

Happy December CMS Families!

I came down with some kind of illness that kept me out of work on Wednesday and Thursday. I know that we had several staff members and lots of students who ended up missing school with similar symptoms so I hope everyone who hasn't been hit can stay healthy in the upcoming weeks! For those of you that missed a day or two (or more!), I hope you feel better and come back to school next week feeling strong! Just missing a few days can leave you feeling pretty disconnected and I find myself asking... "What happened this week?" If you're in that boat with me, please check in with your teachers to find out what you missed and how to catch up!

Announcements:

Parent Mixer – New CMS Parents encouraged to attend! Join us to welcome new parents to Carmel Middle School! **Carmel Middle School Parent Mixer Monday, Dec. 10th 5:30 - 8:00pm at Folktale Winery in the enclosed Patio.**

This is a great opportunity to get to know other families at our wonderful school. Folktale Vineyards is generously offering a complimentary glass of California Rosé for each guest. Wine by the glass and flights will be available for purchase. Cheese and charcuterie provided by the CMS PTO. RSVP by December 7! Here is the link to the evite (please use Ctrl+Click): <http://evite.me/S48CgEN16y>

So far we only have 21 RSVPs – With 600 families at CMS we'd love to have more!!!

New Visitor Management System Piloted at CMS: Our new system is up and running and several parents (myself included) bravely submitted their drivers license to our Raptor system this week with great success. Thank you to those of you who came onto campus and helped us pilot the program this week and for those planning a visit in the future we thank you in advance for your willingness to participate in this program to help keep our students safe!

The system will help keep our students and campus safe while allowing us to accurately track who comes onto campus to interact with our students. All visitors to CMS will now be asked to present a valid, state-issued ID, which will be scanned into the system linked to a national database for registered sex offenders. Following clearance through this system, visitors will be provided with a visitors pass and will be allowed to access specific school events or activities. Visitors will be required to return the pass to the office when their visit is complete, allowing us

to accurately track visitors on our campus. More detailed information will be sent home over the Thanksgiving Break.

A pitch for the 6th Annual Carmel High School Super Bowl Raffle Fundraiser hosted by CHS Padre Parents. This major fundraiser fund many programs and activities that make Carmel High School truly special. We can't do it alone and are a long way from our goal. We **NEED YOU** to help **SELL and BUY tickets** and support our incredible students and campus. All proceeds go directly to fund scholarships, music enrichment and festivals, our athletic teams, art supplies, and so much more! CHS has raised over \$350,000 in the past five years, and many students have benefitted from the community's generosity. Help CHS make this annual fundraiser a success! Tickets are 1 for \$25 or 5 for \$100. Order Form and prize list at www.carmelhigh.org or contact Patricia Hunt at phunt@carmelunified.org or Molly at padreparentstreasurer@gmail.com.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

December 17th @ 5:30pm **Padre Parent Holiday Social and Super Bowl Raffle Drawing**—Il Fornai Rotunda.

For more detailed information on Padre Parents, please visit our [website](#). Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Fundraising for Fire Victims: With the recent devastation of the Northern and Southern California fires, we are going to begin a money collection for the victims. You will find plastic bins in the library and the office to drop in your generous contributions over the next couple of weeks. We will be sending the money collected to organizations that will help distribute to those in need.

Calling all chess players: Interested in learning a great game of strategy, wit, and guile? Already a master and looking demonstrate your skill? Just a beginner or someone who wants to learn how to play chess? Come one, come all! Come see Mr. Mayer in L2 and join the lunchtime Chess Club.

It's time to get ready for the annual National Geographic Geography Bee. The Preliminary competition is open to all students and will take place on Thursday, December 13th. You can sign up with your Social Studies teacher. Every day until the 13th, there will be a geography question in the bulletin and instructions for when to answer. The first three students to quietly

tell Mrs. Thompson the correct answer to the day's question during break will get a Cougar Buck.

Missing something? Our Lost and Found is OVERFLOWING! Please stop by the shelf in between the office and cafeteria and claim any forgotten items that belong to you. **Remember, all unclaimed items will be donated to charity during the holiday break just three weeks away!**

Don't forget that the Extended Learning Center will be open after school Monday through Thursday in the cafeteria. This is a drop-in program, open to all students who would like have a place to complete homework. Snacks will be provided and late busses to Cachagua and Big Sur are available. The hours are 2:45-5:30, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and 2:10-5:30 and Thursday. It will be closed on Fridays.

Attention 8th Grade Returning Members in CJSF: If this is your SECOND year in CJSF please grab your lunch and report directly to the Library @ 11:30 AM on Monday, December 3rd for our first meeting. We will be voting on officers for this school year! You must be present at this lunch meeting to run for an office!

If you played volleyball or soccer this season, your sport photos are in! Please come up to the front office at break and see Mrs. Rice.

Attention all Science Olympiad Participants: Next Monday, December 3rd, we will be holding a lunchtime meeting in Mr. Guzzi's Room. Please have all of your work organized and be prepared to share the progress you have made. Also, please remember to sign-up for Remind. See you Monday and Happy Investigating

Anonymous Tip Line Reminder

Did you know that CMS and CUSD participate in **WeTIP**, the anonymous tip line service? WeTIP is committed to anonymous reporting, so they provide a discreet way to report any type of crime, fraud, or improper behavior issues. The list includes the following:

- Arson ● Assault
- Bullying/Cyberbullying ● Burglary
- Drug activity ● Embezzlement
- Fraud - Accounting, Insurance, Welfare, Workers' Compensation
- Graffiti ● Identity theft
- Residency violations ● Safety violations
- Sexual harassment, assault, or rape ● Theft
- Threats ● Vandalism

To use the WeTIP reporting service, **simply call 1-800-78-CRIME**, or use the online reporting form at <https://wetip.com/submit-anonymous-tip-2/> (also listed on our website). The district holds high standards for ethical behavior, and each employee, parent, student, and community member plays an important role in upholding and reinforcing these standards.

Calendar

December

6. Drama presents: Sleeping Beauty and the Beast 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

7. Carmel Tree Lighting Ceremony, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

8. Drama presents: Sleeping Beauty and the Beast 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

9. Hospice Giving Foundation - Tree of Life Ceremony, Portola Hotel, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

10. - 14th Canned Food Drive

11. CMS Winter Concert, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

17 - 19. Spanish and Chinese Final Exams

19. CMS Cougar Cub Concert, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

24. - Jan. 4 - Winter Break

January

7. Staff Development - School closed

11. Cycle Change - 2nd Trimester Progress Reports

11. Not In Our School Day

16. Geo Bee Finals, CMS Library, 11:30 - 12:00 p.m.

17. - 19 CCS Honor Band and Orchestra - Pacific Grove Middle School

21. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - No School

22. - Feb.1 Nepal Fundraiser

24 - 26. CCS Honor Choir Event

February

6. CJSF Induction, Library, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

8. February Dance - CMS Gym, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

14. 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.

March

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: 7:00 p.m.

26. District Band Festival , Sunset Center Carmel, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
