

CARMEL



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CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th Grade Cougar Update — 11.19.21

Mrs. Alison Fisch, Assistant Principal

Happy Friday 8th Grade Cougar Families,

With next week cut short due to the Thanksgiving holiday, I hope everyone gets to relax and spend time with family and friends! When our students return on November 29, we will have 3 weeks of instruction before our winter break. Please encourage your child to maintain a solid sleep schedule and stay focused on academics. Each assignment in every class counts toward a student's GPA, and high schools will be looking at our students' information very soon!

Please open the attached letter for information regarding Ms. Holden's promotion and our newest Carmel teacher, Ms. Flores.

The next time you are at Carmel, say hello and introduce yourself to Ms. Velasquez, as she is our new front office secretary. We're thrilled to bring her on board! Ms. Ramirez has transitioned into our Family Advocacy position.

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>

Invest for Success

We are just over **HALFWAY** to our goal! **THANK YOU** to these generous donors that invested in our school in quarter one (posted through 10/30/21). We appreciate you taking **PRIDE** in our school and will be sending home a special gift to you with your student next week.

Your donations directly impact the students and staff at Carmel. If you haven't invested in your child's school yet, **PLEASE** donate today! You may donate through the link ([Pav4SchoolStuff](#)) or by sending cash or check to the school.

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Curriculum Updates:

English Language Arts - The 8th grade ELA students have taken the first bite out of the next unit pertaining to Omnivore's *Dilemma*. They are getting a taste of food culture in other countries and reflecting on their own. To launch this unit, the learners are creating their own food collage to express their food choice influences. We will start reading the book after Thanksgiving break. Please look for Monster/Villain comparison ACE responses in PowerSchool.

Math 8 - We are beginning Unit 4: Linear Equations and Linear Systems. Students will be able to solve multi-step linear equations that include fractions or decimals. They will be able to solve an equation where the variable appears on both sides. They will be able to recognize if an equation has one, none, or infinitely many solutions.

Assessments: Mid-Unit 4 Quiz 12/9

Math 1 - In the upcoming weeks, math 1 will be focusing on the study of systems of equations. Students will be learning to solve a linear system using multiple methods. We will also use linear systems to solve real-world problems. Next up is about linear inequalities and systems of linear inequalities. Please reach out to your student's teacher if we can be of support in any way.

Assessments: Systems of Equations Test -- Thursday December 2nd and Unit 4 Test -- Thursday December 16th

Science - This week in science students is starting Unit 4 Ecology, this unit focused on the standards 8.L.3 Understanding how organisms interact with and respond to the biotic and abiotic components of their environment. Students are scheduled to take the unit 4 test Tuesday 12/7 (B) and Wednesday 12/8 (A). **Please make sure students are reviewing their notes each night for at least 15 minutes and completing assignments in a timely manner.**

Social Studies - We are currently in the midst of our 3rd unit of study for the year on the "Formation of America." This unit is a relatively short insight to the current government structure of the United States and the history of our founding fathers creation of the Constitution. Vocabulary is essential to understanding this unit. Students should be preparing for the test on this unit weekly by reviewing their class materials and vocabulary. The test for Unit 3 will be Friday, December 3rd for B day students and Monday, December 6th for A day students. Finally, the District provided Midterm will be given towards the end of January covering units 1-4. Students should be reviewing materials from all previous units in preparation for the midterm.

Counselor Connection

The Student Services & Support Department is continuing the school's Social-Emotional Learning platform with lessons from [The 7 Mindsets](#) curriculum. SEL lessons are provided to students on Mondays during ACE. November's theme has been "*The Attitude of Gratitude*" which aligns with our morning gratitude moments and the upcoming holiday season.

The [school choice & lottery process](#) begins on Dec. 6, so please take note of the high schools with magnet programs along with their dates for information sessions and open houses if your child is interested in one of these high schools. The list can be found [here](#) (be sure to check school websites for updates or changes).

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

Other News & Reminders

Important Dates:

Wed, Nov 24 - Fri, Nov 26 - Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

Wed, Dec 8 - Early Release - 1:15 PM Dismissal

Dec 20 - Jan 3 - Winter Break - No School for Students

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.

Thank you!

Next Cougar Update: December 3, 2021

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