

## **CMS Weekly Communication 1.21.23**

Happy Weekend CMS Families!

We've had a pretty quiet week here at CMS but we've got a few events coming up that are worth noting. We hope you encourage your children to get involved in some of these opportunities as they are great ways to connect with friends or new people and have some fun here at school.

### **Battle of the Books!**

Our first Battle of the Books event will take place on Tuesday, the BoB Scrimmage! This is an opportunity for students who've already signed up with a team to engage in a practice round in preparation for the real event. In addition, students who are interested in participating can come view the event, sign up, find a team to be part of, and pick up a few tips for future battle success. Every year the Battle of the Books is one of the most popular and exciting academic competitions offered at CMS so, if you love to read and want to take a run at some literary trivia, make sure you get signed up for this event!

### **Spelling Bees**

The 6th Grade spelling bee took place Friday and the 7th and 8th grade bees will be held next Monday and Tuesday in the upcoming week. The first round of the bee is a written test, determining which students advance to the next round. Once through the preliminary rounds, the live finals take place! Over the past several years the CMS school champion has gone on to compete at the county level, performing exceptionally well in the advanced competition. We're excited to see who comes out on top this year to represent CMS at the next level! Good luck to all our spellers!

### **Spring Sports Registration**

Spring sports season is right around the corner and CMS will be offering Track and Field (no-cut, everyone makes the team and there are numerous events to choose from - this is a phenomenal team sport!), Wrestling (also no-cut), and Tennis (CMS is able to support a competitive "A" team and a developmental "B" team). Make sure you're signed up on SportsNet for the opportunity to participate on one of our Spring sports teams! Follow this link and scroll down to SportNet. <https://www.carmelunified.org/domain/265>

### **The Week Ahead**

In addition to several basketball games taking place next week we also have a couple notable events coming up for our students.

### **8th Graders to Visit CHS for the VAPA Show; Wednesday, January 25th**

On Wednesday, January 25th, all 8th grade students will have the opportunity to travel up to CHS to view this year's Visual and Performing Arts showcase. The VAPA show offers our students the opportunity to see some of the incredible elective classes offered at CHS and is the first of several planned transition events put together to help create a smooth transition to CHS. If you're interested in seeing the program, the official show takes place on Wednesday evening from 7-9 PM in the CHS Performing Art Center.

### **Chinese New Year Celebration at CMS; Friday, January 27th**

As part of an ongoing tradition at CMS, our Chinese language program will be hosting their annual Chinese New Year celebration on campus this Friday, January 27th, during lunchtime. This event will feature a variety of activities open for student participation including calligraphy stations, kinja (a game best described as Chinese hacky sack), chopstick competitions, and more, all taking place with authentic, traditional Chinese music completing the backdrop. We hope your students will join in this cultural celebration as we prepare to welcome 2023, the Year of the Rabbit, to CMS!

### **News and Announcements**

#### **Attention 8th grade families:**

Believe it or not it's that time! We need to know if your child will be attending Carmel High School in the fall. Please email our registrar, Elaine Eldridge **if your child will not be attending CHS next year.** [eeldridge@carmelunified.org](mailto:eeldridge@carmelunified.org)

### **Sport Dates week of January 23 - 28**

#### **Monday 1.23.23**

8th Grade Girls Basketball vs Buena Vista @ Carmel, 4:00

7th Grade Boys Basketball vs Palma @ Carmel, 5:00

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#### **Tuesday 1.24.23**

7th Grade Boys Basketball vs San Benancio @ San Bencancio, 4:30

8th Grade Boys Basketball vs San Benancio @ San Bencancio, 5:30

7th Grade Girls Basketball vs San Benancio @Carmel, 4:30

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### **Wednesday 1.25.23**

7th Grade Girls Basketball vs Pacific Grove @ Carmel, 4:30

8th Grade Girls Basketball vs Pacific Grove @ Carmel, 5:30

8th Grade Boys Basketball vs Buena Vista @ Buena Vista, 5:30

### **Saturday 1.28.23**

6th Grade Boys Basketball vs Seaside 2 @ Carmel, 1:00

6th Grade Girl vs POM @ Carmel, 2:30

## **CMS Events and Important Calendar Events 2022 - 2023**

### **January**

26 - 28. CCS Choir Festival

### **February**

3. Minimum Day - school dismissed 12:00

13 - 17. Kindness Week

16 - 18. CASMEC Music Program - All State

16. Sportsnet Closes for Spring Sport Registration

17. 2nd Trimester Ends

20 - 24. February Break

27. 3rd Trimester Begins

28 - March 3. Spring Sports Tryouts

### **March**

3. Trimester 2 Report Cards Posted (Via Parent Square)

7. District Choral Festival, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Sunset Center

8 - 9. 7th and 8th Grade Benchmark Testing - Block Schedule

17. Spring Dance 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

24. Minimum Day - school dismissed 12:00 p.m.

27 - 30 CHS Counseling Minute Meetings - 8th Grade

28. District Band Festival, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

### **April**

5. District String Festival, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m
7. 6th Grade Last Cycle Change
- 10 - 14. Spring Break
21. Progress Reports Posted (Via Parent Square)
23. Music Program - Big Sur Marathon Performance
- 24 - May 2 CAASPP Testing

## **May**

- 1 - 2 CAASPP Testing
6. Music in the Parks
- 8 - 12. Staff Appreciation Week
9. CMS Spring Concert, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., CMS Gym
- 15 - 19. CMS Spirit Week
19. Renaissance Faire 12:00 - 2:40
19. 8th Grade Dance, MEarth Habitat, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- 22 - 26. 7th grade MBOE Trips
29. Memorial Day - no school

## **June**

1. CMS 8th Grade Promotion, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
2. Last Day of School - Minimum Day -school dismissed at 12:00
9. Trimester 3 Report Cards Posted (Via Parent Square)