Greetings CMS Families: Welcome to the update for Week 19.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**  We are so extremely proud to report that each grade level increased their average scale scores in our recent STAR Math & Reading Tests. As a result, we are living up to our promise to allow a “Holiday Pajama Day” on Monday-Dec 17th. (Pajamas must cover the entire body, have no lace or see-through material and be age-appropriate.) They’ve earned it and we want them to enjoy it. (Dress code violations will result in Administrative Action).

Preliminary results reveal the following increases:  
- 6th Grade – 19 pts  
- 7th Grade – 50 pts  
- 8th Grade – 104 pts

- Parents, please take a moment to complete the Georgia Parent Climate Survey at this link: [http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents](http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents)  
  This survey is extremely important as it is part of the Conyers Middle School CCRPI calculation for the current school year.

- Please be mindful of this week’s Semester Exam information and schedule below:

  **Conyers Middle School**  
  **Semester I Exam Schedule**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dec 18</th>
<th>Dec 19</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2nd / 4th / 6th</td>
<td>3rd / 5th / 7th</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Students will receive study guides for all content classes by no later than Dec 7th.
- Early exams will not be permitted. Students who leave before the Semester Break begins may make up the exam on Jan 8th. Any student who does not take Semester Exams by Jan 8th will not receive credit for the Semester Exam grade which may negatively impact their overall semester average.
- All students afforded accommodations through IEP, ESOL or 504 Plan services will receive them.
- All student devices will be turned into Homeroom Teachers on Monday to ensure availability during test time.

- **Reminder:** Our Encore After-School program ended on Thursday and will resume in February 2019.

- The application period for School Specialty & Choice for 2019-20 ends this Friday, Dec 21. For 8th grade students who are interested in continuing participation in Aerospace Education, that opportunity will be provided through Salem High School’s specialty program. For more info or to apply for RCPS Specialty Programs goto: [https://www.rockdaleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=136388&pageId=593431](https://www.rockdaleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=136388&pageId=593431)

- 8th Grade Parents: the 8th Grade Class Trip Packet was given out on Friday, December 7th in the Friday Folders. Please make sure that you read everything over with your child and sign all documentation. The first installment of $60 was due on Friday, December 14th in the form of cash, cashier’s check, or money order. Make it out to Conyers Middle School. No personal checks will be accepted. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Rivers-Byrd by e-mail at trivers1@rockdale.k12.ga.us.
As a reminder, to meet eligibility requirements for our next School-wide PBIS Celebration on December 20th, students must meet the following criteria:

Please encourage your student to work on assignments, projects and complete any missing assignments given by their teachers within the past term to ensure their best Semester grades and eligibility to participate.

Students really enjoy being able to redeem “Bulldog Bucks” to purchase items from Friday Treat Carts. Students earn “Bulldog Bucks” as an incentive for exhibiting positive behavior and appropriate work habits. Parents we need your help maintaining inventory for Friday Treat Carts. Donations of the following items will help us continue this incentive program which has already proven to positively impact overall school-wide behavior and academic achievement:

- Potato Chips
- Capri Suns
- Candy (Skittles, M&Ms, Sour Straws, etc.)
- Powerades

Bulk purchases from Sam’s, BJ’s, or similar stores would be greatly appreciated. Please bring donated items to Ms. Lillian Tomlinson in our Parent Center.

Important Dates to remember:

- No Athletic or Fine Arts events this week.

As always, please be mindful of our Administrative Team structure as we stand ready to assist you with any question or concern:

- Ms. Kimberly Dyer kdyer@rockdale.k12.ga.us - 6th Grade, 7th Grade (A-L), Math & Science
- Ms. Fannetta Gooden fgooden@rockdale.k12.ga.us - 8th Grade, 7th Grade (M-Z), ELA & Social Studies
- Dr. De’borah D. Reese dreese@rockdale.k12.ga.us - Special Education & Connections

We’re looking forward to a great week ahead at our: WORLDCLASS school with a WORLDCLASS staff facilitating WORLDCLASS instruction for our WORLDCLASS students to empower our surrounding WORLDCLASS community. Enjoy the rest of your weekend!
Please consider joining PTA, a great support resource for our students and teachers. The $10 membership fee may be paid via CashApp: $CMSPTA (Please be sure to include your “PTA Membership – Your student’s name”)

CMS PTA Board:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Jestacia Jones – Co President  / Romona Anderson – Co President  / Jamila Decuir – Vice President</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Regina Porter - Recording Secretary / Chris Porter - Corresponding Secretary / Adrienne Wise - Treasurer</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Email Contact: conversmiddleschoolpta@gmail.com

Parents!!

Do you have a moment to send a quick thank you note or e-mail to a staff member?

Expressing gratitude can fill your cup and our staff member’s cup. Positive connections between home and school foster mutual respect, in turn creating a rich learning environment. If you’re interested in sharing a quick thank you with someone who is having a positive impact on your student, please email me at dreese@rockdale.k12.ga.us with subject line: Gratitude for ‘staff member’s name’.