



# CRMS CRUMBS

May 2008

CHESTERFIELD-RUBY MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
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*PACT Testing May 13<sup>th</sup> – May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week May 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>*

## CRMS Mission Statement

**The mission of Chesterfield-Ruby Middle School is to produce challenged, responsible, motivated students by providing an excellent education to every student.**

### From the Desk of the Principal



TECHNOLOGY..... THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY! Whether we like it or not, we are living in the technological era. From text messaging to IM's and MySpace, our children are being exposed to some good things and some bad things. My message to you this month is MONITOR, MONITOR, and MONITOR SOME MORE! You should be well aware of the text messages your child is sending and receiving and if you allow your child to have a MySpace or Facebook account, I strongly encourage you to learn how to view these accounts. I have had the opportunity to look at a lot of students' text messages and MySpace pages, and unfortunately, have come across some very inappropriate material. If you need support on how to navigate these pages, please contact me, and I or someone on my staff can assist you. I hope that you appreciate the fact that I take the role of ensuring that our children are safe. I will continue to monitor students in this manner and contact families when necessary. Thank you for your continued support!

### The Counselor's Corner from Mrs. Susan Cassidy

PACT Testing is quickly approaching and it is time to get geared up. Below are some tips to make testing easier for you and your child(ren).

### Duke Tip Scholars

### 15 PACT Tips

CONGRATULATIONS to seventh graders, **Davis Delaney** and **Victoria Perdue**, who have qualified as our DUKE TIP scholars. These students will be recognized at a ceremony at Furman University for their outstanding achievement on the SAT or ACT.

1. Get a good night's sleep
2. Eat breakfast
3. Wear comfortable clothes
4. Get to school on time
5. Use bathroom BEFORE test
5. Think positive
7. Stay relaxed
8. Listen carefully, follow directions
9. Take your time
10. Ignore the pace of others
11. Bubble neatly and completely
12. Search for clues to the answer
13. Answer all questions
14. Check over your work
15. Do your best!

### CRMS Musical Notes



#### Solo and Ensemble Festival

- At the Solo and Ensemble Festival in Florence last Saturday, the CRMS band members earned 39 superior ratings and 17 excellent ratings. Superior is the highest rating possible and excellent is the next highest. No other school attending the festival earned as many superiors as our band members. Congratulations to all our band members for representing us so well! As a result of these ratings and our performances at Concert Festival, Region Band and All-State band, the CRMS Band program has earned the highest award given by the SC Band Directors Association - the Outstanding Performance Award. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the band has earned this award. Go band!

#### Annual Awards Banquet

- The Band will hold its annual awards banquet in the CRMS Cafeteria at 6pm on Thursday, May 8. A covered dish dinner will begin at 6pm with the awards ceremony following at approximately 6:45. Everyone is invited!

#### Spring Concert

- The band will present its annual spring concert in the CRMS Gym at 6:30 on Thursday, May 22. All are invited.

#### Color Guard Tryouts

- Color Guard try outs (for rising 9th grade girls) will be held on May 12-16. Practices are on Monday through Thursday (the 12th through the 15th) and the final auditions will be on Friday, May 16. Practices are in the Middle School Band Room and will start right after school until 4:30. The auditions will begin right after school that Friday and the students will be dismissed as soon as they finish their audition. Interested girls need to see Mrs. Rogers in the band room for an audition packet by Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Social Studies Curriculum Corner

The Social Studies Department has been busy preparing our students to meet grade level expectations as measured by the PACT Test.

- In 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, we have traveled back in time to study many different ancient civilizations during this year. We are finishing up our study of the Roman Empire and will be moving on to the Middle Ages. Then, we will be visiting Italy to learn about the achievements of the Renaissance and Reformation Eras. We are ready and looking forward to acing our Social Studies PACT test this year.
- In *Seventh Grade Social Studies* we are currently studying the Holocaust which occurred during World War II. This topic is being taught using videos and programs found on *Curriculum On Wheels*. These programs deal with the horrors of the Holocaust and how it impacted the world. Next we will be discussing the Cold War between the United States and Soviet Union and how the U.S. was trying to stop the spread of communism. Students have been encouraged to use websites such as [www.mrdonn.org](http://www.mrdonn.org) to supplement their lessons. They are also encouraged to visit Mr. Edwards's website to keep up with current assignments, homework, and future tests.
- The 8th grade recently took a standards oriented field trip to Charleston. While there, they explored the historic downtown area with tour guides, visited the aquarium, strolled around on a ghost walk and enjoyed a meal at Bubba Gumps. All activities, while fun, also provided depth to educational standards we have covered this year. We live in a state saturated with history, something we have devoted our 8th grade social studies year to. We encourage you and your family to explore what your children do in class with a trip to one of these places and let the past come alive.

