

# CENTER STAGE



sharing, caring,  
and learning for life



October  
2014

## Up, Up, and Away!!

On Friday, September 5th, the CS students and staff enjoyed a special treat. They learned first hand about hot air balloons and the history and science behind it. The Liberty Balloon Company came to CS to demonstrate hot air balloon flight right on our fields. We needed perfect weather conditions for this to take place, no rain, sunshine, and less than 4 miles per hour wind; and it happened! A special thank you to the CS PTO for assisting in making this possible with their financial contributions. It was a delight to see from beginning to end!



# Center Street Information

## ***BUILDING DOORS WILL BE LOCKED***

As part of the District-wide security system and our emphasis on safety, the building doors will be locked during the day. Both of the main lobby entrance doors have a white box. Please push the button, wait for a response and you will be buzzed into the building. We may ask you to look toward the camera or identify yourself by speaking into the white box. Once you enter the building, please report directly to the office to sign in and pick up a visitor's badge.

**Visitors to the Schools** – to maintain a safe place for our children to work and learn, certain limits must be set for visits by parents and other agencies. For these reasons, the following rules apply to ALL visitors to the school.

Access to the elementary building will be through the **Main Entrance ONLY**. This entrance will be open for students and visitors from 8:00 - 2:25 PM. **Students may come to CS at 7:45 to eat breakfast.**

**ALL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING TO RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS WHICH MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE SCHOOL OR ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.**



Also, as parents arrive in the morning with children, please remain in the lobby area, children must learn to proceed to the room on their own.

Teachers are expected NOT to take class time to discuss individual matters with visitors.

Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public such as parent teacher organization (PTO) meetings or public gatherings are not required to register.

Any consumables (food, beverages, etc.) brought in by visitors are subject to search and / or inspection.

*Please note these district rules are approved by the Horseheads Board of Education. These safety procedures need your support. If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please call the office. Thank you in advance for your help and support with keeping safety a priority*

## **GUIDELINES FOR CLASSROOM PARTIES / CELEBRATIONS**

If bringing food to your child's class such as drinks, cakes or pastries, the following guidelines should be used:

- Please notify the teacher and get their permission first.
- Immediately after cooking, if possible, items should be wrapped individually (i.e. cookies, muffins, cupcakes, etc.).
- The Chemung County Health department makes these additional requests:  
COLD FOODS SHOULD BE REFRIGERATED IMMEDIATELY AND HELD BELOW 45 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.

HANDS SHOULD BE WASHED BEFORE FOOD PREP AND THEN YOU SHOULD NOT TOUCH FOODS AFTER THEY ARE COOKED.

GLOVES, TONGS OR DELI PAPER SHOULD BE USED SO THERE IS NO BAREHANDED CONTACT WITH FOOD AFTER PREPARATION. Following the above practices will help to protect your children against food-borne illness.



**MEDICATION IN SCHOOL** - If a student needs any form of medication at school, a written physician's prescription and written parental consent are necessary. Any medication should be brought in the original container to the health office where it will be stored and dispensed. Please contact Mrs. Davies with further questions.

## **DIGNITY ACT COORDINATORS**

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Central School District is Judith Christiansen, director of human resources. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Mrs. Christiansen, at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845. Her telephone number is 607-739-5601, x4211. **The Dignity Act Coordinator for CS is Patricia Sotero. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Patricia Sotero at 795-2580 x 2600.**

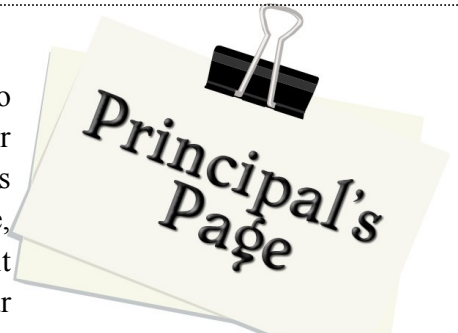
**Safe Schools Line - To report a concern, rumor, or other safety issue - call 795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984.  
Line is available 24 hours a day - ALL CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL.**

