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Happy Friday CMS Families!

We've had a great week here at CMS with a few events worth noting so I'll jump right in to the highlights.

**Monday: Town Hall Meeting:** Over the course of the past few years CUSD has been working on a new Facilities Master Plan. This exercise allows stakeholders to examine school sites and determine needs for the future. The process is exciting as we team up to envision what new and improved educational opportunities could exist in CUSD schools. On Monday, the district hosted a Town Hall Meeting with around 100 people in attendance representing different groups and interests from each site. In terms of Carmel Middle School, we're examining possibilities that include field and gym expansion projects, new outdoor sports courts, and the remodeling of classrooms for larger collaborative learning spaces. Right now, we're in the "dream big" phase, but hopefully we'll move along into the "reality" phase sometime soon. We'll keep you posted!

**Tuesday: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Knocks Off Undefeated Buena Vista:** In an incredibly exciting, hard fought contest, our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys defeated previously unbeaten Buena Vista in a game that went into overtime at the CMS gym on Tuesday night. With key contributions from a number of players down the stretch and some excellent rebounding by our post players, CMS was able to take control in the overtime period following a frenetic finish to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter by Buena Vista which saw them overcome a 7 point lead to tie the game just before the buzzer. It's always exciting to take down an undefeated team and both our team and our fans really enjoyed the excitement.

**Wednesday: CJSF Induction Ceremony:** On Wednesday Night our counselors hosted our California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF) Induction Ceremony. This program encourages academic excellence, positive citizenship, and service beyond one's self and students are required to complete a minimum of 5 hours of community service to earn and maintain their membership. CJSF is a feeder program into the high school program (CSF) and is a great way for students to foster positive habits as they move through middle school. Next up for CJSF... a field trip to Stanford University!

**Friday: Winter Wonderland Black Light Dance:** We just completed our Winter Wonderland Dance, the final all school dance of the 2018-19 school year, and I have to say it was one of our best dances ever! Students loved the black lights, decorations, photo booth, and, as always, DJ John Upshaw did a fantastic job with the music. It was great to see so many students come out tonight despite the weather and we hope that your child enjoyed the event! Special thanks to PTO for sponsoring the event and making it free for all students. Special thanks to Liz Wells and the Leadership students who worked all afternoon to decorate for the event and then spent 30 minutes after the dance was over cleaning up. Special thanks for our parent volunteers and chaperones for helping to make tonight possible. Finally, a special thanks to our Diversity Club

for bringing and selling treats as a fundraiser for The Trevor Project, an organization that focuses on suicide prevention and support for LGBTQ youth.

Our next school event is the long awaited, much anticipated, **CMS Bob Show**, scheduled for Friday, March 22, from 6-8 pm. Tickets for this event will go on sale in early March and proceeds from the event will be used to continue our relationship with Rise Against Hunger and Hope for Haiti.

**PTO Spending Update: Serve A Thon Dollars at Work!**

**New projects approved at our last PTO meeting include:**

1. Fiddler on the Roof – PTO has agreed to sponsor the production of our Spring Musical providing \$1500 for supplies and stipends for our team of dedicated directors including Keri Coombs, Director; Pat Stadille, Set and Lights; and Mikaela Kuenster, Costumes, Props, and Help. This is money well spent as Fiddler on the Roof is supported by a large cast and requires all kinds of adult support. Keep your eyes open for upcoming show times!
2. Habitat Tools – At the request of Darrell Steely, PTO allocated nearly \$1000 for the purchase of new gardening tools for the Habitat and our new campus Pollinator project. These tools will be used to plant and tend native plants both in the Habitat and on campus in designated areas allowing our students to break a sweat while experiencing the joys of gardening and getting dirty!
3. Curriculum Enhancements – PTO also allocated around \$250 to support two different computer based programs that will be used to enhance curriculum. The first is a program called Conjuguemos allowing all our foreign language teachers and students to work on verb conjugations through a variety of games and challenges. The second is a program called Study.com which will provide our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Classes with enhanced computer based curricular opportunities.

Once again, we thank you for the continued support of our programs through Serve A Thon money. If you'd like to be part of the PTO and help decide the direction of spending and design of events at CMS, please come to our **next PTO meeting on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> in the Habitat Green Building**

**Announcements:**

**Yearbook sales end February 12th. Order yours today! Don't miss out!**

**Spring Sports are just around the corner!** Sign-ups for spring sports will end on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, so if your child is interested in tennis, golf, wrestling, or track and field, please make sure they are signed up on SportsNet! More students participate in spring sports than any other time during the year, so signing up on time is critical to allow us the opportunity to process

all athletes prior to the beginning of tryouts. Late sign ups are not allowed so your student must be registered by February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please see the link on the CMS home page. Thank you!

**Attention 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** Are you ready for 7th grade? No shots? No school. School breaks are right around the corner. Don't delay. There are new regulations for the upcoming school year. To enter 7th grade your child will need:

- **[Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis\(Tdap\)](#) —1 dose**  
(Whooping cough booster usually given at 11 years and up)
  
- **[Varicella\(Chickenpox\)](#) — 2 doses**  
(Usually given at ages 12 months and 4-6 years)
- **Spring Sports - Start Dates**
  - Wrestling - Begins February 27th (Information meeting)
  - Track and Field - Begins March 4th
  - Tennis - TBD
  - Golf - TBD
  - Please check CMS web page for daily for updates

## Calendar

### February

- 12. Last day to order Yearbook
- 13. Sportsnet closes for Spring Sports, 5:00 p.m.
- 14. - 19 All-State Band and Orchestra / CASMEC
- 18 - 22 February Break - school closed
- 25. - March 1 Spring Sports Tryouts
- 27. CJSF 8th Grade Stanford Trip , Stanford Univ, 7:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- 28. Basketball Banquet, Gym, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### March

- 1. End of 2nd Trimester
- 7. District Choral festival 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. , Sunset Center Carmel
- 8. Minimum day - School dismissed at 12:00 p.m.
- 11. - 15. Benchmark Testing
- 14. - 16 All State Honor Chorus /CCDA State Conference
- 22. BOB SHOW: 6:00 p.m.
- 26. District Band Festival , Sunset Center Carmel, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 28. Drama presents: Fiddler on the Roof, CMS Theater, 6:00 -8:00 p.m.
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31. CMS Film Festival Screening, CHS Theater, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

#### April

5 -7 Next Generation Jazz Festival

10. CUSD District String Orchestra Festival 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

12. Cycle Change / 3rd Trimester Progress Reports

15 - 19. Spring Break - School closed

22 - CAASPP Testing begins

28. Big Sur International Marathon

#### May

1 - 10 CAASPP testing

9. 5th Grade Orientation 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

9. CMS Open House 5:00 - 8:00 p.m..

10. Minimum day - school dismissed at 12:00 p.m.

14. CMS Spring Concert, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

18. CMS Music in the Parks

21. Honors Night 6 / 7th Grade 5:30 - 6:00 p.m., Gym

21. Honors Night 8th Grade, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m., Gym

22. CMS/ CHS Jazz Concert, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

24. CMS Renaissance Fair 12:00 - 2:45 p.m.

27. Memorial Day - school closed

28 - 31. Spirit Week

31. 8th Grade Promotion Dance 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

#### June

5. End of year Class Parties / Field Trips

6. 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

7. Minimum Day - Last Day of School, school dismissed at 12:00