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CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th Grade Cougar Update — 3.10.23

Mrs. Alison Fisch, Assistant Principal

Happy Friday Cougar Families,

Congratulations to our P.A.C.K. students! It is great to be able to reward students for their positive contributions to our school and overall outstanding character. If your child has not received a P.A.C.K. pass, please speak with them about meeting your expectations, as well as ours. Lately, we have had students take items from others' lunchboxes without permission, "play" fight in the bathroom, leave class without permission, misuse of cell phones, leave trash on the cafeteria floor, etc. This behavior is unacceptable and not representative of the overall 7th grade student body. Consequences will continue with any misbehavior.

Student Surveys

In March, two CMS student surveys will be administered:

Our annual CMS Student (School Climate) Survey, which will be administered from March 6 - 17, 2023 and the Panorama SEL Screener which will be administered on March 20th, 2023.

The CMS Student (School Climate) Survey is administered to students in grades 5-12 and is mandatory. However, we will allow students to abstain from taking the survey should they choose. We will not solicit opt-outs but allow students to abstain.

Families will have a preview period next week to view the survey questions on the CMS website. Questions will be posted in multiple languages. A message will come out from our Communications Office informing families of this option.

The Panorama SEL Screener is administered to all students in grades 3-12. Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to preview the Panorama survey questions on the CMS website starting on March 1, 2023. To officially opt out a student from participating in the spring Panorama survey, parents or guardians should contact their students' Homeroom teacher directly.

Join us in supporting the Best Buddies Friendship Walk!

This year, we are participating in the Best Buddies Friendship Walk to raise money to support Best Buddies' programs of inclusion for people worldwide with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Help us build a more inclusive world by joining our team or making a donation today — every dollar makes a difference!

7th grade DC trip: We are just 3.5 weeks away!

We met last night to go over some general information. Students will need to be at school at 6:00AM on Tuesday, April 4th, and will return at 10:00PM on Thursday, April 6th. There is no school Friday, April 7th, and that is when spring break will begin.

A \$5 cash gratuity for the course leader is recommended, as well as \$10 for lunch on the way there (or packed lunch), and \$10 for dinner on the way back. All other meals are covered. Typically, students bring about \$25-\$50 for souvenirs (optional). Remember- they are responsible for the money they bring. The gratuity will be collected by the chaperone at the beginning of the trip.

Students should have a luggage tag from World Strides and a paper itinerary. If they need either tell them to go to D-231.

If you have ANY questions please don't hesitate to email Ms. Harwood: meredithp.harwood@cms.k12.nc.us

Key Dates:

March 20: Spring Panorama survey

March 24: Q3 ends

March 27: Teacher workday

April 4-6: 7th D.C. Trip

April 7-14: Holiday, Spring Break

April 18: Spring MAP test, Math

April 24: Seussical the Musical begins

April 25: Spring MAP test, Reading

May 2-5: 8th OBX Trip

End-of-Year Dates

May 17-18: Spanish I Final (Listening/Speaking)

May 23-24: Spanish I Final (Reading/Writing)

May 25: **8th grade Science EOG** *[proctor sign up](#)

May 29: Memorial Day (Holiday, no school)

May 30: Last day for students to submit quarter 4 assignments

May 31: **Reading EOG** *[proctor sign up](#)

June 1: **Math EOG & Math I EOC** *[proctor sign up](#)

June 2: 7th Grade Math EOG (Only 7th grade students currently taking Math I)

June 7: 8th grade awards (Families of those students receiving an award will be invited to attend)

June 8: 8th grade breakfast (AM) & social (PM), yearbook distribution

June 9: Last day of school

[EOG/EOC Proctors Needed!](#)

Would you be willing to help serve our school community as an EOG/EOC test proctor? Please [sign-up here](#) to assist Carmel students, teachers, and administrators during end-of-year testing. More information can be found in the above link regarding the dates and times. We appreciate your consideration!

