

# CARMEL



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# CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Cougar Update — 9.9.22

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**Mrs. Alison Fisch, Assistant Principal**

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Happy Friday Cougar Families,

This is our first Cougar Update for the 2022-2023 school year. I am Alison Fisch and will serve as your student's 7<sup>th</sup> grade administrator. It's been wonderful to see the children in the building with smiles on their faces! Ms. Boyd and I visited classes yesterday and today reminding them of The Carmel Way and shared our expectations for the year. As a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, your child will have appropriately challenging learning activities throughout their classes, and I can't wait to see them learn, mature, and grow!

### Washington, DC Field Trip

Please join us on Tuesday, September 13 at 5:30 PM for an informational meeting via Zoom about the DC trip! It is a great opportunity for students!!

Zoom Link:

<https://cms-k12-nc-us.zoom.us/j/92423957295?pwd=ckZSZTdHOTRCdUYrcS9KZHN0NFIRUT09>



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>

### Bus Transportation

If you registered your child to ride the bus by the established district deadline you should have received your bus stop/route information in the mail. Teachers will also let their homeroom students know their assigned bus. Students not already assigned a bus, but complete this request with the school, should have a bus on Friday, September 9. Until a bus is scheduled through CMS transportation, your child will not be able to ride the bus.

## Revised Cell Phone Policy

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.

## Dress Code

Students at Carmel Middle School are expected to continue a tradition of appropriate dress for school and school-related events. The following should be used as guidelines for what is considered acceptable school attire. Clothing must completely cover all undergarments and may not expose any part of the midsection (no core exposed, hem of the shirt 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.
- Costumes 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 will result in disciplinary action.

Similar to last year, you will receive a Cougar Update every two weeks. This will be your one stop shop for brief class information, general school information, PTSA announcements, and such.

## Handbook At-A-Glance

[Please take a moment to read through](#) some of our more common policies in preparation for a successful 2022-2023 academic year.

### Curriculum Updates:

**English Language Arts** – ELA has begun reading *A Long Walk to Water*, a novel about the civil war in Sudan. We will have a test next week on point of view, defining words, and affixes.

**Math 7** – We will continue our first unit on scale drawings over the next two weeks by building and understanding that angle measures remain the same, and side lengths are proportional to one another. Students have been assigned their first Delta Math week by week homework online; it is due Friday, Sept 9. Our Unit 1 test will be on Friday, September 16.

**Honors Math 7** – Students have started their first unit on Circles - finding circumference, area, and applying it to word problems, etc. They will be taking their first Perform Quiz grade on Wednesday, September 14. Students have also received a Circles Project they are working on, and it is due Friday, September 16.

**Math I** - Welcome back for the 2022-23 school year! Right now, math 1 students are working on Unit 1 - One-Variable Statistics. They have been learning about measures of center (mean and median) and variability (IQR and standard deviation). Additionally, they have learned how to represent data in histograms and box plots. We have also been practicing how to solve equations over the past few classes. On Sept. 19 we will begin Unit 2, Linear Equations and Inequalities. In this unit, students will be writing and solving equations to model relationships

### **Important Dates:**

- Unit 1 Test - Fri, Sept 16
- Equations Test - Wed, Sept 21

**Science** – Welcome to a new school year! We hope our students are settling in and getting used to being back in school. We started off the school year with some procedural things and our Science Safety Contract. All students signed the contract in class, so they are aware of safety procedures. Our first unit is on weather and the atmosphere. We have started some introductory work on weather and will continue with learning about the atmosphere, density, and air pressure for the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's science teacher.

**Social Studies** – This week, we began our first unit, Introduction to Social Studies. We began by learning about different types of sources and how historians analyze the sources they use. Next week, students will learn general characteristics of cultures, governments, and economies. Students will take their Unit 1 Test at the end of September.

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## Counselor Connection

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### **Welcome Back**

A welcome back announcement was shared with Cougars in The Class of 2028 Canvas Page. Students were encouraged to set goals for the school year and hold themselves accountable to make it happen. Remind your Cougar to use their agenda planners to help stay organized. Cougars were motivated to put their best foot forward by paying attention in class and asking for help when needed. I'm certain your Cougar can be off to having a most productive and enjoyable school year.

### **Duke TIP**

Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) Suspended

The 7th grade Duke Talent Search Program has been suspended. For other information, please visit <https://tip.duke.edu/>.

### **School Counselor Transition**

Special message from Ms. Boyd, 7th Grade School Counselor. I'd like to inform students and families that I've accepted a new role within CMS and Friday, September 16 will be my last day at Carmel. I'd like to share that it has been an absolute pleasure serving Carmel students and families. School Counseling is not only my job, it's my hobby. The administrative team will keep students and families up to date on progress during this transition.

