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CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th Grade Cougar Update — 11.18.22

Mr. Jonathon Welsh, 8th Grade Administrator

Happy Friday Cougar Families,

Thanksgiving is a great opportunity for our students to understand and learn key values and communication skills such as giving thanks and expressing gratitude. I would like to thank all of you, the Carmel Community for making showing up to work everyday easy. Please know, I am grateful for your support and relationship to create success inside our building every day! Please have a great Thanksgiving!



South Mecklenburg High School Registration

February 13th, 6:00PM – 7:00PM, South Mecklenburg High School will have representatives at Carmel Middle School to discuss 9th Grade Registration. This event will take place in the Media Center.

Curriculum Updates:

English Language Arts - The eighth graders have been delineating argumentative excerpts from the book, *The Omnivore's Dilemma (Young Readers Edition)* by Michael Pollan and other argumentative texts. They have been identifying and analyzing the effectiveness of the author's claim, evidence, and reasoning.

In the coming weeks, the students will be researching different points of view to form their own opinions and arguments on an assigned topic.

MATH 8: Students are learning how to solve multistep equations and inequalities with variable on both sides. Students will also solve systems of equations through graphing and equations written in slope-intercept form. Students must know how to write equations given a table, graph, or situation.

ASSESSMENT: *Mid Unit 4* - December 2 and *End of Unit 4* - December 15

Math 1: Math 1 students will be finishing Unit 3 on December 2. So far, students have studied linear equations and systems of linear equations. For the rest of the unit, students will be studying linear inequalities and systems of linear inequalities. They will be learning how to graph these inequalities on a coordinate plane and how to find solutions to linear inequalities that are already graphed. They will also be using linear inequalities to model real-world situations. Upon finishing Unit 3, we will begin a study of two-variable statistics. Primarily, students will be learning about scatter plots. They will be using scatter plots to analyze two-variable data. Additionally, they will be learning how to use Desmos to create and analyze data in scatter plots.

Important dates:

- Unit 3 TEST -- Friday December 2
- Unit 4 TEST -- Friday December 16
- Midterm -- Wednesday January 18

Science – In science classes, students have now spent significant time exploring evolution and natural selection. Students should be able to explain ways that organisms change in response to their environments, and how those changes in populations result in the evolution of species. In the coming weeks, we will make connections between evolution and the history of the earth, so that students gain an understanding of the ways the earth has changed, as well as the ways that we identify and organize geologic time. The Unit Test for Evolution and Earth History is currently scheduled for December 14th for A-day students, and December 15th for B-day students. The science department wishes all our students and their loved ones a safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday, and as always, please email Mr. Mahoney, Ms. Carter or Ms. Shurig directly with any questions.

Social Studies – In the upcoming weeks 8th grade Social Studies will be completing Unit 3 on the formation of government in the United States. This unit has a heavy focus on The Constitution and the structure and powers of the government. This content can be challenging, and students are encouraged to review their class materials weekly. Reviewing notes and worksheets they have on paper and slides from class on Canvas will be especially helpful. The Unit 3 Test will be given after Thanksgiving break on December 2nd (A day student) and December 5th (B day students). Please ensure students are preparing for this assessment and checking PowerSchool to make up any missing work.

Counselor Connection

Believe it or not: High School Registration is on the horizon. Please click on this link: [2023-2024 Rising 9th HS](#) for information on high school registration and magnet school options.

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

Other News, Special Dates & Reminders

November 23rd - 25th - NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, December 13th - Chorus/Orchestra Concert

Thursday, December 15th - Band Concert

December 20th - January 2nd NO SCHOOL/Winter Break

Monday, January 16th - NO SCHOOL/MLK Jr Day









Tuesday, January 17th - Last day to turn in Q2 assignments

[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.

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.carmelptsa.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: December 2nd 2022

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