

# ORMS Newsletter March 22 – March 26, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we prepare to begin the 4-day in-person model on Monday, we wanted to send a few reminders to families about the school setting and expectations:

- In-person and virtual students will follow our normal, hybrid schedule on Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday.
- On Wednesdays, we will continue to follow the virtual schedule.
- If your child needs to stay home on any given day, they should still be engaging in virtual learning and marking their attendance in google classroom.
- Students must always wear a mask except when eating lunch. Masks must always cover their mouth and nose.
  - If a student forgets a mask and they ride a bus, they should ask the bus driver for one. If they arrive to school without a mask, they should come to the office to obtain one.
  - **Gators, bandanas, and masks with valves are not recommended.**
  - We recommend students always have a 2<sup>nd</sup> mask in their bookbag in case they want to swap it out during the day, especially when having PE class.
- Please encourage your child to bring a clear water bottle into school as there have been larger groups forming around the water filling stations. We currently have 2 of these stations in the building, and normal water fountains continue to be closed.
- Breakfast and lunch are still available free of charge every day that students are in school.
  - Students will be eating lunch either in the cafeteria or media center. Students will have assigned seats and will get to pick their seat on Monday, March 22.
- For dismissal, we will dismiss buses and walkers first and then move onto parent pick-up. Parent pick-up will be dismissed in two groups.
- If you need to drop off an item for your child, please have it labeled with their name and grade and a front office staff member will get the item from you at the front door.

On Monday, 3/22 – flex time for virtual students will start later because Mrs. Fosnot and Mr. Hopkins will be meeting with all in-person students to review expectations for when they are in the building.

## Announcing this week's ORMS Achievement Raffle Winners:

Praneel S.  
Andrew T.  
Andrea J.  
Dalton T.  
Brandon T.  
Chloe R.

**This raffle is to help ORMS students stay motivated and reward them for an outstanding work ethic.**

*Only those students who have handed in all assignments for the quarter in every academic and related arts class will be eligible to enter the raffle. Every Friday, we will raffle off a \$10 gift card per team. We will also raffle off one - \$25 gift card per grade at the end of the quarter. If a student wins a weekly prize, they will still be eligible for the end-of-quarter raffle. We will contact the families of any virtual students who win the raffles so that they can pick up and sign for the gift cards.*

# LAST CALL FOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS!

**March 31 is the last day for parents to send in photos of students learning from home.** Send in photos that you would like included in the yearbook, such as virtual learning, spirit days, snow days, virtual outdoor school, Battle of the Books, Related Arts classes or projects, and anything else your student has been doing this year from home. **Photos must be at least 1 mb in size, and please give the full name and grade of the student.** Send your photos to [ORMSYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:ORMSYearbook@gmail.com) by March 31st!

## Calendar Information

**Saturday, March 20**

First Day of Spring!

**Monday, March 22 –**

**Monday, March 22 is a “B” day!!!** – Please make sure that your student is aware that this day is a “B” day so that they know where to go for their related arts classes.

The Unfundraiser begins today and runs through Friday, April 9.

**Tuesday, March 23**

**A Day**

Twister Learning Lab for those students participating is after school in the media center from 3:00-4:00 PM.

**Wednesday, March 24**

**B Day – All Virtual**

Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:20-6:20 – The deadline to make appointments was 3/17.

**Thursday, March 25**

**A Day**

Twister Learning Lab for those students participating is after school in the media center from 3:00-4:00 PM.

**Friday, March 26**

**B Day**

Today, March 26 is the deadline to notify the school if you would like your student to begin 4-day instruction on Tuesday, April 6.

## Upcoming Dates/Reminders

**Friday, April 2 – Monday, April 5**

Schools/Offices Closed – Spring Break

**Friday, April 9**

Third Marking Period Ends – **2 Hour 45 Minute Early Dismissal**

**Friday, April 16**

Marking period 3 report cards are distributed.

Last day of the Unfundraiser

**Monday, April 19**

Virtual PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

## Carson Scholar

**Congratulations to our new Carson Scholar:**

Henry O’Dea

**Also, congratulations to those being recognized as Carson Scholars again this year:**

Nathaniel Barr

Charles Duva

Delaney McCorkill

Benjamin Pandullo

Katelynn Rogers

Leah Wilson

## Counseling

**A Virtual Event for all Families**

**Navigating Difficult Waters – Mental Wellness Resources**

Wednesday, March 31, 2021, 6:30-8:45 p.m.

**Link To Register:** <https://bit.ly/375pNA8>

This is a collaborative effort between Carroll County Public Schools and various community members to bring mental wellness resources and information to students, parents, and the community. The event will have multiple sessions hosted by C.C.P.S. staff, Carroll County agencies, and C.C.P.S. students. Keynote speaker, Robert Hackenson, will lead the group in a conversation about *Managing Stress and Finding Resilience When Life Gets Hard*.