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to gender, race, color, national origin, or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Judy Christiansen, Title IX Coordinator, or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845 (607) 739-5601



Dear Parent (s) / Caregiver (s),

Hello Everyone! The 2014 - 2015 school year is off to a fantastic start! There is a high level of excitement at Center Street! Throughout the month of September the students learned what becoming a "Person of Character" looks like, sounds like, and feels like. Respect is a key characteristic trait that helps to shape good citizenship in our building, in our



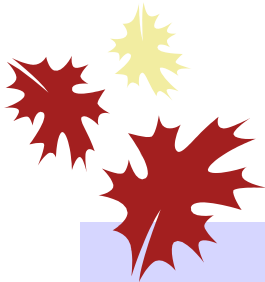
home and in our world. Each day in September, students were "caught" by both the principal and staff exhibiting responsibility, such as finding lost items - even money, and turning them into the office, helping to pick up someone else's cafeteria tray, leaving the classroom floors clean of pencils, pens, and large papers, and helping other students in need. The students' names were announced during the morning announcements for the entire school to hear. As principal, I shared with the student body how proud I am of each of the students for making the right choices. What we now have is Reverse Peer Pressure - it is cool to make the right decision, to listen, to help others, to be honest, and to care!

Thank you for coming out and sharing our Open House with us! I was elated to see so many families (standing room only, extending out into the hallways) for the principal's meeting to discuss the new science program FOSS. Our emphasis throughout the year will always be -Communication, Communication, Communication; we can never have too much communication. Our newsletters, flyers, magnets, Website, Come for Coffee visits, office visits, phone calls, and notes are all ways we can continue to work together on behalf of your son/daughter's success.

I drive to work every morning with a smile on my face knowing that I am serving such a committed and caring community!

Sincerely,

Patti Sotero, Principal



### Center Street Elementary Contact Information

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Kathy Wigsten, Secretary  
Trishia Alexander, Attendance Clerk  
Annette Cobb, Nurse

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Stacey Huftalen, PTO Co-President  
Shannon McInerney, PTO Co-President  
Michelle Gryska, PTO Secretary  
Melissa Yearick, PTO Treasurer

Newsletter in Color: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/centerst/csnews.cfm>



# Character **RESPONSIBILITY** Corner

**Always make good choices and do what is right! BE ON TIME!**

This month's Character Education word is Responsibility. The Center Street students will be participating in a Special Fall Food Drive. We show responsibility by helping others in our community. Please bring in a can, bag, or boxed item and place it in the blue bin located in the lobby. Students should let their classroom teacher know what they brought in, since there is a classroom contest taking place in the building.

## Horseheads Central School District Parents' Bill of Rights Relating to Student Data

The District, in compliance with Education Law 2-d, hereby establishes the following Parents' Bill of Rights in regard to student data:

1. A student's personally identifiable information will not be sold or released for any commercial purpose;
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's educational record. Procedures for reviewing student records can be found in the Board Policy entitled "Student Records," Policy 5500, Regulation 5500-R;
3. Security protocols regarding confidentiality of personally identifiable information are currently in place and the safeguards necessary to protect the confidentiality of student data are maintained at industry standards and best practices. The safeguards include but are not limited to encryption, firewalls, and password protection.
4. New York State maintains a complete list of all student data collected by the State and the data is available for public review at [www.nysed.gov](http://www.nysed.gov), or by writing to 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234
5. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2014 - 2015

**Meadow Barr, Tatiana Copp, Morgan Jones, Riley Fetsch,  
Eliana Streeter, Noah Wood, Rachel Lunger, Owen Nielsen,  
and Julian Timmerman!**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 3RD & 4TH GRADE CLASSROOM SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS:

