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**Good Morning Tamanend (GMT)—9.16.22**

**Friday, September 16, 2022 — Today is an A Day.**

**Today’s ROAR Focus is SHOWING RESPECT IN THE CLASSROOM.** You can **show respect in the classroom** by **taking care of property, listening to others, maintaining personal space,** and **choosing your words wisely.**

**7th Grade Field Trip to PA Renaissance Faire is October 4.** The Journey and Legacy Teams are excited to announce that we are taking our first field trip of the year.  On Tuesday, October 4th, we will be traveling by Perkiomen Tours to the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire at the Mount Hope Estate in Manheim, PA. We will be departing at 7:45 am returning back to Tamanend at 4:15 pm. Please pick up your student up at Tamanend Middle School at 4:15.  We are thrilled that our students will be able to experience the language, culture and life of the Middle Ages and Renaissance time periods as a 7th Grade class. All students must be dressed in period attire costume.  They must also bring a brown bag lunch or enough money to purchase a lunch. The cost of the trip is $55.  You must sign the permission form and pay for this trip by using  [MyPaymentsPlus](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mypaymentsplus.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7CBCAUGHIE%40CBSD.ORG%7C1ea2ea6466424860b09b08da95c93404%7Caa0b488ffc9e4185a5e3384220df23ca%7C0%7C0%7C637986988674131262%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Jz2Z5FtdZFJO38Etap8eMriSFicdEYjnkSo0DT3XOrU%3D&reserved=0).  [**My Payments Plus**](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mypaymentsplus.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7CBCAUGHIE%40CBSD.ORG%7C1ea2ea6466424860b09b08da95c93404%7Caa0b488ffc9e4185a5e3384220df23ca%7C0%7C0%7C637986988674131262%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Jz2Z5FtdZFJO38Etap8eMriSFicdEYjnkSo0DT3XOrU%3D&reserved=0)**is now open and the due date for all payments and permission forms is Friday, September 30**.   As always, if you have a financial concern, please contact our school social worker Mrs. Raquel Riad or your child’s team leader, Mrs. Lisa Mancini (Legacy team) or Ms. Maria Vitacco (Journey team).

**Reminder--Parents/Guardians: Are You Interested in Volunteering at Tamanend This Year?** If you are a Tamanend parent/guardian interested in volunteering at Tamanend this year, please click on link below to our Sign Up Genius--<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0849AFA62CA4FB6-parent> Our first volunteer opportunity will start next week. Please review the volunteer requirements below before signing up. Thank you for your support!

**Reminder--Information Regarding Volunteering at Tamanend:** All Central Bucks School District Volunteers play a vital role in supporting the staff, students, sports programs and other activities of our schools. You can now upload your clearances online through our Volunteer Tracker portal. Please click [App Garden- Volunteer Tracker](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fappgarden5.app-garden.com%2FVolTrackPA92102.nsf&data=02%7C01%7CABORGESON%40CBSD.ORG%7C7c0546ab92944948f4b108d83ae31eba%7Caa0b488ffc9e4185a5e3384220df23ca%7C0%7C0%7C637324094487390536&sdata=bFWQoyP%2F%2B88vWLqa%2FkYYfKJQlKt506nFa4NSE73tpzY%3D&reserved=0) to sign-up and review the clearance requirements. Sign-up is required for both New and Returning Volunteers! The Volunteer Tracker will allow you to sign-up for volunteer opportunities specific to your building and/or classroom of choice. You will receive communication via email to update you on the latest upcoming event(s), clearance expiration, and to review your participation level. Clearances and Background Checks are valid for five (5) years. Click [here](https://www.cbsd.org/volunteers) for required documentation and further information: <https://www.cbsd.org/Page/355>

**UPCOMING TIGER’S i ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES**

**Reminder--Strategic Games Tiger’s i Enrichment Group:** Join us on Thursdays during Tiger’s i in the Library for games of strategy, critical thinking, problem-solving, and a little luck. Choose from Catan, Pandemic, Azul, The Quest for Eldorado, Chess, escape room games, and 1000-piece puzzles! A reminder that students must be in good academic standing (good grades, not make-up work) in order to attend enrichment activities during Tiger’s i. Please email Mrs. Walter at [twalterveverka@cbsd.org](mailto:twalterveverka@cbsd.org) to sign up.

