

CARMEL



COUGARS

CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade Cougar Update — 9/9/2022

Teresa Peterson, Assistant Principal

Cougar families,

Hi families, it has been a great start to the school year. I have met all the students in their homeroom classes. I look forward to talking more with each one of them. Hope you enjoy your weekend.

Important Dates

- Sept 12 MAP Testing (Math)
- Sept 15 MAP Testing (Reading)
- Sept. 16 6th grade Dance (4:30pm-6pm)
- Sept 19 Picture Day
- Sept 21 Early Release Day
- Sept 26 No School (Teacher Workday)

News:

Curriculum Night will be held on Tuesday, October 11th from 6:00-8:00 PM. This event is for parents only; students should stay home and read!

PE T-Shirts

PE T-shirts can now be placed online through [Online School Payments](#) (OSP).

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>

Carpool Pattern



Parents who drive or pick-up their children should adhere to the carpool lanes during arrival and dismissal. Please follow [Carmel's unique carpool route](#) during morning and afternoon dismissal. If you do not follow the established traffic pattern, you will not only cause a delay in traffic flow but will also put our children in danger.

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Please do not park along Camilla Drive or adjacent streets to pick up your child in the afternoons. This is unsafe for our walkers, and you cause disruptions to our dismissal. If you cause unsafe disruptions to our afternoon dismissal your child will not be allowed to walk off-campus and you will pick them up through the established pattern.

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

Carmel's Student Services & Support Team would like to recognize our students and families for a great start to the 22-23 school year! The 6th graders have done an awesome job navigating their way through the school building and showing their determination to begin middle school with a smile! Ms. Woody, the 6th grade School Counselor, has enjoyed chatting with our new students.

Our team is striving to plan and coordinate activities and lessons to meet the needs of our students and ensure everyone feels a sense of community at Carmel. We administered a student needs survey on Tuesday, September 6th and will follow up with our Fall Panorama screener on the 19th. This data will provide us with valuable feedback regarding our students' social and emotional well-being so that we can begin meeting with individual students and groups to provide support. We will also use this information to plan future student recognition activities.

Please check out our website [here](#) and reach out to me [here](#) if you need anything.

Content:

Math

Standard and Honors math classes are off to a great start!

Our new 6th graders have been doing a great job with the first math unit! Below is an update for each course:

Standard: Students have begun the year learning about the area of shapes. So far, they have discovered how to deconstruct a parallelogram, and rearrange it into a rectangle. We will be working towards establishing area formulas for parallelograms and triangles next week. Their first test will be on Tuesday, September 20th, and this will be a Perform grade.

Honors: Students have begun the year learning about division of fractions in word problems. Identifying division in a word problem can be challenging, so students are learning how to write multiplication and division equations as a strategy to help them compute solutions. Their first test will be on Wednesday, September 14th, and this will be a Perform grade.

Both courses have a homework assignment called the Week by Week due this Friday. This is a weekly assignment that is posted on deltamath.com every Friday, and it is due the following Friday. This assignment will be a Prepare grade for the entire school year.

Both courses also have weekly "Lead Measure Quizzes." These short quizzes will assess students on the lessons they learned throughout the previous week (Friday-Thursday). This will be a Rehearse grade for the entire school year.

Social Studies

Students are currently learning the basics of how Social Studies will be taught this year. They have covered the 5 Branches of Social Studies and the 4 Pillars of Historical Thinking. Next, we will move into the basics of Geography before finishing Unit 1 with the Paleolithic and Neolithic Eras. Key dates are listed below:

- 9/13 and 9/14- Unit 1 Vocab Quiz
- 9/30 and 10/3- Unit 1 Test

Science:

Hi Cougar families! We have had a great start back to the school year. We have already jumped into our first unit- Matter. Students will be learning about solubility, properties, and states of matter, as well as atoms, elements, and phase change!

ELA:

September 7: 6th Grade ELA is actively engaged in our Greek Mythology module! We have already collaborated to create posters about Greek gods and goddesses, completed a museum-like gallery walk of the posters, we've dug into close reading and annotations of some of our gods and goddesses, and we're a few chapters into our first novel, Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief! Students will continue to practice skills of using context clues to define words, breaking down word parts in the form of prefixes and suffixes, identifying point of view, and translating various forms of figurative language.

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.