James Dailey  
Andrew Russell \*Ms. Sutton  
Taliq Weigle

Gabby Ives  
Danica Reese \* Mrs. Finnerty  
Tyler Wood

Kevin Comfort  
Alex Littrell \* Mrs. French  
Kyra Ungvarsky

Meadow Barr  
Tatiana Copp \*Mrs. Karastury  
Morgan Jones

Tyler Andrews  
Eliana Streeter \*Mrs. Packard  
Ian Watson

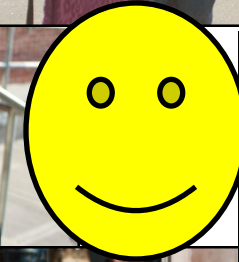
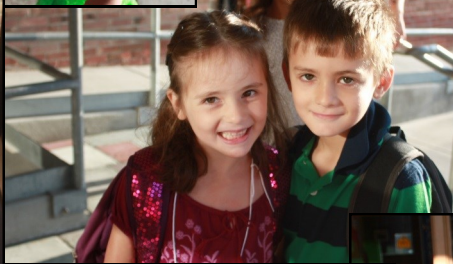
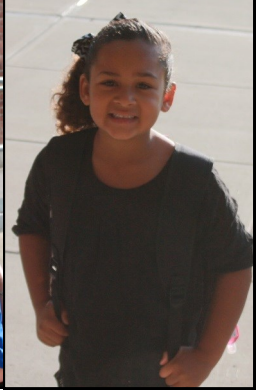
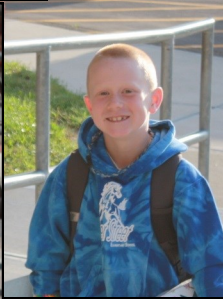
Nolan Barcomb  
Mariah Hoyles \*Mrs. Prutsman  
Connor Jackson

**Proud Supporter of  
School Matters!**



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

# FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



# WELCOME BACK!!!



# Veterans Day Celebration at Center Street



Do you have a relative or friend who has served in the military or who is currently serving our country in the armed forces? Then this message is for you. We are looking for individuals who would be able to come to Center Street on **Thursday, Nov. 6th** from 8:15 - 8:50 to help us celebrate Veterans Day. There will be no speaking involved, but rather we would like you to wear part of or all of your service uniform, walk down the hallway, and be greeted by our students and staff. We would like to thank the individuals for the sacrifices they make each day on our behalf. Refreshments will be served in our cafeteria and enjoyed by all following the event at CS!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Connection to Center Street \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of the Military \_\_\_\_\_

# Center Street PTO *Family Fun Night*



## GET TO KNOW

CS PTO WORKS WITH THE SCHOOL, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO FIND WAYS TO MAKE THE CENTER STREET EXPERIENCE AS AMAZING AS POSSIBLE!! BUT WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FROM THE CENTER STREET COMMUNITY TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP TO HELP WITH ONE OR MORE OF OUR PROJECTS OR FUND RAISERS - BECAUSE **WE NEED YOU!!**

### PTO Partners with CS

We provide supplemental funding needed for Center Street Educational Assemblies and Field Trips, as well as funds, supplies, and helpers needed to ensure many Center Street events run smoothly. We assist with the CS Veteran's Day Celebration, School Picture Day, Spelling Bee, Talent Show, Kindergarten Screening and Orientation, Forth Grade Picnic, and school - wide Field Days. We also provide additional art supplies, Nurses' Office supplies, and software where needed. PTO is a very important part of Center Street - but we need volunteers to help at programs, and ensure fund raisers are successful so that we have the income needed for all of our projects. Please consider helping where you can!

### PTO Events

We host special events for Center Street students to help get students excited about school. Some of our events include the Fall Festival, santa's visit, Spring Carnival, ice cream truck visit and the Annual Book Exchange!

### PTO Supports Teachers

We provide a small amount of funding to every teacher in the building for classroom supplies. We also recently started providing funds for CS teachers to attend trainings. With the ever-changing world of education, keeping up-to-date on current techniques and strategies is crucial.