## More Info

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

## Other News, Special Dates & Reminders

Monday, September 12 - MAP Math (during Homeroom)

Thursday, September 15 - MAP Reading (during Homeroom)

Monday, September 19 - Picture Day, CK Visuals (All students will have their picture taken.)

Wednesday, September 21 - Early Release Day (Students dismiss at 1:15 PM)

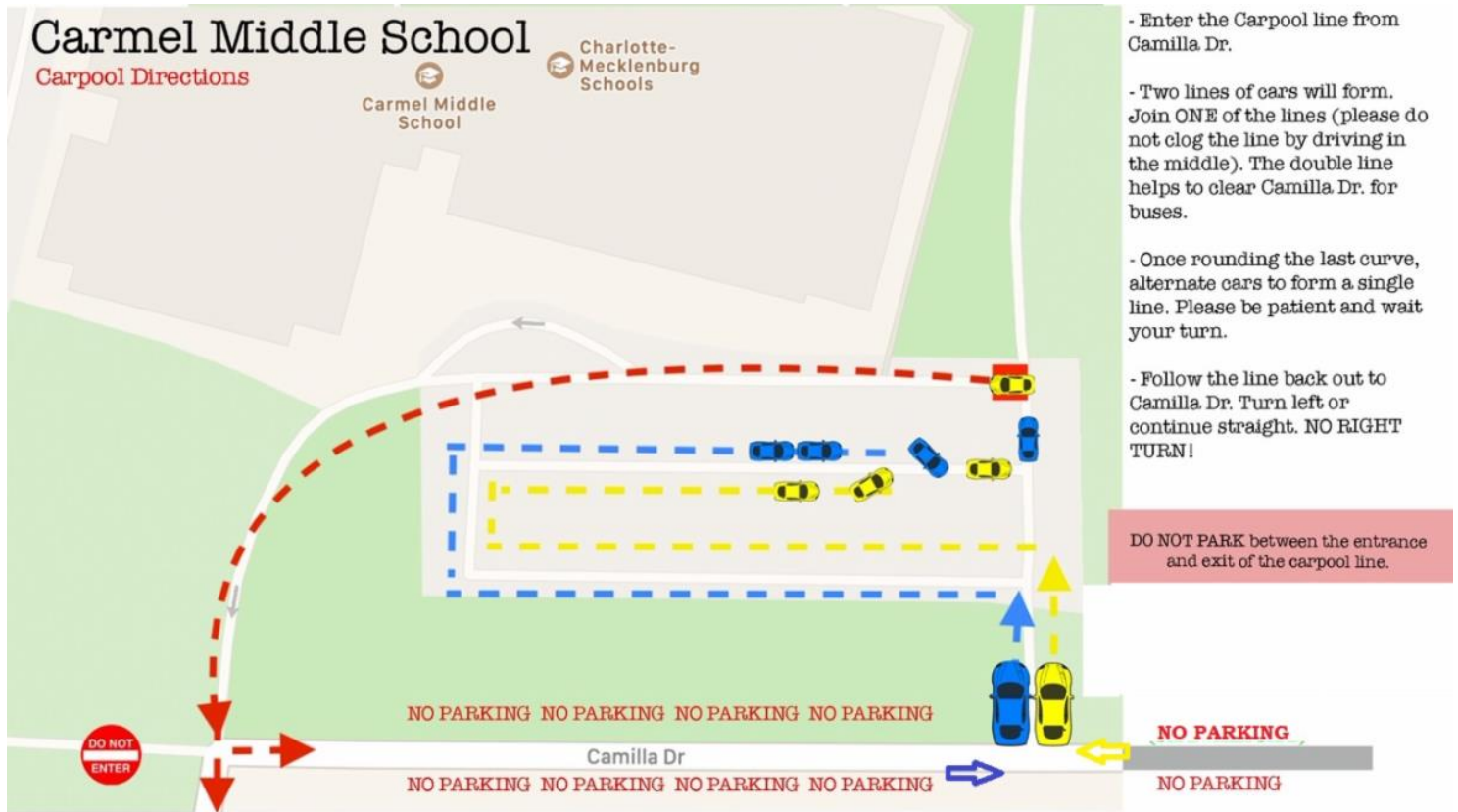
Monday, September 26 - No School (Teacher Workday)

## 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](#)



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 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.carmelpta.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



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**Thank you!**

**Next Cougar Update: Sept 23, 2022**

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