

# CARMEL



COUGARS

# CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Cougar Update — 11/18/2022

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**Teresa Peterson, Assistant Principal**

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Cougar families,

We are almost there! Only 2 more days until Thanksgiving Break. We can make it!

### Important Dates

- November 23-25 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 13 – Chorus/Orchestra Concert (6:00-7:30 PM)
- December 15 – Band Concert (6:00-7:30 PM)
- December 20, 2022-January 2, 2023 – Winter Break
- January 16 – No School (Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday)
- January 17 – Last day to submit Q2 assignments

### National School to Watch Redesignation!

For the seventh time (2005, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020, 2022), Carmel has been designated as a [National School to Watch](#)! The *National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform* is an alliance of educators, researchers, national associations, and officers of professional organizations committed to recognizing the academic performance and healthy development of young adolescents. This redesignation process included a site visit in September where members of The Forum assessed current instructional practices and interviewed students and staff. To accomplish its goal of improved academic and developmental outcomes for all students in the middle grades, The Forum identifies and disseminates best practices, articulates and promotes effective policies, recognizes and develops enlightened leadership, and informs and engages the public. Through its Schools to Watch (STW) program, the Forum has developed criteria for identifying high-performing middle-grades schools. Great job, Cougars!

### Free Math Tutoring

Students can access a website called Tutor.com where they can get up to 10 free tutoring sessions with a math tutor online. They just need their Student ID card. When they go to the log-in page, they will have to type in a Barcode (student ID number), and a PIN (the number on their ID card). Once they are logged in, they can get a tutor anytime from 4pm-midnight. [bit.ly/cmsmathtutoring](http://bit.ly/cmsmathtutoring)

### Robotics Team

Do you enjoy building robots, competing in challenges, and/or programming with computers? Then be a part of the NEW Carmel Middle Robotics team! Stop by Mr. Bolick's room in J115 to learn more about how to use your creativity to solve problems. Our team will meet weekly on Thursdays, and our first build will be a Clawbot. No prior class or camp experience is needed – only a desire to learn and work in teams. With so many careers in STEM, the Robotics team is a great start. The first interest meeting was Thursday, November 3 at 8:00 AM in room J115. Contact Mr. Bolick at [darins.bolick@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:darins.bolick@cms.k12.nc.us).

### Doughnuts for a Cause!

Doughnuts for a cause!! Carmel Middle School is giving you the best reason to indulge in a dozen (or two) Krispy Kreme doughnuts. From November 2 – 22, 2022, 50% of your order will be donated back to Carmel Middle School PTSA when you purchase via our fundraising sales page! Simply buy online or visit your local store and redeem using your code. Treat yourself or even gift them to friends and family here!

### 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.

### **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 that support students including school-wide SEL conversations, group counseling, and individual support plans. We will be working with local agencies and associations to support families during the holiday season, too.

There are various services in the community that offer free social and emotional support for families. One is MeckHope's SPARC program. Please see the attached flyer regarding their free virtual group counseling events.

#### **Content:**

##### **Math**

**Standard:** Students are learning how to use equivalent ratio tables as a tool to solve constant speed and rate problems. There will be no assignments or Week by Weeks next week. The next Week by Week will be due Friday, December 2nd.

**Honors:** Students are learning about ratios and how to use unit ratios to solve equivalent ratio problems. There will be no assignments or Week by Weeks next week. The next Week by Week will be due Friday, December 2nd.

##### **Social Studies**

The weeks up to come we will complete out India Pathway, our Ashoka's Edicts "Close Read", introduce Notes on China and complete China Pathway, lastly we will prepare for our Chinese DBQ assignment for a Rehearse grade.

##### **Science:**

Hi cougar families, this week and next we will be reviewing for our Waves Assessment (Perform) on 11/30 and 12/1. Study Guides will come home on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to study!

##### **ELA:**

This week we will continue reading chapters in The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. We will be covering figurative language, character development and writing effective summaries. We will also learn about the different types of structure author's use in texts. Our End of Unit Assessment will be on December 1st.

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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.*