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 and complete the on-line attendance form. Her email is tanya1.rovston@cms.k12.nc.us

Curriculum Updates:

English Language Arts – 7th ELA is wrapping up our Harlem Renaissance module with a project, which is due next Friday, March 17. For the project, students will have to write, draw, or create a work about their personal perseverance. Then, they will write an essay connecting it to a work we've read from the Harlem Renaissance. These projects will be on display for their 7th grade peers. To see the directions, you can go to <http://bit.ly/3mCSVcR>

Math 7 – Students are finishing up inequalities this week. We will begin our geometry unit next week, starting with triangles. Students need to submit all work for Q3 by Friday, March 17th. Please check with your child to see if they want to retake any performs by then as well. Thanks!

Honors Math 7 – Students have recently started their Unit 6 on Functions. They will be revisiting linear/nonlinear equations, slopes, and interpreting information from graphs. Students will test on this material on March 17 (this test will go on QUARTER 4 grades, not the current one so there is time to fix/retake it).

Math 1 – Math 1 students are currently learning how to factor trinomials. They have learned the strategy of factoring by grouping (when dealing with 4-term polynomials). They are beginning to learn how to factor trinomials. From there, students will be learning how to solve equations that have squared variable terms. They will learn the zero product property and how this property makes it possible to solve equations with squared terms. They will also be learning and practicing some practical applications with factoring - namely finding areas of two-dimensional shapes.

Important Dates:

Factoring Perform - Friday March 17

Unit 7 TEST - Friday March 24

Science – In science we are learning about Pedigrees and how lifestyle can affect genetic inheritance. We will be completing a Performance task on this unit starting March 13 and 14. After this unit we will begin our last unit, Forces and Motion. Please make sure your child has their charged Chromebook with them each day.

Social Studies - In Social Studies, we are continuing with Unit 6. In the coming week we will cover the rise of dictators and the beginning of World War II. Students will take their Unit 6 Test covering World War I, the Interwar Period, and World War II on March 30 and 31.

Counselor Connection

Our 7th graders are getting excited about the upcoming Washington DC trip on April 4th-6th. We have just finalized the itinerary. Please drop off your children at 6:00am on April 4th and we will be leaving at approximately 6:30am. We will be touring the Arlington National Cemetery, Pentagon National Mall, Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, the Holocaust Museum, the Museum of National History, Capitol Hill, and much more. We will arrive back at Carmel at approximately 10pm on April 6th. Please get in touch with Ms. Harwood for more details. Her email is meredithp.harwood@cms.k12.nc.us.

As far as the counseling department, we are kickstarting our Suicide Prevention Lessons on March 13th and attendance groups will be starting up soon. Please feel free to email me at kathryng.swaim@cms.k12.nc.us if you'd like me to schedule a one-on-one session with your child. I work with students on organizational skills, study skills, time management, behavior goals, and coping skills. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me and I look forward to working with you soon.

Also, below is a link to our student support services website. <https://sites.google.com/cms.k12.nc.us/carmels-student-services/home>

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Please visit Carmel's [Student Support Services Website](#) learn more about our Comprehensive School Counseling Program.

Other News & Reminders

Office Hours, 8:15am start time

To ensure more teachers with childcare conflicts are available to support students right away Tuesday mornings, we will begin Tuesday office hours at 8:15am going forward. Doors will open a few minutes prior to 8:15am each Tuesday for tutoring.

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

[PTSA News & Announcements](#)

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.

[PTSA Membership & Volunteer Form](#)

[Invest for Success Donation Form](#)

Join the PRIDE and donate to the Carmel PTSA Invest for Success annual fundraising campaign! Our goal is to raise \$40,000 to fund the PTSA operating budget for the 2022-2023 school year. This money is essential to addressing targeted student and staff needs not funded by CMS. We thank those who have already donated. If you haven't done so yet, please make a donation today. Donate here: <http://www.carmelptsa.org/invest-for-success.html>

Your ***tax deductible*** donations directly impact the students and staff at Carmel. This year, funds raised will specifically go toward:

- 🐾 Science Lab Equipment
- 🐾 Fine Arts Department Performance Equipment
- 🐾 Supplemental Instructional Resources
- 🐾 Staff Appreciation and Staff Retention Events
- 🐾 Student Recognition
- 🐾 Cougar Cares Program
- 🐾 Counseling Programs
- 🐾 Tutoring



Thank you!

Next Cougar Update: March 24, 2023

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