. Rose/Mr. Viste will give Mr. Whipple the details and he will follow up with student and parent.

It is best to talk to your child about social media and who they are allowing into their circle. Many kids are creating fake accounts posing as other people to get into chats or feeds. If there is any suspicion of this it should be reported to the Hartford Police Department ([262-673-2600](tel:262-673-2600)) at the time it is discovered.

- Mrs. Rose

6th Grade:

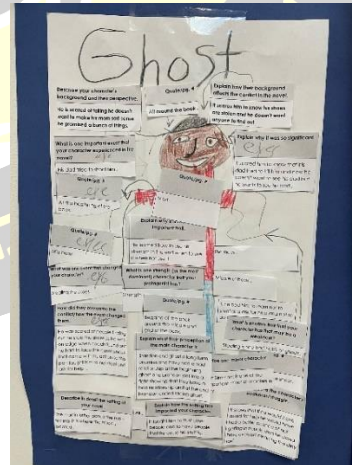
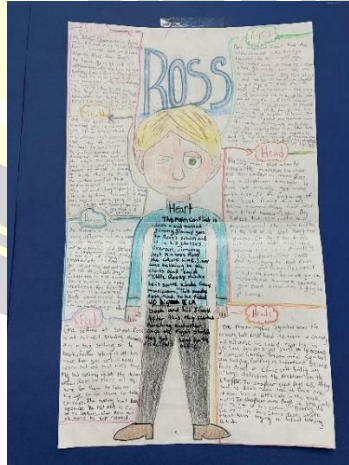
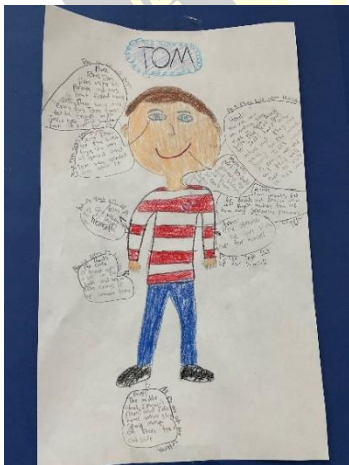
In 6th grade, we started the month off with a Bang!! We attended 6th Grade Camp at Camp MiniKani, in Hubertus. The students had the opportunity to canoe, learn about fish species in Wisconsin and go fishing, work with GPS's to navigate around camp, and use cameras to learn about photography in nature. Students participated in team building classes like low ropes and survival. I think it's safe to say that swamp ecology was a favorite. Additionally, those students who spent the night played games related to nature, sang campfire songs, ate smores, and took a night hike. was a Huge Success!!!



7th Grade:

ELA:

Seventh grade ELA is wrapping up our first reading unit of the year - Investigating Characterization. In this unit we explored all the tips and tricks authors use to control our access to characters. This control of our perspective is responsible for the goose bump-inducing reveal of the aha moments in our favorite stories. We analyzed all the parts of creating characters we love and loathe. Elements we investigated included character background, perspective, major events, minor events, minor characters, symbolism and theme. Our unit ended with a Character Puzzle which gave students the opportunity to share all they learned about characterization. It also set us up for our next unit - writing our own realistic fiction.



8th Grade:

The eighth-grade students recently finished learning about the roles and responsibilities of citizens and the concepts of civics. As part of the unit, students created a mind map of pictures and information about the branches of government and checks and balances. Some students chose to complete a civics engagement project in which they wrote to elected state officials. It was exciting that students have already received replies from U.S. State Representatives about their concerns as citizens.

Mrs. Zara Radtke

Applied Fine Arts:

Art:

6th and 7th grade students are busy working on clay projects and peace posters with the theme, “Lead With Compassion” for the Hartford Lions Club. Fifteen of these posters will be selected for the Lions Club to pick a winner to go on to the next level of the competition.

8th grade 2D art students are working on large grid drawings of a military veteran and then coloring them in using pastels. They completed their peace posters with the theme, “Lead With Compassion” for the Hartford Lions Club. Fifteen of these posters will be selected for the Lions Club to pick a winner to go on to the next level of the competition.

8th grade Pottery students completed three different clay projects, a pinch pot animal, a coil pot and a slab house. They will be glazing all of these before the end of the quarter.

Spanish:

Spanish 1 (7th and 8th grade) - We just finished our first unit. They learned basic questions like what’s your name, how are you, when is your birthday, how old are you and more. Students learned the alphabet and learned a lot about colors, numbers and animals. Students can talk about what their favorite animal is and what color it is. We are currently in our second unit and are learning family related vocabulary. Students will learn to describe family members and tell us their likes/dislikes. Ask your son/daughter to tell you some of the things they have learned about in class. I love hearing them using their Spanish!