**Reminder--STEM Club Interest Meeting--**Do you have an interest in STEM? Are you looking for a way to be involved at Tamanend and do cool STEM based activities and competitions?  Then Tamanend’s STEM Club, #SouthSide STEM, is for you! Tamanend’s STEM Club will be holding an Interest meeting on Tuesday, September 27th during I/E in the Auditorium. If you are involved in other Tamanend activities, but are still interested in STEM, plan to attend this meeting to hear how you can participate in our club along with other activities. On the day of our meeting, please make sure to check in with your I/E teacher before reporting to the Auditorium.  If you are unable to make the meeting but are interested in participating in our STEM club, you can reach out to Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mrs. Gamble or Ms. Nagle for information.

**Reminder--8th and 9th Grade Back to School Night is Thursday, September 22.** 8th and 9th Grade Back to School Night is Thursday, September 22. The evening begins at 7:00. We will follow an A-Day schedule for Back to School Night.

**Reminder--Are You Interested in Joining the Tamanend Today TV Show?** If you would like to be part of producing our live weekly TV show (Tamanend Today) here at Tamanend, as either an on-air anchorperson or one of our behind the scenes technical crew, please e-mail Mr. Sterner ([dsterner@cbsd.org](mailto:dsterner@cbsd.org)) or see him in Room 106.

**Reminder--Please Update Your Student’s Information in Portal by Friday, September 30.** Please update your student’s information in Portal by Friday, September 30. You can find screenshots to help you in the *Tamanend Connections* newsletter: <https://www.smore.com/74wny>

**Reminder--You are invited to the 4th Annual Blood Drive in honor of Tamanend 9th Grader Gregory Matczak!** Date: Friday, Sept 30; Time: 2-7pm; Location: Warwick Township Firehouse**;** Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.redcrossblood.org%2F&data=05%7C01%7CBCAUGHIE%40CBSD.ORG%7Cf3744831d77b40dedcf808da8f8d794c%7Caa0b488ffc9e4185a5e3384220df23ca%7C0%7C0%7C637980135849979699%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cO2Drd6n%2F1GlT97nfZMj8Y81H4R6NJv2gtLSgutCyRE%3D&reserved=0) and use sponsor code GregoryM to sign up for an appointment**.** We will be raffling off a $50 Amazon gift card as a thank you for coming out and supporting our drive!Thanks again for your support!

**Reminder--Study Abroad France 2023 Informational Meeting.** Please join us for an informational meeting for CB Study Abroad: France 2023 on Monday, October 3 at 6:00 PM in the CB South Library. This meeting is for French students in 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th Grades and their parent(s)/guardian(s).

**Reminder--Required Dental Examinations for 7th Graders:** Dental exams are required for all 7th Graders by October 15, 2022. Any exam given since September 1, 2021 is acceptable. Please have your student turn in his or her dental exam form directly to the Health Office.

**Reminder--Breakfast is Available Each Day in the Cafeteria.** Any student who is interested in having breakfast at school may report to the Cafeteria upon arrival at Tamanend.

**Reminder--Free and Reduced Lunch Applications:** Families can access the online application for Free & Reduced Meals by [clicking here](https://www.cbsd.org/Page/342). The application must be submitted each year. Students who qualify for the Free and Reduced School Meals Program may also qualify for a variety of needs-based assistance based on their program eligibility. Federal law requires the family’s consent before Central Bucks School District can use or share eligibility status for purposes other than the provision of free or reduced lunch. This information will only be shared if you consent to help provide needs-based assistance to your student that may be beneficial to your family. Your decision to share or not share this information will not in any way affect your eligibility status for the Free and Reduced School Meals Program; it is completely optional. If your student(s) qualifies for the Free and Reduced School Meals Program, you will receive a notification of a document that needs your attention in the Parent Portal. The **Free/Reduced Lunch Information Sharing Consent Form** requests permission to use the eligibility status to qualify for various needs-based assistance and programming. You may consent for all areas listed below, decline consent to all areas, or provide partial consent. See the link below for instructions to complete this consent form. [**Free/Reduced Lunch Information Sharing Consent Form Instructions**](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cbsd.org%2Fcms%2Flib%2FPA01916442%2FCentricity%2FDomain%2F79%2FInformation%2520Sharing%2520Consent%2520-%2520Parent%2520Portal%2520Instructions.pdf&data=05%7C01%7Cbcaughie%40cbsd.org%7Cd749b461ab6f4b53613208da86c87789%7Caa0b488ffc9e4185a5e3384220df23ca%7C0%7C0%7C637970492796937499%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=PQaW7cRU69ZS3SBTvgm4DfX9LVEaLNOqecbjuI%2FT6as%3D&reserved=0)

