

Welcome Back

Dear Parents, Students, Families and Friends:

We are looking forward to the start of the 2011-2012 school year with great excitement and enthusiasm.

SCHOOL WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 6TH FOR ALL STUDENTS

Summer has been a busy time here at MCS. Our six-week summer CROP program served over 60 families. The two-week ESL summer enrichment program had 10 students take part. Over 30 teachers participated in various Summer Staff Development projects. The Board of Education participated in workshops developing district-wide plans and goals. Two summer sports camps had over 45 participants. The girls and boys fall sports season began August 15th with approximately 80 student athletes practicing for the 2011 fall season of soccer and golf. The custodial staff has cleaned, painted, replaced, repaired, renovated, installed, mowed, and shinned.

Now we are eager to welcome our returning students and staff as well as the new!

This year the 6th grade will become part of the Middle School. We are very excited about the many new opportunities this will afford the 6th grade students.

Margaretville Central School is committed to nurturing, encouraging and supporting

learning and teaching, leading to academic and social growth for every student. As a team and community, we will promise each other that "failure is not an option" for our students.

Jointly we will do whatever it takes to ensure that our students are prepared for the 21st century challenges they will encounter in both future academic and career pursuits. That is the challenge we face and will accept collectively. Our children deserve nothing less than this commitment to their future.

School will begin on September 6th for all students. Most bus routes will remain the same as last year. If you have questions about bus transportation, please call Beth Smith at the Bus Garage at 586-4161 for additional information.

Our Open House has been scheduled for September 22nd at 6pm. Please plan on joining us that evening to meet your child's teachers and staff. A great deal of information about the coming school year will be shared at this event. MCS is pleased to welcome four new staff members to our school. We are confident that their qualifications and expertise will enhance our student's learning.

- Michele Dietz - Elementary Art
- Jessica Freidenstine - MS Science
- Shane Maher - MS Social Studies
- CSE Chair/School Physiologist - Carolyn Cassels

Please be aware that all school forms and information you will need for the beginning of school and for reference throughout the year are posted on our website www.margaretvillecs.org and on PowerSchool.

Here's to a great year!

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please be aware that all school forms and information you will need for the beginning of school and for reference throughout the year are posted on our website www.margaretvillecs.org. If you would like this information mailed to you, please call the Main Office at 845-586-2647 ext. 20. The following information is found on the website. (*Please note: some forms are meant to be printed and returned to MCS*).

- *Attendance Policy*
- *Bell Schedule*
- *Bus Procedures*
- *Code of Conduct*
- *Collaboration Dates*
- *Crop Application*
- *Internet Policy*
- *Military Release*
- *Open House*
- *Parents Rights to Records*
- *Picture Release Form*
- *Report Card Schedule*
- *School Calendar*
- *Uptown Lunch Form*
- *Vehicle Parking*
- *Voice Mail Directory*

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AGENDA BOOKS

On Tuesday, September 6th, the classroom or first period teachers will distribute MCS student Agenda Books. The Agenda Book for grades 1-12 is a valuable resource for students and parents to answer questions about MCS opportunities, policies, and procedures. It is important that all parents and students are aware of and understand MCS policies regarding school conduct and procedures.

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria will be serving hot meals beginning the first day of school. Breakfast is available for students each morning from 7:30-8:15AM. The cost for lunches for grades K-4 will be \$1.50 and grades 5-12 will be \$1.75. Breakfast will be \$.50. In conjunction with the school Wellness Committee, the cafeteria will again be offering healthy snacks, drinks and lunch offerings this year. **The cafeteria menu is available on the website.**

GUIDANCE

Please examine your class schedule for the 2011-2012 school year as well as the other pertinent information enclosed. Remember homeroom is your first period class. All students are to report to their "Day 1" first period class prior to **8:10AM** on September 6th. Margaretville Central School will use a six-day cycle. Days are designated as "1," "2," "3," "4," "5," and "6" rather than Monday, Tuesday, etc. The first day of the school year will be a day 1. The next day of school will always follow the numerical cycle regardless of weekends, holidays, vacations, or snow days.

This schedule facilitates the equal scheduling of math, science, labs, music lessons, band, chorus, physical education, elementary art, music, and library. The schedule does not affect classes that meet every day throughout the school year of a semester.

GUIDANCE - continued

Academic Intervention Services (AIS) will be added to student's schedules at the beginning of the school year.

All 6th-12th grade schedule changes or schedule questions must be made on August 23rd & 31st. All schedule changes must be made prior to the start of school. Please call Mrs. Stacey Johnson (ext. 17) to schedule an appointment with Mr. Robson or Mrs. Millen on the dates above. New classes must be added within 2 weeks of the start of school and dropped within 5 weeks.

OPEN HOUSE

Please mark your calendar for our annual Open House program, which will be held on **Thursday, September 22nd** from 6:00-8:00PM. Please plan to take advantage of this opportunity to meet your student's teachers and staff and become acquainted with the various activities and programs, which are offered through the school. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

STUDENT VEHICLE PARKING

Students with parent/guardian permission, desiring to utilize the parking privileges are to bring the completed and signed forms to the Main Office by Friday, September 9th. **(Forms are available on our website or in the Main Office).**

TRANSPORTATION

School bus transportation will operate on the same schedule as 2010-2011 unless communicated otherwise. Please be at your bus stop 10 minutes earlier for the first day. Any parent needing additional transportation information should call Beth Smith in the Bus Garage @ 586-4161. Students not riding the bus may be dropped off in the front of the building and picked up in the auditorium at the end of the school day.

UPTOWN LUNCH

(Grade 12 students ONLY)



Students in grade 12 must complete and return Uptown Lunch Permission Forms to the Main Office by Friday, September 9th (**forms are available on our website or in the Main Office**). Students in grades 6-11 are not eligible to leave campus for uptown lunch.

THE BRIGHT RED BOOKSHELF

MCS will be continuing *The Bright Red Bookshelf* program in the school district and the community. This initiative re-circulates gently used children's book back into the community where they are made available *free* for families to own. Books will be collected at the school and at various locations throughout the community. For information to donate books or time to this project, please call Linda Taylor, Building Principal at 586-2647 x22.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
September 6, 2011
- **UPK PROGRAM BEGINS**
September 6, 2011
- **BOCES CLASSES BEGIN**
September 6, 2011
- **PICTURES**
- **SENIOR PICTURES**
September 1, 2011
(9AM-4PM)
- **K-6 INDIVIDUAL/GROUP**
7-11 INDIVIDUAL
12TH GRADE GROUP
September 29, 2011
- **OPEN HOUSE**
September 22, 2011
(6-8PM)