

## **CMS Weekly Communication 11.17.23**

### **Happy Friday CMS Families and Happy Early Thanksgiving!**

We hope you enjoy the week off and find some time to connect with family, friends, and loved ones over the break. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, November 27th when school resumes.

We had a great week of school with quite a few fun events worth mentioning.

On Monday we celebrated World Kindness Day and our leadership class provided all students with a special treat as a small gesture of kindness courtesy of our PTO.

Tuesday was National Pajama Day and students were encouraged to attend school in their favorite PJs. In addition, during our extended advisory period all students had the opportunity to view the award winning documentary film *On The Way to School*.

On Wednesday we hosted the Geo Bee finals with Ashley James winning the competition for the 2nd straight year! Other finalists included Fiona Malone and Eric Zhang. Congratulations to our trio of Geo Bee masters and to all those who participated in this fun competition. PTO provided a pizza lunch for all participants!

Today, students and staff competed in the annual staff vs students volleyball game. In an upset for the ages the 8th grade student team dominated the CMS Faculty All Stars, easily winning the game 41-31 and bringing an end to the 36 year winning streak established by the CMS Faculty. Congratulations to the students on their well deserved victory. A faculty meeting has been scheduled for Saturday morning at 6:00 AM to determine what went wrong and who to blame for the unexpected loss.

Our fall sports programs reached their conclusion with all teams enjoying fantastic seasons. Congratulations to our 8th grade boys volleyball team for winning the MTJAL Championship and to our boys soccer team for their 2nd place finish! We'd also like to congratulate and thank everyone who participated in our fall sports program! A special thanks goes out to all our coaches for their time and dedication to our fall athletic program and students. Thank you coaches!

### **Late Bus Schedule Change**

**The late bus schedule is set to change on 11/27. Pick up at CMS will now take place at 5:30 with pick up at CHS taking place at 5:40.**

# The Week Ahead - Nov. 27 - Dec 1

Basketball Tryouts Begin

## 2023 Basketball Tryouts

**Final team rosters will be posted on the CMS webpage under the Athletics tab**

### 7th and 8th grade boys tryouts:

11/27 & 11/28 - Mon & Tues:

Monday: 3-5pm 7th grade boys

5-7pm 8th grade boys

Tuesday: 3-5pm 7th grade boys

5-7pm 8th grade boys

**Roster will be posted 11/28 by 8pm**

### 7th and 8th grade girls tryouts:

11/29 & 11/30 - Wed & Thur:

Wednesday: 3-5pm 7th grade girls

5-7pm 8th grade girls

Thursday: 3-5pm 7th grade girls

5-7pm 8th grade girls

**Roster will be posted 12/1 by 5pm**

### 6th grade boys and girls tryouts:

12/6 & 12/7 - Wed, and Thur:

Wednesday: 3:00-5pm

Thursday: 2:30-4:30pm

**Boys meet on the outside courts by the track**

**Girls meet on the outside courts by the library**

**Rosters will be posted 12/8 by 5pm**

## **News and Announcements**

### **Minimum Day Schedule December 18-21**

Beginning Monday, December 18th through Thursday, December 21st CMS will be on a minimum day schedule with school releasing at 12:00 each day. These minimum days are designed for mid-year academic conferencing and our counseling team will be connecting with students/families over the next few weeks to schedule appointments. Conferences are scheduled by invitation only, so, if you don't hear from your child's counselor, no mid-year conference is needed. If you have any questions or concerns please connect with your child's counselor.

### **Attention 7th & 8th Graders applying for CJSF (California Junior Scholarship Federation):**

We are currently accepting applications for CJSF. The deadline to apply is Friday, December 15th by 2:45 PM. To apply, please visit the CMS website and click on the CJSF application link. This form is only accessible to STUDENTS using their CUSD account. Before applying, please read the application carefully as there are strict guidelines for acceptance into this association. Please use official Trimester 1 final grades when applying. If you have any questions, please reach out to your School Counselor.

### **Support the Carmel Valley Angel Project**

CMS is accepting donations in support of the Carmel Valley Angel Project. The CVAP supports families during the holiday season by providing food, toys, and other important items to those in need. This year CMS will be focused on providing items for children from infancy through grade 5. Please consider supporting this collection drive by providing SMALL items such as toothbrushes, socks, crayons, jewelry, flashlights, silly putty, small lego sets, small toys, stickers,

balls, hot wheels, or other small toys/items. Items can be placed in the red collection bin in the CMS office now until December 8th. CVAP is unable to accept gift cards for this event.

