

Cougar Courier

Cabin John Middle School 10701 Gainsborough Road, Potomac, Maryland 20854 Dr. Paulette L. Smith, Principal

September 2, 2011

◆ **Principal's Message:**

WELCOME BACK! We are happy our students have already begun to settle into their new grade levels and class schedules. The administrators, guidance counselors, and teachers worked very hard during the summer to ensure that each child had an appropriate class schedule to follow beginning on the first day of school. If you need assistance from the Counseling Department, please contact the grade level counselor at 301-469-1160.

We cordially invite all of our parents to attend the annual Cabin John Middle School (CJMS) Back to School Night, Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., following a brief CJMS PTSA meeting, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. Carpooling is encouraged due to limited parking. Bus transportation will be available at Stone Mill Elementary and at the corner of Scotland Drive and Seven Locks Road. See Back to School Night bus schedule below.

◆ **Back to School Night Bus Schedule:**

- First Stop: 6:00 p.m. – Stone Mill Elementary
- Second Stop: 6:20 p.m. – Scotland Drive at Seven Locks Road
- The return shuttle departs CJMS at 8:45 p.m.
- First Stop: 8:55 p.m. – Scotland Drive at Seven Locks Road
- Second Stop: 9:15 p.m. – Stone Mill Elementary

◆ **Request for Information Forms Due:**

The main office is collecting the following Requests for Information forms:

Preprinted Student Emergency Information Form 565-1; return this form to school with or without updates
Authorization for Release of Student During a Sudden Emergency, return this form to school
MCPS Student Privacy Notice (PPRA) also used to withhold PTSA directory information, optional
MCPS Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Notification Enrollment Form, optional

The forms may be found on the CJMS or MCPS websites and are available in the main school office.

◆ **Physical Education Apparel:**

Students have daily Physical Education and students are required to change into appropriate athletic clothing; purchased from CJMS or brought from home. The CJMS athletic uniform includes navy mid-thigh length shorts, solid loose-fitting light gray or white short-sleeve t-shirt, non-marking outer sole athletic shoes, socks, sweatshirt, and sweatpants. Please label all clothing items. T-shirts must be labeled with the first initial and last name across the front of the chest. Standardized clothing is sold as a fundraiser for CJMS during the first week of school, and will be sold during Back-to-School Night, in the Gym.

◆ **Important Dates to Remember:**

- Monday, September 5 – Labor Day Holiday - Schools Closed
- Thursday, September 8 – PTSA Meeting and Back-to-School Night - 6:30 p.m.- Cafeteria
- Monday, September 12 – Parent Health Education Meeting - 7:35 a.m. - Room 1301
- Wednesday, September 28 – Early Dismissal Day - School Dismisses at 12:10 p.m.
- Friday, September 30 – Last Day to Submit Student Service Learning Summer Hours Forms
- Thursday, September 29 - Rosh Hashanah - No School for Students and Teachers
- Friday, October 7 – Individual Student Portrait Day -During All Physical Education Classes
- Tuesday, October 11 – PTSA Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - Media Center