

CMS Weekly Communication 11.18.22

Happy Friday CMS Families and Happy Thanksgiving Break!

We had another fun and fabulous week at CMS. On Monday, our leadership class helped CMS celebrate World Kindness Day. On Tuesday, we hosted our first open session Advisory period, providing the opportunity for teachers to create bonding activities or games for their advisory groups. On Thursday, legendary teacher Pat Stadille, orchestrated the annual Spider Fest in a collaboration with Darrell Steely, his Nature Studies class, and the MEarth staff. The festival featured spider based games, prizes, and even a tarantula holding station! Early on Friday our SDC class participated in a 3 vs 3 basketball game at Seaside High School with reports that students had a fantastic time at the event. At lunchtime our Leadership students hosted the "Turkey Shoot", a soccer ball kicking challenge allowing students to test their skills for Cougar Bucks. Finally, this afternoon, we hosted the annual Staff vs Students volleyball game, a longstanding tradition at CMS in which the faculty takes on the 8th grade volleyball teams in an epic battle! This year, as always, the faculty came away victorious, extending their undefeated winning streak to 217 games! Our 8th grade volleyball players put up a courageous effort as this was one of the closest games in my tenure at CMS, but, in the end, the undefeated Faculty All Stars came out on top of the close contest. It's been a great week and we hope your students enjoyed some of the activities detailed above.

The Week Ahead

Next week is Thanksgiving week. All CUSD schools will be closed beginning Monday, November 21, through Friday, November 25. Schools reopen on Monday, November 28. We hope you enjoy the break and are able to spend time with family, friends, and those you love.

News and Announcements

A Message from Our Local Health Community

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Mee Memorial Healthcare System, Natividad Medical Center, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, and the Monterey County Health Department urge all residents to act now to protect themselves and their families against respiratory viruses circulating this holiday season, including influenza ("flu"), COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). An early wave of RSV and influenza activity in California has led to increased hospitalizations among children in many places across the state, placing stress on the healthcare system.

Local hospitals and the Health Department ask for everyone's help keeping our children and families safe heading into the winter season by following these steps:

- Stay Home if You Are Sick. When you are sick, avoid close contact with others to protect them and to take the time you need to heal.
- Wash Your Hands. Frequent handwashing with soap and warm water is an easy way to stay healthy and keep from spreading germs.
- Cover Your Cough or sneeze with your elbow, arm, or a disposable tissue to help prevent the spread of winter viruses.

Attention 7th & 8th Graders - CJSF is Now Accepting Applications

We are currently accepting applications for the California Junior Scholarship Federation. The deadline to apply is Friday, December 2nd. 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.

Fall Pictures

It's not too late to order Fall Pictures from Generations School Photography! In an effort to make your Holiday season a little easier, Generations School Photography would like to provide all families with a 10% off coupon code on portrait purchases. The 10% coupon code expires on 1/1/2023.

Coupon Code: 10OFF22!

Ordering Link: <https://vando.imagequix.com/K9EXQ9Q>

Find Your Online Code: <https://www.generationschoolphotography.com/online>

Questions? Please contact Generations at orders@gsp-photos.com

Our MOST Popular Spirit Wear has been RESTOCKED!

We just received a shipment of the long-awaited smaller adult and youth sizes of our CMS Plaid Pajama Pants and Charcoal Gray Hoodies just in time for the chilly winter season. They are perfect for PE on a cold morning or Cougar Pride Spirit Days. Stop by the office to get yourself a gray hoodie for \$30 or a pair of plaid PJ bottoms for \$25 and STAY WARM and SPIRITED!

This Club Saves Lives is holding a coat and warm clothing drive. Help warm up someone's winter by donating coats, gloves, scarves, and cold weather hats. Drop items off in Mrs. Olin's room, L2.

Interested in Traveling to France Next Fall?

Is your student interested in visiting France next October? Please contact Janine Olin jolin@carmelunified.org and visit www.eftours.com/2597522yb. Please sign up by Wednesday, November 23rd. Merci!

December PTO Meeting

Tuesday, December 6th @ 8:15 AM on Zoom (Zoom Invitation Sent at Later Date) Make plans to join us and hear from the CMS counseling department about the variety of services offered to students and here at CMS! In addition, find out more about how you can volunteer to help us pull together a variety of end of year events and celebrations. We hope to see you there!

CMS Events and Important Calendar Events 2022 - 2023

November

- 14 - Dec. 1. Winter Sports Tryouts
- 21 - 25. Thanksgiving Break

December

- 5 - 16. Food Bank Fundraiser
- 6. CMS Winter Concert, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- 9. Minimum Day - school dismissed 12:00 p.m.
- 12. Sportsnet is Open for Spring Sport Registration
- 13. Cougar Cub Concert, CMS Gym 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- 23. 6th Grade Cycle Change and PE Flip
- 26 - January 6, Winter Break

January

- 9. No School - Staff Development Day
- 13. Progress Reports Posted
- 16. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - no school
- 19 - 21. CCS Band and Orchestra Festival
- 26 - 28. CCS Choir Festival

February

- 3. Minimum Day - school dismissed 12:00
- 13 - 17. Kindness Week
- 16 - 18. CASMEC Music Program - All State
- 17. 2nd Trimester Ends
- 17. Sportsnet Closes for Spring Sport Registration
- 20 - 24. February Break
- 27. 3rd Trimester Begins
- 28 - March 3. Spring Sports Tryouts

March

- 2. District Choral Festival, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Sunset Center
- 3. Trimester 2 Report Cards Posted (Via Parent Square)
- 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
- 5. Bob Show, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m
- 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.

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)