Find us on  
**facebook**

Stay in touch  
**WWW.CSPTO.ORG**

# CS PTO



Come support Center Street PTO

## October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Pizza Hut- Miracle Mile location  
2493 Corning Rd  
Elmira, NY 14903  
(607) 739-0458

Dine-in or Take out and  
present the certificate below and  
**20% of your purchase**

will be donated to Center Street

[www.pizzahut.com](http://www.pizzahut.com)



All clubs will begin next week  
Newspaper – Monday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Yearbook – Tuesday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sign Language – Tuesday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Green Garden – Thursday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Please pick up your child  
promptly at 3:00 in the lobby.**

## Fundraiser Ticket

10/2/2014 from 4 to 9 PM

Elmira Heights

Pizza Hut<sup>®</sup>

20% of bearer's purchase will be donated to:

**Center Street PTO**

**Please present ticket to server**

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# Center Street Talent Show Sign Up



**\*\*Permission Slips and Music due by October 8TH\*\***

Attention all Center Street Students: Singing, dancing, piano playing, gymnastics, karate, some simple joke telling or whatever your talent may be, let it shine at **the Center Street Talent Show on November 6, 2014**. If your child or group would like to perform in the talent show, please submit your form by the **deadline of October 8th**. There will be a **FULL DRESS REHEARSAL – costumes and props required- on Oct. 20th after school 2:30 – 5:00 at Center Street Elementary**. (Please have your child bring a snack for the audition.)

Acts are limited to **3 minutes in length** and **one act per student whether it is a solo or a group act**. Songs or dance routine music is based upon first come first serve basis. If there is a duplication of music, students will be advised to select another piece of music. All music, movements, costumes/outfits, and performances must be appropriate to Center Street. **All music must be on a CD, clearly marked with the Performer(s) name(s), as well as the name of the Song/Act and must be submitted to the school along with this permission form for approval by the committee or your child will not be able to participate.** Only current Center Street Students are able to participate.

If you have any questions, call the school office at 795-2580.

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## **Talent Show Permission Slip**

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Performer(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Performance \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Music \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's email \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Equipment Required:    Table, exercise mats, music stand, and stool/chair

### **Parental Permission required (see below)**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the Center Street Talent Show on **November 6, 2014**. I will review song lyrics and review my child's act/costume to ensure it is appropriate for a school function. Also by signing below, I am giving permission for my child to be video taped. *It is mandatory that all talent show participants attend the full dress rehearsal.*

**\*\*It is very important that the acts are well rehearsed before the shows. We encourage students to practice several times so their act is well prepared for the performance.**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone / Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

## **VOLUNTEER REQUEST**

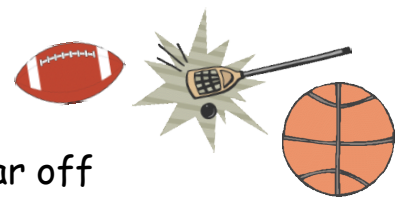
If you are willing to help out for both the rehearsal and the talent show, please fill in below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



Greetings from the gymnasium!

It's Miss Bryant (or Miss B) and I am the



Physical Education Teacher. We have started the year off

having FUN! Your children have come to my class ready to move and learn.

A **BIG** reminder to everyone - please make sure all students wear **SNEAKERS** to school on the days they have gym. If they are not wearing proper shoes they must sit out and watch. This is for the safety of your child and their classmates.

We have spent the first month getting into our routine in the gym including our warm-up, movement activities and for many our reward system of Becoming an Athlete. We have talked about different ways and directions to move our bodies. We built bubbles around us and worked on the concept of good personal space. We are building on the theme of safety for each other. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades we worked on cooperation games. Games that we had to work together to be successful in! They have ALL been such fantastic kids and are showing great responsibility and respect for not only each other but our school. I am so proud of that work! The students are so excited to come see me and that makes my job AWESOME. Encourage your children to stay moving even after school. This time of year is great for getting outside and enjoying that time before the snow flies! Ask them about games we play here and play them at home as well.

Thanks -- Until next time Keep Playing!

Miss Bryant



Lights!



Camera!



Action!

# Center Street Students Have Talent!

Students, get ready for our fourth annual Center Street Talent Show!

