

# From Mrs. O'Bryant's Desk:

Sept. 25, 2017  
2017-18-Issue #5



**“Caring, Cooperative and Respectful Community of Learners”**

## Important dates

- Sept. 28- Sweatshirt Orders due
- Sept. 29- Roller Skating 5:30-8:00pm
- Oct. 6 - School Picture Day
- Oct. 6- Progress Reports
- Oct. 13 – PUMA PRIDE Assembly- advisory time.
- Oct. 16- 19-NWEA Grades 5 & 8
- Oct. 23-26- NWEA Grades 6 & 7
- Oct. 28- 10-2pm Grade 5 & 6 Stemfest

Pick up patrol – Use by 1:30pm for changes in end of the day transportation.

Pick up Patrol is now up and running.

If you have any questions, please call the office.

Please be sure to call the office by 1:30pm for any changes in transportation at the end of the day. We want to avoid any miscommunication at the end of the day for our students to get home safe and sound.

NHDI – Open Class 9/20 and 9/27-

Students who are interested in learning about NHDI Dance Academy can come to the 9/20 and 9/27 class visits during Advisory. Students in grades 5-8 are welcome to participate.

Attendance: All absences must be called or emailed in to SMS office by parents before 7:30am.

- School number 924-7105
- Email- to report absences- [sms-attendance@conval.edu](mailto:sms-attendance@conval.edu)

## Grade 7 & 8- 1:1 Computers

Please send in parent Loan Agreement forms signed by 9/22.

## Grade 7 & 8 Technology Loan Agreement:

We plan to distribute computers in October to students in grade 7 & 8. Please sign and return the parent loan agreement if you plan to have a computer assigned to your child.

If you do not agree to the Loan Agreement please sign that you are not accepting the Chromebook for your child on the form .

If you have questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Murray or myself. There are additional meetings set up at CVHS and GBS if you haven't had a chance to attend one of the technology meetings.

Fresh Picks: Food Service Link for parent payments and info.

<http://www.k12paymentcenter.com/>  
Please note that it takes 24 hours for payments to reflect on accounts.

## After School activities:

No student may stay after school without adult supervision. Most games do not start until 3:30pm. Students may not stay on school property waiting for games to start. When students are unsupervised there can be many safety issues.

## Box Tops-

SMS collects Box Tops for money towards schoolwide activities We appreciate everyone helping us out to support our students needs and offerings.

## Sept. 28- Last Day for Sweatshirt Orders-

Contact Mrs. Brezovec if you have any questions:

[mbrezovec@conval.edu](mailto:mbrezovec@conval.edu)

## Roller Skating Begins Sept. 29 –

SMS Roller Skating begins Sept 29-

- Session 1- 5:30-7:00 pm \$7.00
- Session 2- 6:30-8:00pm \$7.00
- Both sessions : \$12.00

Permissions slips with parent contact information is needed for each evening.

Pick up is in the back of school.

Students may not use their own skates

## Parent /School Connection:

Please start off the year supporting healthy habits:

- Students should not arrive to school tardy.
- Time should be set aside each night for reading and homework.
- Attendance is a priority to a student's success in school
- Dress should be appropriate for school and not beach.
- Check Planners for homework assignments each night.
- No hats are allowed at SMS
- No gum chewing
- No cell phones are allowed in school
- Promote: "Caring, Cooperative and Respectful " behavior at all times.

## Oct 28-SMS Stemfest -UNH/SMS STEMS Collaboration: 10am-2pm

The UNH Engineering Department has teamed up with SMS to host the first ever SMS Stemfest. The UNH ambassadors are students who will offer STEM experiences for our younger students, encouraging the love of learning about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math for students grades 5 & 6. SMS will host two other middle schools; Great Brook and Jaffrey Middle School on Oct. 28 from 10-2pm.

STEMbassadors are a team of more than 40 CEPS students who are dedicated to providing inspiration, role models and hands on STEM activities to students. All nine academic departments within CEPS are represented, ensuring a wide-range of topics are delivered to the K-12 community.

Lunch (pizza) will be provided that day. This event is free to the first 60 students who sign up in the SMS office by Oct.1. We will be sending more information home with parent permission slips in October. I wanted to have parents save the date and have students sign up as soon as possible, if interested.

I am very excited to have this opportunity to work with UNH ambassador students from the field of Engineering at SMS to work with our students.

There will be a brief parent meeting that morning at 10am in the gym and then students will go to workshops until 2pm. Permission slips and medical forms must be turned in before students can participate. Lunch will be for students only and parents can leave as long as we have permission slips and medical forms.

2pm pick up out back by gym.

## Grade 8 AHT Trip 4/16-20/18-

The grade 8 AHT Trip to Washington DC in April is being offered to our students this week.

The trip includes a community service piece and a historical report for all students who participate on the trip.

There are mandatory student meetings and two mandatory parent meetings.

We hope that all grade 8 students come on the trip since it is an exciting experience for them.

## The AHT Dates for meetings are:

- 10/19: Student Meeting
- 11/16- Student Meeting
- 1/16- Student Meeting
- 2/8 Student Meeting
- 3/8-Student Meeting
- 3/21- Student Meeting
- 4/5 Student Meeting
- 4/5-Parent Meeting Mandatory 6-7pm

## First Day Packet of Important Forms:

Please return forms by Friday, Sept 8. We need to distribute health forms and legal forms for guardianship as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your efforts.

**Student Planners-** Student Planners are issued to each student the first day of school. The planners are very important every day to let students know the rotation of each day. Students should write down their assignments every day in the planner. Please monitor the work that students write down on a daily basis. If a student loses the planner they will have to purchase a new one at the cost of \$5.00.

Power School Parent Portal is open. Please check to see that you can get in to the Parent Portal. This is a great way to monitor student performance. Teachers are asked to update the student information every two weeks.