

CARMEL



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CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th Grade Cougar Update — 3/10/2023

Jonathon Welsh, 8th Grade Administrator

Happy Friday Cougar Families,

The end of Quarter 3 is right around the corner, 3/17/23 is the final day to submit assignments. This is a great time to reflect with your student to discuss their coursework and grades. Next week we will be sending out potential retention letters to students failing core content are classes. In order to ensure your child is being set up for success it is important to read the below information.

Please remember:

- Office Hours/tutoring is available 8:15 Tuesday mornings or by appointment with all teachers.
- The PowerSchool Parent Portal is available 24/7 for you to monitor your child's progress in classes.

Please consider:

- Require your child to use an agenda for the organization of all upcoming assignments.
- Email your child's teacher(s) to inquire about his/her performance whenever you have questions.
- Make everything at home revolve around school performance/effort (i.e. allowance, clothing, cell phone usage, etc)
- Reward your child when he/she does well in school and have consequences when he/she does not meet your expectations.

Donations Needed!

As we prepare for the Carowinds Trip, OBX Trip, 8th Grade Breakfast and the 8th Grade Social we are looking for donations of cases of water and bags of chips! If you are willing to donate, please either drop in main office attn: Jonathon Welsh or have your student directly bring it to my office so I can store it! Thanks in advance!

OBX TRIP - PAYMENT DUE

Payment Schedule: **First installment of \$200 due by 2/3/23 – Final installment of \$249 due by 4/7/23**

If you have not paid in full or completed your first installment please do so. This will ensure your child's space on the trip

**All payments must be made online via <http://bit.ly/CarmelOBX>*

Behavior Expectations: To ensure this a safe and educational experience, students with discipline issues will not be allowed to attend. In order to be eligible to attend, your student may have **no more than one day of ISS (In-School Suspension)** and **no days of OSS (Out-of-School Suspension)**. **This policy goes into effect beginning Monday March 6, 2023.**

Information about the field trip: This trip is a culminating activity for our North Carolina geography unit of study. It provides a hands-on educational experience that brings to life our common core class curriculums relating to history, language arts, mathematics, and science. There will be no water activities taking place on this trip.

CAROWINDS 8th GRADE TRIP

The 8th Grade will have the option to attend a trip to Carowinds on March 30th.

Cost: \$42 - Transportation + Ticket

Cost: \$7 - This is for students who have a Season Pass.

Utilize the OSP Link Below.

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/CMS/BVModules/CategoryTemplates/Detailed%20List%20with%20Properties/Category.aspx?category=AZ216>

South Mecklenburg High School Rising 9th Grade Registration Information

South Mecklenburg Counselors will be on campus to meet with students on March 13th, 2023. If your child has not returned their registration card, please ensure they bring them Monday.

Myers Park High School Rising 9th Grade

Myers Park Counselors will be on campus to meet with students on March 16th, 2023. Cards for students attending Myers Park received their cards yesterday afternoon. If your child has not received it, please have them meet with Mr. Canupp to ensure.

Harding University High School Rising 9th Grade Families/Guardians!

March 20th, Rising 9th Grade Registration, Carmel Middle School.

Harding University High School Counselors will be at Carmel that morning to meet with each student who will be attending Harding. Students will submit their card (already filled out) to a counselor. This one-on-one interaction will give each student the opportunity to discuss their class selections for 9th grade.

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. We will also be alerting students of this change.

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!

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!

End-of-Year Dates

5/17-18: Spanish I Final (Listening/Speaking)

5/23-24: Spanish I Final (Reading/Writing)

5/25: 8th grade Science EOG *[proctor sign up](#)

5/29: Memorial Day (Holiday, no school)

5/30: Last day for students to submit quarter 4 assignments

5/31: Reading EOG *[proctor sign up](#)

6/1: Math EOG & Math I EOC *[proctor sign up](#)

6/2: 7th Grade Math EOG (Only 7th grade students currently taking Math I)

6/7: 8th grade awards (Families of those students receiving an award will be invited to attend)

6/8: 8th grade breakfast (AM) & social (PM), yearbook distribution

6/9: Last day of school

Additional Important Dates:

3/20: Spring Panorama survey

3/24: Q3 ends.

3/27: Teacher workday

3/30: Carowinds 8th Grade Trip

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

4/7-14: Holiday, Spring Break

4/18: Spring MAP test, Math

4/24: Seussical the Musical begins.

4/25: Spring MAP test, Reading.

5/2-5: 8th OBX Trip

Curriculum Updates:

English Language Arts – Our 8th graders have been working hard in ELA. Last week, they wrote a Literary Analysis sharing their thoughts on how the graphic novel *Maus I* compares thematically to the poem, "First They Came" by Pastor Martin Niemöller. Then, they showed their understanding of related concepts with the poem, "The Action in the Ghetto of Rohatyn" by Alexander Kimel on their Mid Unit 2 Assessment.

To cap off our third quarter, the students will be researching and presenting information about an "upstander", or a person who fought for a cause or group of people. We're looking forward to seeing what the students create!

Math 8 – Students are completing rational and irrational numbers. They will begin our next unit on Pythagorean Theorem. Students must know the formula and use it to find the distance between two points on a graph. They must also know how to determine if a triangle is a right triangle given the side lengths.

ASSESSMENTS: Rational vs. Irrational Numbers - March 15, Pythagorean Theorem - March 29, Quarter 3 Benchmark - March 31

Math I - 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 classes, we are in the thick of our Hydrology Unit. Students have explored the unique properties of water that make it such an important substance to humans. We have also thoroughly examined the ways that water moves through the hydrosphere, both on the surface of the earth and underground. As we look ahead at the next couple of weeks, we will dig deeper into the oceans and their importance to human activities, as well as water quality, pollution, scarcity, and stewardship. Our Hydrology Unit Test is currently scheduled for March 23 and March 24. Also, a friendly reminder that all work for third quarter is due Friday, March 17, so be sure to get in any late or missing work as soon as possible! As always, if you have questions about science classes, please email Mr. Mahoney, Ms. Carter, or Ms. Shurig directly.

Social Studies – The next two weeks in Social Studies will be wrapping up our unit 6 on Industrialization and the Progressive Era. Students should have turned in their immigration project this week, worth a Perform Grade. This assignment required students to see the experiences of immigrants to America in the late 1800's / early 1900's through their perspective. The remainder of this unit will cover topics such as women's suffrage and the fight for racial equality through readings from Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois. As a reminder, students should be keeping up with their class materials. A binder quiz will be given before testing on Unit 6. The Unit 6 Test will be given on Thursday, 3/23 (A day students) and Friday, 3/24 (B day students).

Please read all the important information regarding Rising 9th Grade Registration!

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

[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.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

Thank you!
Next Cougar Update: March 24th, 2023.

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