## Media Information

**Carroll County Public Library Zoom Activities**

Lots of Zoom activities to keep young adults engaged at the Carroll County Public Library. Here is their calendar to check into the programs. Enjoy!

[https://ccpl.librarymarket.com/events/month?age\\_groups%5B5%5D=5](https://ccpl.librarymarket.com/events/month?age_groups%5B5%5D=5)

## National Family Caregiver Support Program – Carroll County Support Groups

To register and receive a link to join the virtual support groups below, contact Mary Jane Overby at 410-386-3833 or [moverby@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:moverby@carrollcountymd.gov). Visit our website [www.carrollcountymd.gov/aging-and-disabilities](http://www.carrollcountymd.gov/aging-and-disabilities) for more information about our programs.

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Program**

Meets VIRTUALLY the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

**The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group** offers support to grandparents who are raising grandchildren. Grandparents are given the opportunity to meet other caregivers, develop a network of support and receive information about available services. The support group is open to older adults raising grandchildren under 18 years of age. Please see the statement above for instructions to join this group.

## Caregivers of Older Adults Support Program

Meets **VIRTUALLY** the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

**The Caregivers of Older Adults Support Group** offers support that is designed to help caregivers cope with the challenges of caring for their relatives. Caregivers will be given the opportunity to share their experiences, participate in educational discussions, and receive comfort and positive reinforcement to help guide them through what can be a difficult journey. Please see the statement above for instructions to join this group.

## Service Learning Hours Opportunity

### Cards/Letters/Donations for Deployed Service Members

Chesapeake blue Star Mothers (Maryland's Blue Star Mothers Chapter) is partnering with America's Warriors Care Package Projects to provide cards/letters/donations for our deployed service members.

Students can make a card or letter. One service hour credit per card/letter. Please make the card or letter legible to read. There are plenty of free card-making websites that students can use. Use your imagination! If you would like to email cards or letters, send them to: [president.md3@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:president.md3@bluestarmothers.us).

Donations for Care Packages are eligible for 30 minutes of service learning credit per item. There is a drop box available for donations, cards and letters at the Visitor Management Office at Westminster High School. Please attach a note with the student's name and the itemized list of items given.

All students must complete an online service learning hour form. You can find the form at this link:

<https://ext.carrollk12.org/SLHExt/>

### Ideas for care packages:

<https://www.awcpp.com/Ideas-for-Care-Packages.php>

## Tech Issues – Link to form for students and parents

We **no longer** have the [mystudent@...for](mailto:mystudent@...for) tech issues. Students/parents will now have to fill out a form that better informs IT as to the issue that needs to be addressed.

Link: scroll to the bottom to get to the form.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FhEzcaZxr0GbpZtpycs\\_RsfaTALfUZ1HtOtIn5r22GNUMVA5NkIFTVRDM0hUWkdHQk5FU084SVFaMy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FhEzcaZxr0GbpZtpycs_RsfaTALfUZ1HtOtIn5r22GNUMVA5NkIFTVRDM0hUWkdHQk5FU084SVFaMy4u)

## Testing

The Maryland State Department of Education recently determined that they will be postponing this spring's 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math and ELA MCAP testing. Therefore, the MCAP tests have been removed from the calendar for the remainder of this school year. CCPS is still waiting for more information from MSDE regarding 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are taking Algebra I. Those students may still be taking the assessment. Once more information becomes available to us, we will communicate the status of that test as well.

## Tutoring

There is a new, free tutoring service available through the Carroll County Public Library called Brainfuse. It is live, online tutoring every day from 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and is available for all ages and levels. You do need a library card to access the tutoring. The website to access this is: [Welcome to Brainfuse eLearning](#)

## **Unfundraiser – P.T.A. holding an unfundraiser from March 22 – April 9**

We were unable to reach our fundraising goal in the fall; therefore, we are launching a spring UN-Fundraiser from March 22 through April 9. For every \$10 donated in your student's name either brought into school or donated via paypal online, they will be entered to win a PRIZE PACKAGE! The more you donate, the more chances they will have to win! Funds will be specifically used for 8th grade send off, teacher appreciation, and school projectors. See attached flyer for specific details!

[ORMS SPRING UNFUNDRAISER \(1\).pdf](#)

## **Yearbook Ordering Information**

Yearbook ordering is now open.

Go to [www.YBPay.lifetouch.com](http://www.YBPay.lifetouch.com)

Enter the school code, which is **13006921**.

Ordering will be open until the end of April 2021.