**Who:** Current Center Street Students

**What:** Talent Show

**Where:** Center Street Cafeteria

**When:** November 6, 2014 6:30 – 8:30

**Why:** Because we have the most talented students!

**Cost:** FREE

# Good Apple Awards

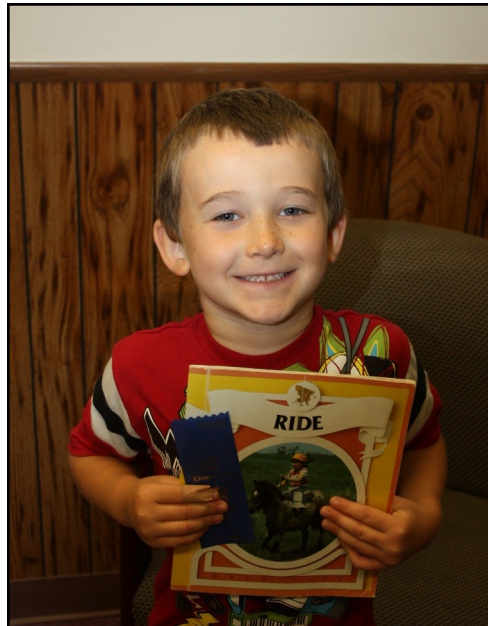
The Good Apple Award is a tool to promote pride, self-esteem and positive character development. All faculty and staff nominate students exhibiting good character. At the end of each month, the principal will announce the recipients names, and will present the students with their award during their scheduled lunch time. A bulletin board is in the Main Lobby to display each month's recipients. The following students earned a good apple award for showing exceptional character during this month.

The following students received Good Apple Award Certificates for September.

McInerney	Shiloh	K	Fitzpatrick	Azlynn	1	Resavage	Jason	2
Mohamed	Yasmien	K	Irvin	Sirron	1	Jerzak	Madilyn	3
Osiecki	Owne	K	French	Ellie	1	Oaks	Paris	3
Baker	Gabriella	K	McCormick	Kailey	1	Quaglia	Anthony	3
Cicciarelli	Ryan	K	Quaglia	Sophia	1	Sheahan	Anna	3
Irvin	Josalyn	K	Craven	Kylen	2	Chalk	Dylan	3
McIlwain	Ryan	1	Lyon	Nathan	2	Grow	Maya	3
Rathbun	Kayla	1	Ayers	Aubrey	2	Cooper	Cole	3
Sindlinger	CarLynn	1	Dunn	Patrick	2	Barr	Meadow	4
Sindlinger	CarLynn	1	McInerney	Gavin	2	Kruckow	Jennifer	4
Bates	Kameron	1	Merla	Drew	2	Wheeler	Ryan	4
Earley	Abigail	1	Peckham	Robert	2	Wida	MaKenzie	4

## Reading with the Principal

Reading is important to learning, and it allows us to laugh, travel, and pass through different time zones without even leaving our seats. Mrs. Sotero enjoys listening to the children read to her each and every week whether it is a new book the students read or a story they wrote themselves.



Fesetch	Riley	4
Merrick	Aiden	4
Walker	Haylei	4
Wood	Noah	4
Jackson	Connor	4
Jenkins	Madalyn	4
Lunger	Rachel	4
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Norton	Richard	4
LaForest	Cierra	4

**TERRIFIC  
JOB!**



# Come for coffee with the principal.

Come for Coffee, **October 7th at 6:00** - before the monthly PTO meeting (first Tuesday of every month). Come for Coffee is a time to meet with the principal and discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Looking forward to seeing you in there.

## Clip Box Tops - earn cash for our school!



Our school wide goal for collecting Box Tops is even BIGGER this year, which means our contests are going to be even BIGGER this year, which means our prizes will be even BIGGER this year! This year you will be competing for prizes & classroom parties by your GRADE LEVEL!

Will the First graders win? Second graders? Let's see!