Spanish 2 (8th grade) - We spent a few weeks reviewing information from Spanish 1 and developing our class routine as I am a new teacher to this class. We just finished our first unit on technology. Students can talk about technology they use in their lives and can use adjectives to describe the technology. Students finished the unit by creating an imaginary app to add to a smartphone and presented it to the class. It was fun to hear their great ideas and to see them speaking so much Spanish to describe it. Ask your son/daughter what app they created for class! We are starting our second unit on food. We will learn to explain a recipe as well as learn about foods common in Spanish speaking countries. Watch for an upcoming project in which we create a food museum.

PLTW:

6th Grade - Students in Design and Modeling have been working on how the design process works and lately they have been working creating skimmers to slide across the floor.

7th Grade - Students in App Creators have been busy learning the basics of coding a variety of different behaviors in apps. They’ve learned how to create code to keep score in a game, run a timer, connect audio clips to different behaviors, and to build a user interface that appeals to the user. They’ll wrap up the quarter working on an app that they will design and build from start to finish.

8th Grade - Robotics students have been working on understanding the different mechanisms that can be used to transfer motion. They used that knowledge to design and build a pull toy that had moving parts triggered by the spinning of the wheels. They'll finish the quarter focusing on robotic programming and creating code to complete various tasks that can run without human assistance.

Tech Ed:

7th Grade - The students have been learning about the different tools and how they apply to different projects. We have been creating a mockup of a floor and two walls. They have been learning about framing and drywall and will be learning about electrical and painting.

8th grade - The Students have been introduced to the different types of wood and how they apply to different projects. They have been in the process of creating panels to be able to cut out the parts to the tool boxes that they will create by the end of the semester.

Virtual:

All grade levels have been working on studying for their end of quarter test. Students are taking classes in fashion design, French, agriculture, personal finance, career exploration, game development. At home students have been working on core classes, as well as attending google meet meetings every Wednesday at 1PM where students can ask any questions they may have, as well as sending an email at any time during the week. Some students were able to take their test already depending on where they were in the course.

Physical Education:

In Physical Education class the students participated in fitness testing and flag football. We are currently working on volleyball skills, game play, and team work. Students need to have tennis shoes for class (no crocks, slides, hey dudes, or sandals). Tumbling and basketball are units coming up in the future.

Band:

In 7th and 8th grade band we have been preparing for the upcoming Hartford Christmas parade on November 12th. 6th grade is getting into the routine of band class, and have been working hard on learning their first five notes. They have a concert coming up, November 15th! Please encourage your students to practice at home!

Orchestra:

Orchestra is going very well. The 6th grade concert is Nov 15th. The 8th grade orchestra is playing for veteran's day during the school day Nov. 10th. I'm very impressed with how student's tone and note reading skills have improved. I'm excited to keep improving and keep learning music.

Choir:

6th grade Choir is preparing for their first concert which is on November 15 with the band and orchestra in the Gymnasium

7th grade Choir is working on a song in Norwegian and singing in 3-part harmony.

8th Grade Choir is preparing to perform at the Veterans Day Program on November 10th in the Gymnasium.



School Counselor- Ms. Allyson Morrow

Hello, I'm looking forward to starting my second year at Central! I'm here to help students with anything they may have questions on or are struggling with both at school or personally. I also love to hear what is going well and what goals you want to achieve for your future and how we can work to make this happen. Students can meet with me individually or through various groups throughout the year. Students can request a meeting with me through the Pupil Services Schoology Page or by email.

In addition to supporting students I also want to help families with resources for home and in the community. I have started a community closet here at school that has clothes, shoes and hygiene products available to students and families, by request.

I look forward to continue working with both students and families throughout the year. Please reach out to me by email or phone at any time with questions or concerns.

- Ms. Morrow, School Counselor



School Psychologist- Mrs. Sarah Griebenow

Hello!

I'm the school psychologist here at Central Middle School, and I'm so excited to work together with others in the school to support all of our incredible students. My passion surrounds helping young mind grow stronger through prevention, intervention, and overall support. I look forward to building new relationships and helping students thrive over this school year! -Mrs. Griebenow (School Psychologist)

Clubs/Activities:

Forensics:

Forensics season is quickly approaching. All students in grades 6, 7 & 8 are welcome to sign-up. Students must maintain academic and behavioral eligibility. There is a fee to participate. ELA teachers will show a video with information about forensics, and permission slips will be handed out. Starting in December, we will meet Wednesday after school from 3:30 to 4:30 and with your coach during lunch (one or two days a week). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Gierach @ jgierach@hjt1.org.

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PTO:

Thank you to all that donated to the teacher dinner during conference. It was a delicious success thanks to all of you. A quick update on things coming up. We will be selling Seroogy's chocolate bars at all musical concerts this year. They make a great treat for your favorite musician or singer! We will also be having the Scholastic Book Fair Dec 5th -9th. More details to come. Finally, we will be again having our talent show in mid-February. Look for sign ups right after winter break.

