

## **CMS SCENE**

### **JULY 30, 2025**

#### **VISION**

Canton Middle School inspires students to be lifelong learners and citizens who positively shape their community and the world.

#### **MISSION**

Canton Middle School provides a safe, supportive, and challenging environment where students experience diverse worldviews and a broad variety of opportunities. During this transitional time, teams create innovative, student-centered practices while cultivating independent thinking and collaboration. In partnership with families, community, and the school, students develop the empathy and self-confidence necessary for lifelong fulfillment.

#### **EQUITY STATEMENT**

In the Canton Public Schools Community, we believe equity is recognizing and valuing each and every individual, removing systemic barriers to well-being, committing to sustainable action, and ensuring access to pathways of success for all.

#### **ON THE HORIZON**

*7th Grade Orientation - Monday, August 25*

*First Day of School - Thursday, August 28*

*Early Release - Thursday, August 28*

*Early Release - Friday August 29*

*CMS Picture Day - Thursday September 4*

#### **SUMMER REMINDERS**

#### **7th GRADE ORIENTATION**

We invite all of our incoming 7th grade students to join us for an orientation **Monday, August 25, 2025 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** This event is for students only and we greatly appreciate your efforts in arranging transportation. Orientation will take place on site at CMS. Students should be dropped off in front of the school; staff will be outside to greet them. During the orientation, students will receive their class schedule, receive their school Chromebook, meet their teachers, tour the building, engage in team building activities and learn some information that will help them succeed on the first day of school. Students will be dismissed to the front of the school at 11:30 a.m.

#### **SCHEDULES AVAILABLE AUGUST 25**

PowerSchool access to schedules will become available on Monday, August 25th.

- 7th graders will receive their schedule at orientation on 8/25.
- Any 7th grader who cannot attend orientation (and all 8th graders) can access their schedule on PowerSchool at that time.

We will also have printouts of schedules available on the first day of school.

## **FALL SPORTS INFORMATION**

CMS offers cross country and field hockey in the fall. The link to register for sports can be found at <https://cantonschools.org/p/middle-school-athletics> (from the district website: Canton Middle - Teams and Departments - Athletics). Registration must be complete via Final Forms, and a physical must be on file with the nurse, before a student can participate.

**Pay to Participate:** CMS athletics are “Pay To Participate” for this school year. For all athletic programs at CMS in the 2025-26 school year, students will pay \$100 per student per sport. There will be a family cap (no more than \$375 per family including all their students in grades 7 - 12) and scholarship opportunities for families with need. Further details will be provided as sports seasons approach (including how the payment can be made via Final Forms).

## **CMS SUPPLY LIST**

The CMS supply list can be found on the Canton Public Schools website or by clicking on the link below.

[CMS Supply List](#)

## **BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS**

Be on the lookout for an email containing a link to PowerSchool to complete your back to school required forms. The beginning of the school year is the time to update any information that may have changed.

## **STUDENT ABSENCES**

Please report your child's absence by **9 a.m.** by emailing us. If your child will be absent, coming in late or will need to leave early, please utilize the Canton Middle School Attendance email at:

[cmsattendance@cantonschools.org](mailto:cmsattendance@cantonschools.org).

If you are unable to email us, please call us at **(860) 693-5997**. If you need to speak with the nurse directly, please call **(860) 693-5997** or email her at the email listed below.

**School Nurse:** Amber Mansfield, RN BSN [amansfield@cantonschools.org](mailto:amansfield@cantonschools.org)

**Health Aide:** Janet Babbitt [jbabbitt@cantonschools.org](mailto:jbabbitt@cantonschools.org)

**Phone:** (860) 693-5997

**Fax:** (860) 693-5837

## **7TH GRADE PHYSICAL**

As a reminder, 7th graders must have a current physical on file with the school nurse. Please contact Ryan Townsley at [rtownsley@cantonschools.org](mailto:rtownsley@cantonschools.org) with any questions.

## **CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR**

Please find the district calendar for the 2025-26 school year here:

<https://cantonschools.org/Home/DownloadDocument?docId=b907b0fc-6251-400c-b836-165443c28a36>

## **SUMMER READING RESOURCES**

Here are some resources from our Library Learning Commons to encourage everyone to read as much as possible this summer!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xo9-yKfsgaab8XhMj00GJrSZ8YBcZuOQ/view>

## **LOBSTER LOOP INFORMATION**

Dear Families,

The Canton Middle School PTO invites all families to join us at the 33rd Annual Canton Lobster Loop 5k road race and non-competitive health walk. It will begin on the Canton Town Green, at the corner of Route 44 and Dowd Avenue on Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 8:30am. This is the middle school's largest fundraiser of the year. All fundraising proceeds will be used in support of our mission for the educational, social and emotional growth of our students.

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for 12 categories awarded, along with four 1st place trophies. All participants pre-registered by August 1st at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Canton/LobsterLoop5K> will receive a FREE Lobster Loop T-shirt the day of the race. The registration fee is \$30. Registration will only be available on-line. Registration will be available on race day through your own device or phone. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Please note: For safety reasons, wheels (bikes, strollers, roller-blades, etc.) and animals (dogs, other pets, etc.) are not allowed on race day.

For more Lobster Loop registration information, contact Kim Weller at [kimberlyweller@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlyweller@gmail.com) or 860-318-1438.

More details and up-to-date information, including race sponsors, can be accessed through our Facebook page: Canton Lobster Loop 5K.

Thank you, and we hope to see you at the Lobster Loop on August 24th!

Courtney Vincent  
Canton Lobster Loop Chair

## **CMS WAY**

At CMS, we discuss, live by and frequently refer to the CMS Way:

*We are Canton Middle School, and we...*

*C- Choose Kindness*

*M- Make Responsible Choices*

*S- Select Respect*

***Enjoy the rest of Summer!***