

CARMEL



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CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th Grade Cougar Update 5/13/22

Mr. Jonathon Welsh, 7th Grade Administrator

7th Grade Families,

It is hard to believe summer vacation is just around the corner. This final month/weeks will be packed with activities from special events, final projects to prepare for end of year tests and exams, and the highly anticipated FIELD TRIP! The Middle School years are a time of tremendous change and growth. The end of a school year highlights how much progress each student has made. Since arriving at Carmel in December, I have been extremely impressed with our students! Please let your student know how amazing they are each and every day.

Please read the important information below!

7th Grade End of Year Trip

Permission slips for the field trip have been sent home. I have also attached them to the email you received today. The 7th Grade will be enjoying a day at the Monster Mini Golf Facility on June 1st.

For students to be able to attend this end of year activity, the **following criteria must be met:**

-- **No ISS, OSS, or more than 2 pickups(having to be removed from class for insubordination)** between today, April 19th and June 1st.

--**Students must be passing all core classes for 4th quarter and have no 0's.** They need to check Powerschool and if they are not passing a class, they need to check with each teacher to see what needs to be done to bring their grade up between now and the time payment is due.

--**Media center fees and cafeteria fees must be paid.**

Testing Information

Parent Testing Reminder (English)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_rsk-vSjFHMFcQjD2hUCXIfDOrzZ6rG7/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112651449330977432204&rtpof=true&sd=true

Parent Testing Reminder (Spanish)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EcuJ6JCOetqmuDk-4VOq-W_pkIbW725w9tSr0BLEksQ/edit?usp=sharing

NJHS Submission Deadline

If your student is interested in being a part of the National Junior Honor Society for Carmel next school year, the deadline for application submission is May 6th to Mr. Canupp's office (7th grade counselor).

Informational flyer was distributed this week and last. Students can access the application documents at <https://bit.ly/njhs2223>

Dress Code

As we move into spring and warmer weather, it's a great time to remind our entire school community about the established dress code at Carmel Middle School. Students out of dress code will be provided clothing if a parent is unable to come to the school with proper attire. Students who wish to wear outerwear overtop of clothing that does not meet our dress code must keep this outerwear on for the entirety of the instructional day, HAC included.

The following should be used as guidelines for what is considered acceptable school attire. We have bolded attire that we are seeing more frequently that does not meet our dress code:

- **Clothing must completely cover all undergarments and may not expose any part of the midsection (no core exposed, hem of the shirt meets or overlap waistband), or bust.** Sheer or see-through clothing that also exposes these areas or shows undergarments through fabric is not permitted.
- **Halter top, tube tops, and spaghetti straps are not permitted.**
- **Pants/shorts/skirts must be worn at the natural waist line and securely fastened.**
- Skirts, shorts, and dresses should be reasonable in length, using palm length (bottom of your palm to fingertips) as a general rule.
- Shoes are required at all times.
- No abusive, suggestive or profane language, symbols of illegal drugs, or any other words, symbols or slogans on clothing or jewelry that disrupt the learning environment.
- Athletic uniforms worn to school must conform to dress code.
- Jeans/pants with tears or holes above palm length must have an article of clothing beneath, like leggings/tights.
- **Pajama pants, blankets, bedroom slippers, "scrubs", or other loungewear are not permitted.**
- **Hats and hoods are not permitted.**
- Bandanas are not permitted.

All students will be responsible for following the dress code as established by Carmel Middle School and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Student dress or grooming that is deemed by the staff as disruptive or inappropriate is not permitted. Failure to comply with the dress code may result in disciplinary action.

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!

Carmel Volunteer Appreciation Coffee

Monday, May 9th 2022

Media Center

9:15am-10:00am

The Carmel Administration and PTSA would like to recognize our wonderful volunteers the morning of May 9th! Join us for coffee and some light refreshments as we say *thank you* for all that you've done for our students and staff this year. Carmel is incredibly lucky to have the support of fantastic volunteers and our community.

Curriculum Updates:

English Language Arts -7th Grade ELA is well into its module on plastic pollution. We have finished watching clips from the documentary *A Plastic Ocean*, which culminated in a test on claims, evidence, and bias. Next, we will read the text *Trash Vortex*, focusing on author's purpose and central idea. The Reading EOG is Tuesday, May 24th.

Math 7 Standard: Students are taking a probability assessment today (4/29) and we will begin a unit on statistics on Monday. We will be learning about measures of center (mean, median, mode) and measures of variability (MAD, range), as well as looking at what makes a good sample and making predictions for populations from samples.

Math 7 Honors: Students are reviewing for the math EOG. We spent the week after spring break on the number sense standard and this week on the geometry standard. Next week we will focus on the Equations and Expressions standard and then move into the Ratios and Percents Standard. Students take a 10 question rehearse grade on Friday each week to see how they are doing with review.

Science - Students are currently working in our Physics unit. They are reinforcing their learning of speed, motion, velocity, vectors, and acceleration. They are learning about the significance of pendulums and the forces combined with energy transfers that occur. In addition, they are fine tuning their analysis skills with distance-time and speed-time graphs. As we move forward into the month of May, students will expand their base knowledge of gravity, acceleration, and Newton's Laws of Motion

Counselor Connection

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

Other News & Reminders

End of Year Dates

Monday (5/9) - Volunteer Appreciation Coffee

Tuesday (5/10) & Wednesday (5/11) - Spanish I Final: Listening / Speaking

Thursday (5/12) & Friday (5/13) - Spanish I Final: Reading / Writing

Thursday (5/12) - Rising-6th Grade Instrument Try-out (If they registered for band and/or orchestra) 5:30pm

Wednesday (5/18) - PTSA General Membership Meeting 5:20pm

Wednesday (5/18) - 6th & 7th Grade Band Concert; Orchestra Concert

Thursday (5/19) - 8th Grade Band & Jazz Band Concert; Chorus Concert

Monday (5/23) - Last Day To Submit Quarter 4 Assignments

Tuesday (5/24) - Reading EOG

Wednesday (5/25) - Math EOG; Math I EOC (7th & 8th Grade)

Thursday (5/26) - Science 8 EOG; Math 7 EOG (7th Grade Students In Math I)

Thursday (5/26) - Dining Nights Out - MOD Pizza at Strawberry Hill (ALL DAY LONG!)

Wednesday (6/1) - 7th Grade Monster Mini Golf Field Trip

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!

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