

Happy Friday CMS Families!

I hope that you enjoyed the week off and that found ways to get off-line and enjoy some time outdoors!

We're now headed into the final four weeks of the 3rd quarter of the school year so if your student has fallen behind anywhere, now is the time to pick back up and finish strong. Please take some time to review Aeries and current progress with your child so that they know what they need to do to finish the 3rd quarter on a positive note.

Beginning next week CMS will be opening our first live class and sports practice cohorts. Cross County sign ups took place last week and were open to all students. In addition, opportunities to sign up for live music and choral instruction were offered to students enrolled in those programs. We'll be piloting cohorts in each of these groups in the upcoming weeks while looking to expand offerings to bring back as many students as we can during the fourth quarter. Sign-ups for 4th quarter cohort opportunities will be sent home in a separate email by the end of next week.

In order to accommodate in-person cohorts, the 4th quarter will require a change in our master schedule. We'll be sending out the new schedule once we've established times for all of our live instructional offerings, however, we anticipate the need to create a compressed schedule allowing time for students to travel from home to the CMS campus while simultaneously creating a window for after school sports cohorts. This will mean a slightly earlier start to the day, a reduction in the 15 minutes between classes, the creation of a designated lunch period allowing students to eat and access campus each day, and a minor reduction in live instructional minutes for academic classes. In addition, the new schedule will result in a number of class schedule changes as we look to reduce the four periods of afternoon electives into a three period block. We're still putting the pieces together, but I anticipate being ready to move forward by the end of the upcoming week. We'll send out the schedule and host an evening presentation to share new information and rationale behind the movement.

We thank you for the continued support of our efforts during this challenging time and are appreciative of the tremendous support and positive feedback we have received from the CMS community.

A few more updates...

While we are enjoying February Break, National Random Acts of Kindness Week is still taking place. We hope that all of you will do something special for your families, your neighbors, and our community. If you do, please consider uploading your story to our Random Acts of Kindness Form that can be found on the CMS Webpage and the Chromebook Homepage. We look forward to highlighting all of the stories that show the wonderful things our CMS students are doing to make our world a better place.

Congratulations to last week's Cougar Pride Spirit Winners!

6th Grade: Ruby Iranmanesh

7th Grade: Ember Franklin Brunton

8th Grade: Bella Ortega

CMS Staff Member: Ms. Silacci

The CMS PTO and Leadership Class hope you enjoy your gift cards that will be mailed to your homes very soon. Go Cougars!

Fundraiser for Girls in Nepal: CMS families were able to pool together and raise \$2,000 to send about 12 girls to school in Nepal. Think of the difference we are making in their lives. Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty, and we made a great difference in their lives and in their community.

Thank you to all of those who participated: Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Mayer, Montana Tiffany, Seraphina De Luca, Elise Dunton, Ryan Lott, Melina Meyers, Galen Spooner, Atticus Fredrick, Tullah McColl, Mrs. Thompson, Radler Pinkerton, Mrs. Rice, Devon & Mrs. Wells, Ms. Morriss, Mr. Fosler, Ms. Little, Margaux Dubrana-Lehmkuhl, Mr. Loosely, Ms. Hunter, and Catalina & Mrs. Krislyn.

Once again, I hope you've enjoyed the break and we look forward to seeing you back in classes AND here at the CMS campus on Monday!

Enjoy the weekend.

Dan Morgan

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