

CARMEL



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CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th Grade Cougar Update □ 4.29.22

Mrs. Alison Fisch, Assistant Principal

Happy Friday Cougar Families,

Our 8th grade students should bring home specific information regarding our end of year activities. The 1 day field trip to Frankie's in Huntersville will be on Friday, June 3. The social, breakfast, yearbook signing and in person Awards Ceremony are in the works. A fun time is sure to be had by all!

As a reminder, please have a talk with your student regarding the opportunity to attend these events. Guidelines will be put in place to ensure everyone is on the same page. Poor decision making (regarding misbehavior and/or dress code violations) may prevent him/her from joining their friends. You'll find our dress code below.

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 on top 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!

Curriculum Updates:

English Language Arts - The 8th grade ELA learners are nearing the end of their journey with the book *Farewell to Manzanar*. They are making connections and distinctions between past and present emotions / perception of the Japanese American internees. Furthermore, students are re-looping skills and standards weekly to prepare for their EOGs as well as tracking their progress on practice passages.

Math 8 -

Math 1 - Math 1 students will be completing their study of quadratic equations. They will be learning how to factor expressions and equations that are written in standard form. Furthermore, they will be learning how to solve quadratic equations by factoring and using the zero product property. Once unit 7 is completed, students will begin a brief study of sequences. They will learn how to identify different kinds of sequences and also how to represent those sequences with equations.

Important dates:

- Thur. May 5 -- end-of-Unit 7 TEST
- Fri. May 13 -- unit 8 TEST
- Wed. May 25 -- Math 1 EOC

Science - Students are starting the Energy Resources unit. We will focus on the standard 8.P.2, students will be able to explain the environmental implications associated with the various methods of obtaining, managing, and using energy resources. In the next few weeks will began heightened review to prepare for Science EOG, **please make sure students are reviewing their notes each night for at least 15 minutes.**

Important Dates

Chemistry Unit Retest- 5/2 (A) and 5/3 (B)

Social Studies - Currently in 8th grade Social Studies we are covering the 1920's-40's including the United States involvement in World War II. Students have recently learned about the Great Depression of the 1930's and how the culture of America is changing through these decades. Students should have recently completed an online financial literacy course called FutureSmart for credit for a Perform grade to meet standards related to personal finance. This self-paced, fully virtual course was provided as classwork throughout the last few weeks and should be completed by now. Current learning is based on the United States involvement in World War II with topics such as achievements and contributions of minority groups in World War II like the Tuskegee Airmen and Navajo Code Talkers. The next two weeks we will be covering the origins of and a timeline of major events within the Cold War.

Our FINAL for this class will be given on Monday, May 16th for A day students and Tuesday, May 17th for B day students. The final will count as a regular Perform grade for the 4th quarter and will cover material from the 2nd semester.

Counselor Connection

The Student Services & Support Department held the Honor Roll celebration for 3rd quarter A & A/B Honor Roll students last Friday. We will continue to recognize students with excellent character every Friday afternoon during our school's "Cougar Pride" time. Additionally, students with improved attendance 4th quarter will be recognized during this time, too.

If your child will be attending Harding University High School, you are invited to attend their FutureRAM 2022 Family Session on May 19th at 6PM in their school's auditorium.

Information regarding CMS's summer school programs will be announced soon.

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

Other News & Reminders

Important Dates:

***Tentative* End of Year Dates**

May 4: CenterPoint Assessment

May 9: Volunteer Appreciation Coffee

May 12: Rising-6th grade instrument try-out if they registered for band and/or orchestra, 5:30pm

May 18: 6th & 7th Grade Band concert; Orchestra concert

May 19: 8th Grade & Jazz Band concert; Chorus concert

May 23: Last day to submit Quarter 4 assignments

May 24: Reading EOG

May 25: Math EOG; Math I EOC (7th & 8th Grade)

May 26: Science 8 EOG; Math 7 EOG for 7th grade students in Math I

*Make-up testing ongoing May 27-June 2

Specific Grade Level Events

June 3: Frankie's field trip

June 6: Awards Ceremony (Parents of students receiving an award will receive prior notice and invited to attend)

June 7: Breakfast & yearbook signing

Social (later that evening)

June 8: Last day of school

Join and Support Carmel PTSA!

Carmel Volunteer Appreciation Coffee

Monday, May 9, 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.

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.

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!

Thank you!

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