

# CARMEL



COUGARS

# CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Cougar Update — 1/27/2022

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Cougar families,

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter has just started, check with your student about their new classes.

### Important Dates

- 1/30-2/10 ACCESS testing for multilingual learner students
- 2/8: Early Release Day (1:15pm dismissal)
- 2/13 Second ACE intervention cycle begins (8-weeks)
- 2/17 School Improvement Team meeting, 8:00am
- 2/20 Holiday, no school
- 3/8 Early release day (1:15pm dismissal)
- 3/17 Last day for students to submit Quarter 3 assignments
- 3/27 Teacher workday

### PE t-shirts

Students can purchase their shirt anytime [online](#) and it will be hand delivered. Every Friday morning at the beginning or end of 1st block Ms. Jones will accept cash payments and an all-call will be made for students.

### 2023 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

Phase II community engagement sessions are being held for the 2023 Comprehensive Review. The district is seeking feedback from the community on proposed projects as it plans for programs, boundaries and facilities. [Phase II meetings](#) began and continue through Feb. 2. A [Hello CMS podcast](#) also is available with more information on the review process.

### Carpool Notice

To ensure all students are safe during dismissal, please cease parking in the neighborhood to pick up your child. Often, you are picking up your student after they would be picked up using our [established carpool pattern](#). CMPD will be alerted going forward for cars blocking neighborhood driveways. Those not using our established carpool pattern are putting their own kids and others at risk when students are walking in high traffic unnecessarily. Students will be held back at school for parents to come pick up if you are creating an unsafe dismissal. This is in the best interest of our students' safety.

### Yearbooks!

The Carmel Yearbook Staff is proud to announce that Carmel's *best* yearbook ever is now in production. We are working hard to create a lasting memory for all Carmel students, so don't miss your chance to own it! For just \$21 plus tax, you get 96 pages of full-color photos, and it includes all of the Carmel sports, clubs, and organizations you're involved in! [Click here](#) to order before it's too late! If you have any questions, please email Mr. Mahoney at [adam.mahoney@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:adam.mahoney@cms.k12.nc.us)!

## Carmel is going to Spain in June 2024 with EF Tours!

For more information about our trip to Madrid, Barcelona, and the Basque country, fill out [this form](#). Ms. Russell (one of our Spanish teachers) will contact you about our upcoming Information Session! Ms. Russell has taken students abroad to both Costa Rica and Spain and has a ton of experience traveling. The trip is open to all grade levels and all students (even if they are not enrolled in Spanish). This means that 8<sup>th</sup> graders will attend the trip after their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. The trip is also open to siblings, younger and older! \*This is a private trip and is not vetted, approved, endorsed, planned, or managed by Carmel or CMS.

## Counselor Corner

Happy New Year! The Student Services & Support Department continues to deliver a comprehensive program to support students' social and emotional growth by focusing on building connections with staff so they feel more resilient. We are also implementing interventions to improve students' social skills and attendance.

We are hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> *Parent Information Session with Dr. Dean* from Family First Community Services on Thursday, January 26th from 1:30-3PM in the Media Center. She will talk to parents about the signs and symptoms of childhood mental disorders and the diagnostic criteria for disorders like ADHD, Depression, Anxiety, and ODD, as well as the different treatment options available (including school-based therapy). She will conclude with a brief Q & A. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Ms. Woody at [jill.woody@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:jill.woody@cms.k12.nc.us) by January 23rd.

## Cougar Cares

We would like to thank the generous Carmel families who stocked the Cougar Cares closet with snacks, toiletries, backpacks, and other essentials. And a huge shout out to Hope Community Church in Olde Providence for their donation and ongoing support. Cougar Cares is a school-run program that provides extra support to the underserved students in our Carmel community. If you are interested in learning more, or would like to be contacted with at-once needs, please reach out to Kelda Rericha, [keldarericha@gmail.com](mailto:keldarericha@gmail.com) or (503) 757-1728. We will also periodically share opportunities to support Cougar Cares in this newsletter.

## Daily Attendance Matters!

Consistent student attendance is critical to students' learning. We are making a concentrated effort this school year to encourage our students to be present every day. Please remember to contact Ms. Royston, our attendance secretary, whenever your child is out of school. Her email is [tanya1.royston@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:tanya1.royston@cms.k12.nc.us)

## Subscribe to the Cougar News

Each Wednesday the school will send out an electronic bulletin called "The Cougar News." This weekly bulletin is designed to help everyone stay informed about our school. To subscribe, please follow [this link](#) and fill out the opt-in form.

## Cell Phone

Student use of personal cell phones and electronic devices is prohibited during the school day. Please refrain from repeatedly calling and/or texting your child during the school day. Carmel has ample school phones available for student use. Students may not use cellular telephones, or other electronic devices (e.g., laser pointers and attachments, personal digital assistants and other devices designed to receive and send an electronic signal, Ipads, etc) during the school day for personal use. Students arriving to their homeroom at 8:55am until dismissal at 4:15pm constitutes the school day. This policy applies, but is not limited to, restrooms and common areas, such as the gymnasium and cafeteria. Students and parents/guardians are expected to read and understand the policy regarding the use of cell phones and electronic devices. School personnel will not be responsible for conducting a search for lost or stolen cell phones or electronic devices.

Consequences for violation of cell phone policy (CMS Code of Conduct, Rule 5; UB: Cell Phone Use)

1st Offense: Verbal warning by staff member

2nd Offense: Cell phone confiscated for parent pick-up in main office

3rd Offense: Cell phone confiscated for parent pick-up in main office. Student "checks in" cell phone upon arrival in the main office for the following week

4th Offense: Student not permitted to bring personal technology on campus for the remainder of the academic year. Office referral, In-School Suspension 1-3 days

5th Offense: Student not permitted to bring personal technology on campus for the remainder of the academic year. Office referral, Out-of-School Suspension consideration.