The Nurse's Station



Media Center News

Twenty students attended the Chesterfield County Read-In in Cheraw, SC. Rev. Jerry D. Corbett served as the storyteller for CRMS. Go Rams! We had a delightful day of storytelling, fun, and food. The following students attended the Read-In: Raunisha Ratliff, Rosell Quick, Tahesha Muldrow, Kelly Brown, Alayna Anderson, Madison Lewis, Shawnae Hickman, Prianca Little, Zach Clemente, Daniel Johnson, Brandi Miller, Chiquan Wright, Megan Griggs, Kayla Lindsey, Trey McBride, Mikayla Scott, Cynthia Gibson, Aude Kimbrew, and Ariana Sellers.



CRMS TEACHERS.....NOTHING COULD BE FINER!

- Our **BRIGHT SPOT** for the month is **Mrs. Gullede**. Mrs. Gullede is our Career Center 21 instructor. She is someone that students and adults alike can count on for a hug or kind word. Mrs. Gullede has been a part of the CRMS family for 3 years and has worked for CCSD for over 30 years.
- Mrs. Hodge is our **Teacher Feature of the Month!** Kristen Gilmore writes, "She (Mrs. Hodge) helps me with what I need help with. She always tries to do the right thing. People call her "Mrs. Demerit," but to me she is the sweetest teacher I've got this year!"

Testing Anxiety

Tests are a big part of school life, more so today than ever before with the emphasis on meeting higher standards. Today's tests not only tell students how well they are doing and where they need to improve, they also allow teachers to identify where the curriculum needs to be fine tuned.

So if tests are so helpful, why do they cause some children so much anguish? Any test that requires students to show their best work is likely to produce some jitters. However, when those jitters produce extreme preoccupation with failure, sleeplessness, trembling hands, stomach pains or feeling faint, your child is likely experiencing "test anxiety."

According to the U.S. Department of Education, students who suffer from test anxiety tend to worry about success in school and may be extremely self-critical. Instead of feeling challenged by the prospect of success, they become afraid of failure. This makes them anxious about tests and their own abilities. Simply encouraging them to stop worrying usually doesn't help ease their concerns.

For more information go to <http://www.mohonasen.org/03parents/MSParent/testanxiety.htm>

Sports Physicals

CRMS will again offer sports physicals to any student interested in playing a sport next year. Students who maintain a passing average in all subjects and have a good disciplinary record may try out for a sport once they have received a physical. The physical must be dated on or after May 1, 2008 and can be used for any and all sports played at CRMS or Chesterfield High for the 2008 - 2009 school year. Dr. Novinger from Palmetto Family Medicine will be here on Tuesday, May 20 from 6 - 9 pm offering sports physicals for \$10 (cash only). **Physicals will be done by appointment only.** Forms for physicals can be picked up from any coach at the school. Appointments can be made by calling Mrs. Matthews, school nurse, at 623 - 9401 during school hours.



Relay for Life

Once again, the students at CRMS ran the extra mile in the fight against cancer for our Relay for Life campaign. This year, our students helped raised over \$10,000 for Relay for Life. Thanks to your support and the hard work of our teachers and students, we exceeded our goal! Thanks for supporting Relay for Life and CRMS!



8<sup>th</sup> GRADE COMPLETION CEREMONY

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Completion Ceremony will take place on June 2, 2008 at 6:30pm. Please plan to come and celebrate with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders.



CRMS GEM (Going the Extra Mile)

Students are nominated by staff members for characteristics that include exhibiting good work ethic, having positive relations with peers and adults, and showing improvement. Students nominated for this month are **Kendra Lindsey, David McLaurin, Daniel Hunsucker, Haley Griffith, JoAnna Wallace, and Jarred Melton.** Congratulations to all of these students! Go Rams! Thanks for adding something positive to our school family!



Manpower Luncheon

The CRMS Manpower Luncheon took place on Thursday, May 1, 2008. The Man Power Luncheon was a success. Many community and church leaders were in attendance. CRMS would like to thank all of the men who came and fellowshiped with our students and our wonderful kitchen staff.

Upcoming

- 8<sup>th</sup> Band Awards Banquet 5:30
- 12<sup>TH</sup>-23<sup>ND</sup>- PACT
- 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> - Cheerleading try-outs
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Spring Band Concert 6:30

- 27<sup>th</sup> - ALL A's Out to Lunch
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Field Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Night
- 30<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8th Grade Completion Ceremonies

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Find the words "go rams" in an article, write down the article, get your parent's signature, and return this portion for a chance to win a prize.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Article \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_