## COSTUME PARADE

There will be a Costume Parade at Center Street at 1:15 PM, on Friday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Parents, family members, and neighbors are encouraged to come out to view this fun filled activity. All spectators are asked to line the sidewalks of Center Street. BE SURE NOT TO PARK IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE SCHOOL OR BY THE BUS LINE UP NEAR THE HIGH SCHOOL. **\*Please note: parents will not be able to have lunch with their child on this day in the cafeteria.** Thank you for your understanding.



## Fall Festival Reminder

Our Fall Festival is something for the entire family to enjoy together. All ages are welcome to join in the fun; parent supervision of non-school aged children will be necessary to maintain a safe and happy event. Look for more information soon!

**2014 Center Street Fall Festival**  
Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

**Join us for games AND for prizes!**

- Win Cupcakes at the cake wheel!
- Lollipop Tree
- Fishing Booth
- Snacks
- Plinko!!
- Come Early and Win a Pumpkin!
- CS Cooperation Challenge
- and much, much more
- Putt Putt Course
- Tattoo Parlor and Face Painting
- Play Angry Birds!
- Basketball Shoot

**WHEN: Friday, October 24, 6:00 - 8:00**  
**WHERE: Center Street Elementary School Gym**

Contact [FallFestival@cspto.org](mailto:FallFestival@cspto.org) to help out!

# Reminders

**SPECIAL RECYCLING NIGHT—AT CS—FRIDAY, OCT. 24TH -**

**During the week of Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> ESPECIALLY THE NIGHT OF THE FALL FESTIVAL,**

bring in the following:

- ◆ used catalogs
- ◆ magazines
- ◆ phone books
- ◆ newspapers
- ◆ office papers

**CS will receive 3 cents per pound!!! Thank you for your support!!!**



Last year, we raised over \$75.00

Center Street has a Facebook page. Please “like” us to stay up to date on activities, events, and other important information about our school.

# Fall “RESPONSIBILITY” OCTOBER

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Visit our CS School Store <b>EVERY TUESDAY &amp; THURSDAY 8:00 - 8:20!!!</b>	1 <b>DAY 3</b> Food Drive Starts Box Top Contest Begins	2 <b>DAY 4</b> Smith Farms - Pumpkins - Pre K & K Field Trip	3 <b>DAY 5</b> Human Board Game Assembly - outside 8:45 & 9:45	4	
5	<b>DAY 6</b> Fire Safety Week	6 <b>DAY 1</b> Come For Coffee @ 6 PTO-6:30 Fire Safety Assembly @ 1:15	7 <b>DAY 2</b> Spelling Bee @ 7:00	8 <b>DAY 3</b> NO HWC Treasures & Go Math Scores due	9 <b>DAY 4</b> NO HWC Treasures & Go Math Scores due	10 <b>DAY 5</b> Conference Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	11
12	13 Columbus Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	14 <b>DAY 4</b>	15 <b>DAY 5</b>	16 <b>DAY 6</b> CSE Mtgs	17 <b>DAY 1</b>	18	
19	20 <b>DAY 2</b> Clothing Sale Starts	21 <b>DAY 3</b> Student Council Elections RED, WHITE, BLUE SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY	22 <b>DAY 4</b>	23 <b>DAY 5</b> Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 2:30—5:00	24 <b>DAY 6</b> Early Dismissal Fall Festival 6 – 8:00 Food Drive Recycling	25	
26	27 <b>DAY 1</b> SBT Meeting 2:45 IT Meeting 4:00	28 <b>DAY 2</b>	29 <b>DAY 3</b>	30 <b>DAY 4</b> Box Top Contest Ends	31 <b>DAY 5</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> marking per. ends Costume Parade Parties - Coupon Book and Clothing Sales End No Parent luncheons at CS		

Every Tuesday and Thursday – our school store is open from 8:00 – 8:20. Student get the opportunity of shopping for great school items for a basic price. We want the students to have a great opportunity right here at CS.

**Gym Days** - are sneaker days - and you are then prepared to have fun!  
**Art Days** - students need smocks to keep clean - any old shirt will do!