

CARMEL



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CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th Grade Cougar Update — 4.30.21

Mrs. Alison Fisch, Assistant Principal

Hello 7th Grade Cougar Families,

You'll find reminders regarding our testing schedule below.

End-of-Year Testing

As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to share information with you regarding the expectations for students to participate in end-of-year testing. Unlike spring 2020, all students are expected to take the following state tests:

- End-of-grade tests in Reading, Mathematics (grades 6-8), and Science (grades 8)
- End-of-course tests in NC Math 1

All state and federal assessments are required to be administered in-person, at school. Unfortunately, it is not possible to have students take these assessments at home. Carmel will work to ensure all health and safety protocols are in place. We understand there may be concerns about students who are currently enrolled in the Full Remote Academy coming to school to take an assessment. Please consider the value of having information on your student's learning for this school year, particularly in planning for instruction next year.

As we have all experienced in the past several months, by working together we can make the best decisions for each student. If you have any concerns or needs, please contact Carmel for more information or a discussion on how we can best meet the needs of your student and your family.

Tentative End-of-Year Dates

- May 3 & 7 - Spanish I Testing*
- May 10 - CORRECTION FROM LAST UPDATE: Begins in-person learning all five days of the week (no more remote learning Wednesday for in-person students)
- [May 12 - 8th Grade Science EOG](#)
- [May 14 - Reading EOG](#)
- May 17 - Last day to submit Quarter 4 assignments
- [May 20 - Math EOG & Math I EOC*](#)
- [May 24 - Math 7 EOG](#) (*only current 7th graders enrolled in Math I*)
- May 28 - Last Day for Students

**EOCs will still count for 20% of the student's final grade this year.*

**Students who miss an EOC and the EOC is not made up will be given a 50% for the final exam grade.*

Full Remote Academy Students and EOGs/EOCs

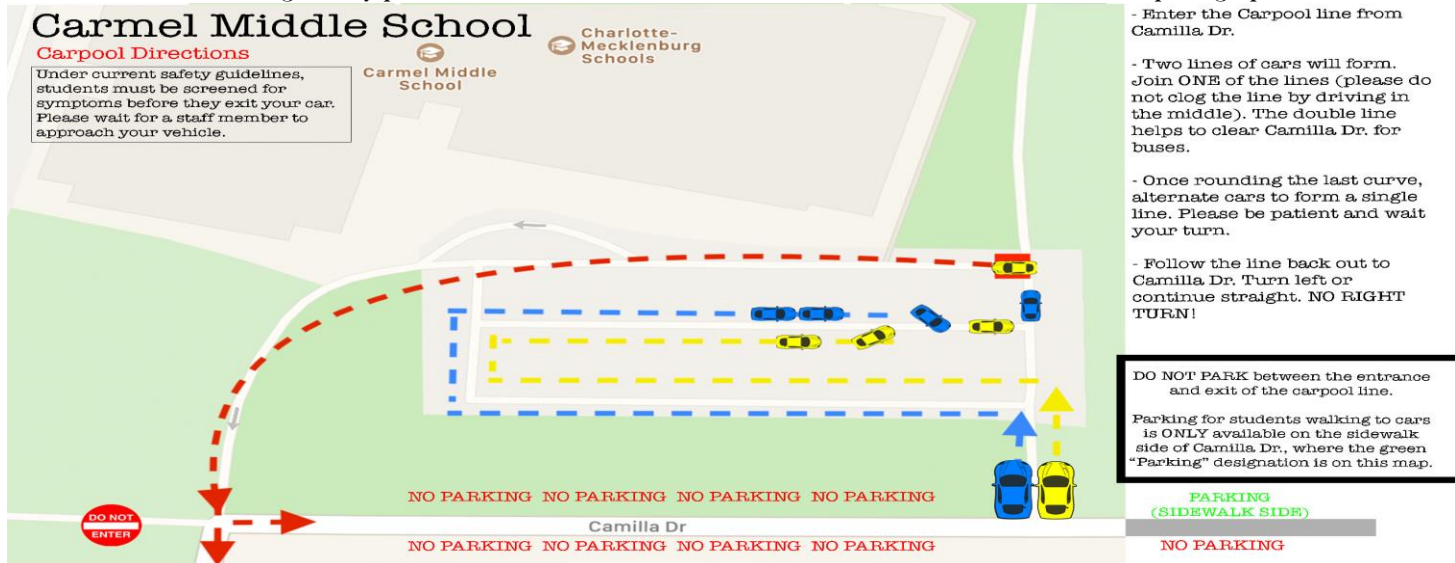
Please review the attached testing letter regarding End of Grade Testing for the 2020-21 school year. CMS encourages all students to report to school to participate in end of grade assessments. We are providing your student the opportunity to participate in required testing this year at Carmel Middle; unfortunately, no state tests can be administered remotely. When students arrive on their designated test days, they will be directed to their Homeroom teacher.

In order to plan for testing numbers, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/VqrW6UxDvZC7m96w9> by TODAY, April 30, 2021.

Carpool Reminder:

Thank you for your patience with the increase in traffic volume under Plan A. Please take note of Carmel's unique traffic pattern.

During afternoon dismissal, we have noticed cars are parking opposite the sidewalk on Camilla Drive, as well as down Lori Lane. Parking in these areas causes students to cross traffic through an unsupervised area to get to their parents. This is not safe for our students. Parking is only permitted on the sidewalk side of Camilla Drive. Please see carpool graphic.



Be sure to sign up for PTSA's **Cougar News**, which has important information on all things happening at Carmel. To sign up, [click here](#).

Counselor Connection

We continue to work with the SEL teachers to create and provide meaningful lessons to students.

Please check the [Student Services & Support website](#) for updates regarding resources - we just added a link to the list of alternative remote learning sites in Charlotte.

Other News & Reminders

Yearbooks

Great news: the 2021 Carmel yearbook is happening! The yearbook this year will look a little different than in the past, but the Carmel Yearbook Staff is committed to providing a keepsake for all of our students. In order to make it happen, we will need tons of parents and students to participate by submitting pictures. More information on how to do that will be coming soon. We are once again teaming with Jostens Yearbooks to make our yearbook this year, so all orders will be placed directly through their website, jostensyearbooks.com. They have also sent emails, as well as "snail mail" flyers that normally would have come home from the school. If you have any questions about yearbooks or ordering, please email Mr. Mahoney at adam.mahoney@cms.k12.nc.us and keep an eye out for photo requests and submission procedures. Thank you for your support of *Through the Cougar's Eye*, the official Carmel Yearbook!

SEL Time

"Mindful Mondays" and "Finish-Up Fridays" occur each week during our SEL block. This is time allotted for students to have additional opportunities to finish any asynchronous work from the week and to ask their teachers questions. Caring Schools lessons are delivered on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week during SEL time. Students in ACE PE and Learning Lab will still attend these classes during this time.

PTSA

TCBY Family Night is May 5. Don't forget to mention Carmel Middle School, so we can earn a percentage of the profits!

- **Canvas:** Parents can access Canvas! Click [here](#) to find directions on how to create a parent account.
- The CMS English Language Learner (ELL) department is available to assist any family needing support. Click on the links below.
English Learner Parent & Community Outreach Website
<https://sites.google.com/cms.k12.nc.us/el-parent-community-outreach/home>

K-12 English Learner Remote Learning Website
<https://sites.google.com/cms.k12.nc.us/remote-english-learner/home>

Thank You

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