

# CARMEL



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# CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cougar Update — 1.14.22

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**Mrs. Alison Fisch, Assistant Principal**

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Happy Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cougar Families,

Just a reminder that the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter ends next Friday, January 21, with all assignments being due on Tuesday, January 18.

High school registration will start soon! More information is forthcoming.

### Ms. Morgan's CTE Semester 2 Classes

Effective January 4, 2022, Ms. Morgan-Pullin resigned her position as a 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 -

**Math 8** - For the next two weeks students are studying functions. Students will be able to compare functions displayed multiple ways (graphs, equations, or tables). They will be able to draw the graph of a function that represents a real-world situation. We will also introduce linear models (line of best fit) and piecewise functions.

**Assessment:** February 1- Mid-Unit 5: Functions

#### Math 1 -

#### Important dates:

- Midterm - Wed, January 19 (20% of semester 1 grade)
- Unit 4 Test - Thur, January 27

**Science** - In science students will be starting Unit 6 Molecular Biology this unit will focus on the standards 8.L.5 understanding the composition of various substances as it relates to their ability to serve as a source of energy and building materials for growth and repair of organisms. Students are scheduled to take their Science mid-term exam 1/31(B) and 2/1 (A). **Please make sure students are reviewing their notes each night for at least 15 minutes and completing assignments in a timely manner.** Students always can improve their grade for most assignments and all tests, all they must do is make corrections and resubmit the assignment to teachers.

## Important dates

Mid-Term: January 31st (B) and February 1st (A)

**Social Studies** – The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Midterm will be counted as the first "Perform" grade of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. A Day students will take this midterm on Friday, January 21st. B day students will take it on Thursday, January 20th. These dates were also released in previous Cougar Updates in December. This midterm is district created and covers Units 1-4 from the first and second quarter of this school year. Students will be completing the final lessons for Unit 4 this week covering the presidencies of the first three Presidents of the United States, how they upheld the principles of the government, and the National Bank debate between Hamilton and Jefferson. Review materials are being provided to students to prepare for the Midterm through Canvas this week and next. Following the close of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and the midterm we will begin Unit 5 on Civil War. We will be looking at the causes of the war, some of the major battles, and the effects of Reconstruction after the war ended.

**Mid-Term:** Covering units 1-4 and will be January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. This grade will count as the first perform grade in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grading period.

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## Counselor Connection

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The new year is underway, and we are continuing to provide SEL lessons/advisory on Mondays. This month's SEL topic is "Appreciating Diversity". February's topic will be "Kindness".

We are planning 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter's Student Recognition celebration for students who are on our honor roll and/or perfect attendance. Students will have the opportunity to have open lunch with both teams on their grade level.

Student assignment letters were distributed yesterday and include your child's assigned high school and PIN number to complete the student choice/lottery if you are interested in any of the magnet options listed for your transportation zone.

High School registration will be starting before you know it so if you have moved or need to update your address so that your child can register for the correct high school, please do so with our school registrar, Ms. McCauley. 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

### **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.

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**Thank you!**

**Next Cougar Update: January 28, 2022**

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