**Reminder--Laptop Information for 7th Grade Students:** We distributed laptops to 7th Graders on the first week of school. Even if your child has his/her own device, we are asking that you participate in our program to allow for a consistent learning platform for our students. All students in a grade level will receive a device equipped with: *internet filtering, software, tech support for break/fix, and access to instructional tools and resources used by our teachers.* You can learn more on our FAQ page: [https://www.cbsd.org/Page/38121](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cbsd.org%2FPage%2F38121&data=05%7C01%7CJJAFFE%40CBSD.ORG%7C12badef838a84d9b6dcb08da75b0c9b9%7Caa0b488ffc9e4185a5e3384220df23ca%7C0%7C0%7C637951699407922763%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2B%2BkFpNESevZe4piwHkS41pKCLbGMlHC5icKGZYb3yPc%3D&reserved=0) The first step prior to distribution is to enroll online and pay a usage fee. The usage fee covers the at-home and in-school use of a device, a charger, and insurance for accidental breaks. We have different pricing structures for elementary students as they will pay $15 a year and secondary families will pay $60 in 7th grade and $60 in 10th grade. Each payment for secondary will be good for three years. We have prorated payments for all secondary students who are new to Central Bucks. What steps does a family need to take prior to device handout?

* 1. Beginning on August 16th, all families in grades 3-12 should visit: <https://www.cbsd.org/1to1>
  2. Parent/Guardian and Student will click on and read the 1:1 Handbook.
  3. Parent/Guardian signs the user agreement and pays\* the user fee via [MyPaymentsPlus](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mypaymentsplus.com%2Fwelcome&data=05%7C01%7CJJAFFE%40CBSD.ORG%7C12badef838a84d9b6dcb08da75b0c9b9%7Caa0b488ffc9e4185a5e3384220df23ca%7C0%7C0%7C637951699407922763%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=aUnS4JtYaX3%2FkHH%2B4w7Ay73MNVKYatzxuz%2FFZ%2FfC8qA%3D&reserved=0) (MPP). Upon submitting the fee and MPP agreement, you are confirming that you have reviewed the information with your child.

**Reminder--Logging in to Your Laptop:** If you are having trouble logging in to your laptop, please click [here](http://www.cbsd.org/passwordguide) for assistance.

**Reminder--Please Properly Take Care of Your Laptop:** Here are a few tips to help you properly take care of your laptop and avoid cracking the screen:

* Use your laptop bag when carrying your laptop in school and outside of school.
* If you have a small crack on your screen, please take it to the Library to get it fixed as soon as possible. Many times, students do not have small cracks repaired as soon as they occur. This sometimes results in the screen shattering completely.
* Please note that **intentional** laptop damage will result in potential disciplinary consequences and a bill for the repairs.

**Reminder--Student Drop Off/Pick Up:** Parent(s)/Guardian(s)—It is helpful for the flow of traffic during student drop off and pick up if parents/guardians make a right hand turn into/out of our parking lot from/on to Stuckert Road. Thank you for helping us keep traffic moving in a safe and orderly way.

**Reminder--Here is Where You Should Report Each Morning if You Arrive Between 7:10—7:20:**

7th Graders: Auditorium\*

8th Graders: Cafeteria\*.

9th Graders: Main Gym\*.

\*Any student who is interested in purchasing breakfast may report to the Cafeteria upon arrival at school.

Students are permitted to report to their 1st Period classes at 7:20.

**Reminder--Equipment Drop Off for 9th Grade Athletes:** This is where 9th Grade athletes will drop off your athletic equipment… 9th Grade Girls will be storing their bags in the Girls Locker Room (thanks Brenda & Hanna!). 9th Grade boys should drop off their equipment in their last class of the day. 9th Grade Golfers should drop off their equipment in the Guidance Office.

**Reminder--Resource for Help With Mental Health:** In February, Tamanend held two presentations (one for students, and one for parents) related to adolescent mental health. As a follow-up, the district social workers created [this resource](https://www.cbsd.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=25&ModuleInstanceID=1102&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=210068&PageID=43) to assist parents with connecting their children with mental health help.

**Reminder--Students Can Access Daily Announcements Through the “Tamanend Announcements” Canvas Course:** Starting with the 2022-2023 school year, Tamanend is changing how we publish daily announcements. We will be publishing daily announcements through Canvas. We believe this change will make students more connected to the many activities and events available at our school. Tamanend Students will self-enroll in the "Tamanend Announcements" Canvas course during the first week of school. Parents can still access daily announcements via the Announcements section of the website at this [link](https://www.cbsd.org/domain/423).

**Our weekly newsletter (Tamanend Connections) is updated each Friday. Here is the** [**link**](https://www.cbsd.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=25&ModuleInstanceID=1102&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=2378&PageID=43) **to all of our newsletters.**

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