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CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th Grade Cougar Update 1/14/22

Mr. Jonathon Welsh, 7th Grade Administrator

Happy Friday 7th Grade Cougar Families,

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow...I am keeping my fingers crossed for my first North Carolina "blizzard". Kick back, relax and enjoy the weekend with friends and family.

It's the final countdown!

The quarter ends on Friday, January 21, with all assignments being due on Tuesday, January 18. Please carve out some time for them to review their PowerSchool grades to help them finish their 2nd quarter on a high note. If you have any questions regarding your student, please log in to PowerSchool to see his/her grades or email me at jonathon1.welsh@cms.k12.nc.us.

Ms. Woodbury Science Update

Parents of Ms. Woodbury's science students: We are awaiting the start date for a newly hired *guest teacher* to temporarily fill the Science vacancy. We acknowledge face-to-face instruction is a key component to student success. Having a knowledgeable teacher lead instruction provides an environment where learning can take place. Even with the current staffing shortages, our goal is for students to work closely with the guest teacher and a grade-level science teacher, and have multiple opportunities to practice and demonstrate mastery of skill. Moving forward, the next two topics Ms. Boyd will be splitting her time between both classes. This will allow direct instruction to take place for all students. In mid-February, after the frog dissection activity, Ms. Boyd and the certified guest teacher will provide face-to-face instruction for all students in the media center and/or rotating classroom settings. The science position remains posted on the CMS job board and qualified candidates are being interviewed as soon as possible. We appreciate your understanding and support.

Ms. Morgan's CTE Semester 2 Classes

Effective January 4, 2022, Ms. Morgan-Pullin resigned her position as Career & Technical Education teacher at Carmel Middle School. Ms. Morgan-Pullin will be relocating to teach in another state.

At this time we are not planning to offer her courses for the second semester, and students slated to have Ms. Morgan-Pullin have been re-enrolled into a different elective course for the second semester.

Carmel Middle Night! Charlotte Hornets Game

We have organized a *Carmel Night* with the Charlotte Hornets as they take on the Cleveland Cavaliers on Friday, February 4th. This is a fun get together for all Carmel Middle School students,

faculty, staff, and families! Tickets start as low as \$19. Please come out and show your support of Carmel Middle School!

<https://hornets.spinzo.com/charlotte-hornets-vs-cleveland-cavaliers-2022-02-04-NRBZU?group=carmel-middle-school-spirit-night-6kba>

Curriculum Updates:

English Language Arts - Students are currently finishing up our second module. As a culminating activity, we are having students write and record a scripted podcast to explain and examine a social epidemic in our world, from memes to e-cigarettes to shopping trends. After this project, we will move onto our next module for quarter 3: the short stories and poetry of The Harlem Renaissance.

Math 7 - Students are working through Unit 5: Rational Number Arithmetic. We are learning how to add and subtract positive and negative integers, fractions, and decimals. Next week we will move on to multiplying and dividing rational numbers. Students will take the Quarter 2 benchmark assessment on Friday, January 21st (a Q3 rehearse grade) and have their Unit 5 End of Unit Assessment on Thursday, January 27th. We will then move into a unit on expressions, equations, and inequalities.

Math 7 Honors – Students are in the middle of Unit 5: Expressions and Linear Equations. We will have a mid-unit assessment over equations and inequalities on Wednesday, January 19th. Students will take the Quarter 2 benchmark assessment on Friday, January 21st (a Q3 rehearse grade). In the second half of the unit, we will learn how to solve equations with variables on both sides of the equal sign, as well as discover equations with no solution or infinite solutions. The Unit 5 End of Unit Assessment will be Friday, February 4th.

Science - Students began the time after break in a new human body unit. They first looked at the levels of organization in the human body and the importance of homeostasis. Students are beginning a project on the human body which will count as a "perform" grade for the 3rd quarter. The projects will vary depending on the class, but will last for the next few weeks.

Social Studies - The classes are currently examining the causes and effects of "Imperialism" that took place in Africa and Asia in the 19th and 20th centuries. Our unit 5 test is scheduled for January 28th and 31st. Please continue to monitor your students' progress on Canvas and Powerschool. Thank you for your support.

Counselor Connection

SEL Lessons for 2021 have concluded. We will pick back up with them in January with "Appreciating Diversity" as the theme.

Be sure to check out Carmel's Student Services & Support's website [here](#) for useful information and resources.

Other News & Reminders

Important Dates:

Jan 17 – Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday – No School

Jan 18-19 - Spanish I midterm, reading & listening

Jan 19 - Math I & Math II midterm

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Carmel Student Services "Self-Care" Raffle Winners

Dr. Hepworth- Movie Theater Gift Card

Ms. Peterson- Gel Manicure and Pedicure provided by Cosmic Nails

Ms. Lamb-\$125.00 Spa Gift Card from Sweet Serenity Spa.

Special thank you to our community partners and their generous support of our staff's self-care needs

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!

- **Canvas:** Parents can access Canvas! Click [here](#) to find directions on how to create a parent account.

Thank you!

Next Cougar Update: February 3rd, 2022

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