**Interested in learning French in France?** Come to our informational meeting November 29th at 3 pm in L2. Please RSVP <https://bit.ly/47Cshmx>

There will also be a meeting on zoom November 29th at 3:30

Invite link

<https://carmelunified.zoom.us/j/97887199330>

passcode 2025

Please RSVP <https://bit.ly/3urgjO8>

## **8th Grade Parents - Baby Pictures Needed!**

Every year we dedicate a section of our Yearbook for our 8th graders' baby pictures.

We are in need of **YOUR** student's baby picture

Please do not miss our deadline for **8TH GRADE BABY PICS** which is **December 5th**

**AFTER THIS DATE WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT YOUR STUDENTS**

**PHOTOS.** Please submit your students' baby pictures as soon as you can. Please do

not email pics to Mrs. Rice or Mr. Fosler- go to [yearbookinfo](#) to upload photos, check

deadlines, or order books. After pages are submitted we cannot run late photos!

**THANK YOU!**

## **CMS Events and Important Calendar Events 2023 - 2024**

### **November**

20 - 24. Thanksgiving Break

27 - 30. Winter Sports Tryouts

## **December**

- 4 - 15. Food Bank Fundraiser
- 12. PTO Meeting 8-9 AM on Zoom
- 12. CMS Winter Concert 7:00 - 10:00 pm.
- 14 - 17. Drama Presents: The Three Musketeers
- 18 - 21. CMS Mid Year Conferences - Minimum Days
- 18. Block Schedule - Periods 1 -4, Minimum Day
- 19. Block schedule - Periods 5 - 7, Minimum Day
- 19. CMS Cougar Cub Concert, 7:00 - 8:30 pm.
- 20. Block Schedule - Periods 1 - 4, Minimum Day
- 21. Block Schedule - Periods 5 - 7, Minimum Day
- 22 - Jan. 5, Winter Break

## **January**

- 1 - 5. Winter Break
- 12. No School
- 15. Martin Luther King Jr. Day -No school
- 18 - 20. CCS Band and Orchestra
- 17. Progress Reports sent via Parent Square
- 25 - 27. CCS Choir Festival

## **February**

- 1 - 3. Music Program: CASMEC All State
- 2. Minimum Day - School dismissed at 12:00
- 6. PTO Meeting 8-9 AM on Zoom
- 15. CHS 8th Grade Parent Night via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 12 - 16. Kindness Week
- 16. 8th Grade to visit CHS 9-11 am
- 16. End of 2nd Trimester
- 19 - 26. February Break - No school
- 27 - 29. CMS Spring Sports Tryouts
- 27 - 29. 8th Grade one-on-one minute meeting in the Library 7:55 - 2:40

## **March**

- 5. PTO Meeting 8-9 AM on Zoom
- 5. CUSD District Choral Festival, Sunset Center 7:00 - 9:00 pm.
- 7 - 8. 7th and 8th Grade Benchmark Testing - Block Schedule
- 13. Report Cards sent via Parent Square
- 15. CMS Spring Dance, 7:00 - 8:30 pm.
- 21. Down Syndrome Awareness Day
- 22. Minimum Day - School dismissed at 12:00
- 27. CUSD Strings Festival, Sunset Center, 7:00 - 8:00

## **April**

2. District Band Festival Sunset Center 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

9. PTO Meeting 8-9 AM on Zoom

11. 6th Grade Cycle Wheel Change

12 - 19. Spring Break - No school

24 - 26. CAASPP Testing - 8th Grade Science

24. Progress Reports sent via Parent Square

29 - 30 CAASPP Testing

## **May**

1 - 3. CAASPP Testing

6 - 10. Staff Appreciation Week

7. PTO Meeting in Person - Location and Time TBD

15. CMS Spring Concert, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

16 - 19. CMS Spring Drama Show

18. Music Program - Music in the Parks

20 - 22. 7th Grade Monterey Bay Outdoor Education (MBOE)

23. CMS Open House 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

27. Memorial Day - no school

28 - 31. Spirit Week

31. 8th Grade Dance 8:00 pm

## **June**

3. 8th Grade Beach Party, 10:30 - 2:30 pm.
4. Minimum Day - school dismissed at 12:00
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6. Minimum Day - school dismissed at 12:00
6. 8th Grade Promotion
7. 6th and 7th Grade Awards
7. 8th Grade Brunch 10:30 - 12:00 pm
7. Last Day of School - Minimum Day
12. Report Cards sent via Parent Square