

Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 6th:

Baseball vs. Hidden Valley Middle School - Starkey Field #2 - 5:00 PM Softball @ Hidden Valley Middle School - 5:00 PM Boys' Soccer vs. Hidden Valley Middle School - Home - 5:00 PM Girls' Soccer @ Hidden Valley Middle School - 5:00 PM

Wednesday, March 8th:

Girls' Soccer vs. William Byrd Middle School — Home - 5:00 PM Softball vs. William Byrd Middle School — Home - 5:00 PM

Thursday, March 9th:

*End of Third 9-Week Grading Period
Boys' Soccer vs. Central Academy Middle School – Home - 5:00 PM
Girls' Soccer @ Central Academy Middle School – 5:00 PM

Friday, March 10th:

*Schools Closed - Teacher Workday

School News:

SOL TESTING

Please mark your calendars...

- > 8th grade students are scheduled to participate in SOL testing (Writing SOL Test) on Tuesday, March 7th and Wednesday, March 8th.
- > The Writing SOL Test is a two-part test: Multiple-Choice and Short-Paper.
- > Tuesday, March 7th: Students will complete the Multiple-Choice portion of the test.
- > Wednesday, March 8th: Students will complete the Short-Paper portion of the test.
- > Testing will begin at 8:30 AM, each day.
- > English teachers will provide students with specific testing location information.
- > SOL tests are not timed, and students will take these tests on their laptops. Please ensure that your student brings his/her fully charged laptop and charger to school on the aforementioned dates.
- Please remind your student to be mindful of our electronic device policy which states, "Students may not have any electronic devices in their possession during testing including, but not limited to, cell phones, e-books, tablets, games, and smart watches."

Should you have any questions/concerns about SOL testing, please contact Neal Hall, CSMS Testing Coordinator @ nhall@rcps.us
540.562.3900 Ext. 30034

Thank you!



Dear CSMS Parents/Guardians:

As you may be aware, the 2023 *Global Day of Unplugging* is scheduled to take place from sunset on Friday, March 3rd to sundown on Saturday, March 4th. *Global Day of Unplugging* is an international effort to voluntarily restrict the usage of smartphones and computers for a 24-hour period.

While we all know that technology is a fantastic resource, we also recognize that most of us need to take breaks from electronic screens from time-to-time. We would like to encourage our students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members to unplug for a day and enjoy the world around us. However, we are also realistic, and we know that unplugging may mean that we *attempt* to reduce our screen time, but many of us will still have to work, take calls, and send important messages, etc.

If you are willing to attempt to restrict your screen time for 24-hours, please sign the following pledge: it will take approx. ten seconds to complete this form.

Link: https://forms.office.com/r/fSS4uhne99

The RCPS School that collects the highest percentage of pledges will be awarded \$500 to benefit student wellbeing. Pledges may be completed by students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members. Please share this link with family members.

Thank you for your support and Happy Global Day of Unplugging!

CSMS Administration



School News:

CSMS SCA FUNDRAISER

Are you looking for some FRESH Cave Spring gear? Do you feel like your red and black collection needs to be updated/taken to the next level? Well, start stretching! The SCA (Student Council Association) Swag Shop is here!

Please click on the following link to start shopping:

CSMS SCA SWAG SHOP

This is a fundraiser for the CSMS SCA, so all items have been marked up a small percentage.

Please note the SCA Swag Shop will be open from 3/6/23 - 3/16/23.

Thank you in advance for your support!

CSMS SCA

PTO NEWS

▲ Squires give back!

You may be familiar with the *Knight's Closet* at Cave Spring High School. We think it is such an awesome program that we're bringing it to the middle school!

The PTO is sponsoring the *Squire's Closet* to provide access to semi-formal and dance attire for male and female students. We are currently seeking donations including dresses, shoes, costume jewelry, dress pants, dress shirts, belts, ties, and blazers in preparation for the upcoming Spring Dance (April)! All donations should be clean and in good condition.

Any CSMS student will be able to shop for free. Donations can be placed in the donation box in the CSMS Front Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelley Clemons at Shelley.Clemons@yahoo.com

Thank you so much for your support!



School News:



Dear CSMS Parents/Guardians and Students:

This year, we are once again planning to help families in need for the upcoming spring holiday. For this annual event, we will fill baskets for children at the *Turning Point Shelter*, the *Ronald McDonald House*, and the *Children's Ward* at *Lewis Gale Hospital*.

We need your help with this community service project. We are asking each family to donate \$1.00 or more. Families may also donate items listed below. We hope to provide baskets for many needy children. Donations should be submitted to CSMS Health/PE Teachers, by Friday, March 17th.

Thank you, in advance, for helping families in need, and for showing our students at CSMS how good it feels to give to others in the community.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

SPRING BASKETS (NEW OR GENTLY USED)

PLASTIC EGGS (NEW OR GENTLY USED)

SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS (NEW OR GENTLY USED)

SMALL CHILDREN'S BOOKS (NEW OR GENTLY USED)

BAG OF CANDY TO FILL EGGS (NEW)

SMALL CHOCOLATE BUNNIES (NEW)

SMALL TOYS (NEW)

BASKET GRASS (NEW)

Thank you so much for your support!

Lisa Sink

CSMS Health & Physical Education Teacher