We are so excited to announce Carmel Middle School's partnership with Hawthorne's New York Pizza this school year. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the Hawthorne's Read a Slice, Eat a Slice Challenge. This is a monthly reading challenge to get students excited about reading books that peak their interest. When students meet the requirements by reading their monthly page goal, showing their comprehension of the text, and designing a book review bookmark, they will earn a free Hawthorne's large pizza at the Carmel Road or Rea Road location. Parents will get involved by discussing their child's reading selections and signing their book reviews. Student book reviews will then be displayed in the school to spark the interest of their classmates as well. To get all of the details, please check out the video using the link below. A big thank you to Hawthorne's Pizza for providing our students with this opportunity!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUfVT0uYdY8>

### Join and Support Carmel PTSA!

Join the renowned [Carmel PTSA](#) to stay engaged and informed on what's going on at Carmel Middle! To receive the weekly Cougar News please sign-up here! The Cougar News is our weekly publication of all school-wide updates, announcements, and celebrations. The PTSA has integrated the use of [Pay4SchoolStuff](#) to streamline the process of filling out your back to school paperwork, as well as order and pay for all of your back to school items together. By moving this process online, it is easier for parents, teachers, and the PTSA volunteers to get these orders processed. Note, the blue form is still required to be turned back into your homeroom teacher so the school has a hardcopy. It's time to re-link to Harris Teeter's Together in Education! The program runs August 1st-May 31st. This can be done online or at the store. The school number for Carmel Middle is 1576. If you shop on Amazon, switch to <https://smile.amazon.com> and choose PTA North Carolina Congress Carmel Middle School PTSA. They will send our school a check for 0.5% of purchases! Shop for Carmel!

### Counselor Connection

The Student Services & Support Department continues to deliver a comprehensive program in order to support students. This includes school-wide SEL conversations about character and mindset, group counseling for students needing coping skills, and individual student support and/or safety plans. We also work to recognize deserving students on an ongoing basis. Almost every week, teachers and staff write personalized cards to students that have displayed "**Cougar Pride**" - an act of kindness or improvement in academics, attendance, or behavior. These students are celebrated very Friday during lunches as a way to recognize them for making Carmel's climate a positive one.

### Cougar Pride Winners!!

11/4 Weston Kaiser, Harper Lucke, Noreyli Paz Lucero, Sadie Tai, Gionna Threatt

11/18 James Gabriel, Wynne Kennen, Mike Rios, Liam Thomas

12/2 Kevin Alberto, Madison Bankett, Penny Boutcher, Zinedine Duarte, Castillo Hayes, Ferriss Molly, Linn Jack, Schuller, Cecelia Shinn, Trinity Springs

12/9 Kevin Alberto, Cooper Bombian, Hayes Ferriss, Harper Ham, Monica Martinez Alvarado, Quinn Nash, Andrea Pacheco, Dayana Romero, Cannon Scales, Trinity Springs, Claire Zito

12/16 Avery Andrews, Camila Carrasquillo, David Cornejo Acosta, A'Marius Hood, Hank Kirby, Monica Martinez Alvarado, Margaret Segura, Trinity Springs, Cate Vick

1/6 Camila Carrasquillo, Elmer Perdoma, Belkis Santos Ortega

1/13 Reem Adhanom, Emma Bregman, Lola Cameron, Hank Kirby, Quinn Nash, Elliott Padgett, Jacob Rogers, Maddison Santos Manzaneres, Claire Zito

1/20 Layla Hagen, Katherine Hernandez Lopez, Paige Hosey, Stefany Lopez Zavala, Anthony Montes Orellana, Jason Ramirez Salmeron, Liam Thomas, Waylen Walden

1/27 Sabria Brown, Kaity Cubas Amaya, Diana Lobos Broncano, Lillian Williams

### Content:

## Math

Standard: Students have been learning how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide with decimal numbers. Next week, students will apply these skills to real world word problems. The End of Unit 4 Test will be on Tuesday, February 7th. This test will assess the following topics:

- Division of Fractions and Mixed Numbers in word problems
- Long Division of whole numbers in word problems
- Adding, Subtracting, Multiplying, and Dividing Decimal Numbers in word problems

Honors: Students have completed Unit 4 learning about Integers. Next week, we will officially begin Pre-Algebra! Students will learn how to evaluate expressions, identify equivalent expressions, and how to translate word phrases into algebraic expressions. The Unit 5 Test on these topics will be on Friday, February 10th.

## Social Studies

The students are learning about Ancient Greece and Rome. Topics they cover are citizenship, government and geography.

Assignments that should be complete are the Greece Pathway and Greek Philosophers.

Upcoming assignments: Rome Pathway

## Science:

I am excited to say we are finishing up our Soil Unit today and Monday and getting started on our next unit- Plants and Flowers. Reloops will be given to any student with a grade below an 80 and retakes will be during ACE or during office hours by request. Let's start Q3 strong!

## ELA:

Sixth grade ELA is transitioning into their next Module - American Indian Boarding Schools. Students will be reading the historical fiction novel *Two Roads* by Joseph Bruchac as they engage in academic conversations around this often-overlooked historical topic. Students will begin the module next week by designing their own school, complete with building layouts, procedures, and field trips. They will then transition into reading their first few chapters in class in order to build listening, reading, and speaking skills, as well as aid in comprehension. Students will also work collaboratively to analyze primary and secondary sources throughout this interdisciplinary module.

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### Thank You

*Thank you for your ongoing support as our partners in learning. Our success would not be possible without your engagement and collaboration in the educational journey our children embark on.*

