

Chipp Snips of the Week
August 15 - 19

IMPORTANT DATES

- August 17: PowerSchool open to students and families to view schedules
- August 18: Kick Start 9:00 - 11:30 and 3:30 - 6:00
- August 23: First Day of School Students Dismissed at 11:10 a.m.
- September 2 and 5: No School - Labor Day Holiday
- September 9: Picture Day

CMS KICK START

Chippewa's Kick Start is Thursday, August 18 from 9:00 - 11:30 and 3:30 - 6:00.

Kick Start is an informal time for students to tour the building. Parents/guardians are welcome to join. A packet will be addressed for each student which will include their class schedule and other important information. Locker assignments and combinations will be printed on the class schedule to provide students an opportunity to locate their locker. Students will also pick up their learning devices.

If you are unable to attend August 18, your student's packet will be available the first day of school and their personal learning device will be issued during the first week of school.

RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION/EMERGENCY CARD UPDATE

Parents/guardians should have received an email this week with a "Returning Student Registration/Emergency Card Update" for the 2022-2023 school year. Separate emails are sent for each student with a unique link for that student only. Our goal is to have the emergency cards updated for each student before school starts on Tuesday, August 23. If you did not receive this email, please email helpdesk@okemosk12.net.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Shared with you is our RECOMMENDED supply class list. Students are welcome to bring their school supplies to kickstart to store in their lockers.

[Montessori Supply List](#)

[CMS Traditional Supply List](#)

JOIN OUR TEAM

Chippewa is currently looking for individuals who would be interested in being a lunchroom supervisor. These positions would be a great opportunity to interact with our students and staff. The position would be for 5 days a week between the hours of 11am - 1:30pm each day. Please contact andre.ridley@okemosk12.net if you are interested in learning more about this position.

MEDICATION POLICY

Medication may not be taken at school unless a completed authorization form is on file in the main office. This policy includes both prescribed and non-prescribed medication.. Also, please be aware that the school does not provide any medications, i.e., aspirin or Tylenol. Medication can be turned in to the guidance office by the student's parent/guardian during the week of August 15 - 18 between the hours of 8:30 - 3:30 or during Kick Start. Please bring the completed paperwork with you.

[Non-Prescription Medication Form](#)

[Prescription Medication Form](#)

SCHOOL HOURS

Classes begin at 8:00am and conclude at 2:45pm. Students may enter Chippewa at 7:30am. At this time, they can eat breakfast and prepare for the day. Breakfast will be served until 7:55am. At 3:00pm, students who remain on campus should only be doing so for after school activities supervised by CMS staff members. We are hopeful to open our library up until 4:00 for students soon. We will communicate via Chipp Snips once we are able to.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

The designated pick up and drop off area for our school is located on the west side of the building in front of the offices. Cars should enter from Kinawa Drive and proceed north in a single line as close to the flagpole as possible. The curb along that side of the building is the designated drop off location. On any portion of the curb, students should exit vehicles to the right, and enter the building using the west entrance (#1). All other entrances on that side of the building remain locked for security purposes. Access to the parking lot/drive on the south side of the building, adjacent to Kinawa Drive, is limited to buses. For the safety of all students and visitors, please limit your cell phone use while in the pick up lines.

OPS TRANSPORTATION

Please visit the [OPS transportation site](#) for bussing information.

WALKERS, BIKERS and KINAWA DRIVE

We have many students who walk or ride their bikes to school. For their safety, we ask that ALL drivers take extra precaution as they drive in our school zones. Walkers and bikers must use the proper crossing locations/lights, including our crossing light in front of the building on Kinawa Drive. If your student plans to walk or bike to school, please review their path to school with them. We have bike racks at both entrances of the building.

CLUBS/ACTIVITIES

We believe it is important for students to feel connected to CMS beyond the classroom setting. Please encourage your child to try a new club, sport or activity throughout the year. All opportunities will be shared with families through Chipp Snips and emailed to students.

[VOLLEYBALL](#)

Please review the shared document regarding CMS 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams.

[CROSS COUNTRY](#)

Please review the shared document regarding CMS 7th and 8th grade cross country team.

FOOTBALL

Please visit the [Okemos Youth Football](#) website for information regarding 7th and 8th grade football programs. Details on conditioning/training and registration information is available on their site.

DODGEBALL

Okemos Community Ed is hosting a middle school Dodgeball Club! Please visit www.okemosonline.com to register. [Dodgeball Club](#)

MEET OUR OFFICE TEAM

Mrs. Schoenl

Hello! I am the administrative assistant in the Main Office at CMS. If there is anything I can help you with or if you have any questions, please feel free to stop by or email me at melissa.schoenl@okemosk12.net. I'm excited for the new school year and look forward to meeting our families and students.

Mrs. Tracy

Hi! I am the Guidance Office administrative assistant. Students will come to see me if they arrive late or leave school early to sign out with me. I distribute any medication that students may need to take during the school day or if they are not feeling well and need to communicate with a parent. I also work with our wonderful counselors, Mrs. Fedrigo and Mrs. Stuible. Students can always come to see me if they need assistance with anything and I will do my best to help in any way I can! I am looking forward to the new school year and welcoming you to Chippewa for 2022-23.

Mrs. Fedrigo

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! I am so excited to see all of you for a new and amazing year. This will be my 13th year as a school counselor and my 4th year at Chippewa. We have some new and exciting changes to the counseling department this year including welcoming Mrs. Stuible to the team full time! Mrs. Marks has moved to Kinawa full time, we are so happy for her but will miss having her with us. Now that we have 2 full time counselors I will be working with the 8th grade class and Mrs. Stuible will be the 7th grade counselor. If you have any questions or would like to connect with me I can be reached at rebecca.fedrigo@okemosk12.net. Wishing you all a great rest of summer break!

Mrs. Stuible (Sty-bull)

Hello! I am the new full time 7th grade school counselor, and I am so excited to join the office team here at Chippewa! As the 7th grade counselor, I will loop with my students and continue to be their school counselor for 8th grade. Previously, I taught for nine years at Lansing Catholic High School, and I was a school counselor at Fowlerville High School and Holt Junior School for six years. I am looking forward to meeting all my new 7th grade students and supporting them over the next two years! If I can help you with anything, please reach out to me at mary.stuible@okemosk12.net.

Mr. Boardway

I am your Student Supervisors and am so excited to see returning and new students. My role at Chippewa is to help the students as your daily resource. You will see me at the buses, during lunches, throughout the hallways all day long and at times even your substitute teacher in your classroom. Give me a shout out at jim.boardway@ohemosk12.net and introduce yourself. You are also welcome to join my Instagram Page "Friends of Mr. Boardway" See you soon !

Mr. Ridley

Hello, I'm Andre' Ridley; your assistant principal and athletic director. I've worked at Chippewa Middle School for five years and have worked in the education field for over 20 years. I'm super excited to meet the families and students of Chippewa and can be reached at the email address provided (andre.ridley@okemosk12.net) . Feel free to drop me a line anytime.

Mrs. Noble

Welcome to Chippewa Middle School! I have proudly served as the principal of CMS for the past 8 years. I am entering my 24th year in public education, all of which have been at the middle school level. I believe the 'middle years' in a student's life are filled with excitement but also come with anxiety of the unknowns. As a collective group, we have the ability to successfully guide students through these transitional years. I thank you in advance for supporting your student's education through open communication with our staff. jody.noble@okemosk12.net