

Happy Thursday CMS Families!

Just a reminder, there is no school tomorrow and Spring Break runs from Friday, April 12th through Sunday, April 21st. CUSD schools reopen on Monday, April 22nd. We hope you enjoy the break and that you have the opportunity to spend some quality time with those you love!

Highlight(s) of the Week

Thank you PTO and Parent Volunteers! On Wednesday morning our PTO sponsored a staff appreciation brunch. Numerous parents donated breakfast/brunch items including pastries, bagels, and other homemade treats and savory items. On behalf of the staff at CMS we'd like to thank our PTO for organizing this event with special thanks going out to Valerie Ghio, who organized the brunch and recruited parent volunteers. We'd also like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Jen Balas, Roeya Banuazizi, Allyson Schut, Rosaleen Trambley, Fernai Harris, Kelly Coyle, Katie Heley, Kim Benson, Liz Ellis, Shelley Grahl, Patricia Anderson, Paola Fejes, Bahar Iranmanesh, Sun Shine Hohman, Laura Warren, and Adrienne Mitchell. Thank you all for taking the time to put on this event for our staff!

CMS/CHS Leadership Activity for CMS Students On Wednesday, the CMS/CHS leadership classes combined creative energies to put on a fun activity day for CMS students. The event began in the gym with a Staff vs Students dodgeball game. In game one, the students wiped out the staff in less than 5 minutes. Game two took a little longer, but once again, the students proved their dodgeball superiority, handling the staff team with relative ease. After dodgeball ended everyone headed outdoors to participate in a variety of activities including water balloon toss, tug-o-war, tricycle racing, trivia, and some fun relay races. There were lots of smiles, laughter, and fun had by all. We'd like to thank Mrs. Wells and our leadership program, Aubrey Powers and the CHS leadership team, and our PTO for sponsoring the event! We hope your student enjoyed the activities!

When We Return

CMS Singer Songwriter Concert @ 7:00 PM, Friday, April 26 in the CMS Theater

Our Singer Songwriter class will take over the CMS theater on Friday night for a performance nobody should miss! Mr. Loosely's club and class have been hard at work creating new songs that are sure to become fan favorites. Remember, this is the same concert where last year's hit

song, "Mr. Morgan Slays" launched to tremendous critical acclaim, putting puffy vests in their rightful spotlight. Come join us for a fantastic evening of amazing music in the CMS Theater on Friday night at 7:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

Each year, CMS students participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) standardized assessment system. Depending on the grade level and instructional program in which your student is enrolled, your student may take one or more of the following tests:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics (Administered in grades 3-8, and grade 11).
- California Science Test (CAST) (Administered in grades 5,8,11 or 12)
- Students with cognitive disabilities may take the CAA in ELA, Mathematics and Science
- California Spanish Assessment (CSA) is required for Spanish speaking English Learners (Administered in grades 3-8).

CAASPP Testing Schedule

Carmel Middle School will administer the 8th Grade Science Test (CAST) beginning Wednesday, April 24th - Friday, April 26th during your student's regularly scheduled science class. The science test is administered only to 8th grade students. To learn more about the CAST please follow this link: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppscience.asp>

Carmel Middle School will administer the CAASPP assessments Monday, April 29 - Friday, May 3. All students, grades 6-8, will participate in the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment for ELA and Mathematics during that week.

In an effort to provide students with the opportunity to perform their best, we have created testing sessions that break the test into smaller parts. Students will complete a computer adapted test (CAT) in one session and then have extended sessions to complete the ELA performance task (PT). In Mathematics the CAT and PT will also be administered in two different testing sessions. The schedule for testing at CMS can be found by clicking on this link:

[23-24 CAASPP Testing Schedule](#)

More information about the CAASPP Test and the impact on CMS will be sent home when we return from Spring Break.

News and Announcements

CHS Open House on 4/27 - Great Opportunity for 8th Grade Students/Families to Check Out CHS

You are invited to the 2023 Carmel High School Open House, Thursday, April 27th from 5 to 7pm.

Our uniquely wonderful Open House will include the Empty Bowls Soup and Bread Supper to benefit The Food Bank for Monterey County, a Club Showcase, and the annual Art Show. This will be a wonderful evening for our families and community members and is a signature event for our school.

- **Club Showcase:** The showcase in the portico to the theater will highlight the many opportunities Carmel High students have to get involved in the campus community.
- **2023 Carmel High Art Show:** Over 300 student works of art will be on display in our theater lobby, some works of art will be for sale, others are for exhibition only.
- **Empty Bowls Soup and Bread Supper to benefit The Food Bank for Monterey County:** For a **\$20 donation** each guest enjoys a delicious supper of soup, bread and dessert and each guest selects a handmade bowl to take home as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. Musical entertainment will be provided by the CHS Singers and Songwriters Guild and over 300 student works of art will be on display. Buy tickets in the ASB office, through the [CHS webstore](#) or through [Eventbrite](#). **100% proceeds benefit The Food Bank for Monterey County.**
- **Other activities:** Dance rehearsal on the theater stage, Ted talks presented by the TEDx Club and Poetry presented by the sophomore poetry slam winners.

We hope to see you at Carmel High on Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

Attention 7th Graders - 2024-25 Lava Beds Trip

An informational mandatory student meeting for the Fall 2024 8th Grade Lava Beds Trip will be held Wednesday, May 8th in the theater during lunch. CMS students have been

going to Lava Beds National Monument for over 25 years exploring the cultural and natural history of the Medicine Lake Volcano area. The tentative dates for the trip are Sunday September 15th to Friday September 20th. This trip takes place during the school week so any participating students are responsible for work missed during this time. In addition to missed class time we also have very strict behavioral and academic requirements that have already started in the 7th grade. If your child loves science, camping, and exploring please encourage them to attend the May 8th meeting. An informational packet will be passed out at the meeting and will address many of the more typical questions about the trip. **This meeting is mandatory:** any student that attempts to sign up, but was not in attendance and does not have a valid doctor's note will be put on a waitlist. If there are still questions after reviewing the packet please direct them to Mr. Guzzi, the trip organizer, at jguzzi@carmelunified.org.

Last Chance to Sign Up for the East Coast Trip! If you are still considering the Eastern Seaboard trip this coming October 2024, please see the attached flyer to scan the QR code to RSVP for our second informational zoom being held Thursday, April 25th at 6:30pm. Registration for this session is mandatory to help organize our meeting, and a parent or guardian must attend. Can't make it? Choose "No, but send info" so you don't miss out.

Zoom meeting details: April 25, 2024 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm <https://efedu.zoom.us/j/83446339843>
Meeting ID: 834 4633 9843

Deadline to register for the trip

Please be advised that the deadline to register your student for the Fall 2024 East Coast Trip is Sunday, April 28th.

After the April 28th deadline, we will be confirming chaperones and will be sending out google forms to complete for rooming assignments, dietary restrictions, medical forms, and other pertinent information.

FAQs:

Who: CMS Eighth Graders in Fall 2024

What: Eastern Seaboard trip hosted by EF Tours

When: Sat, 10/5 - Sat, 10/12, 2024

Where: DC, Philly, NYC, Boston

Trip Coordinator Contact

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Sport Dates week of April 22 - 26

Tuesday 4.23.24

Wrestling vs Buena Vista @ Buena Vista 4:30 pm

Tennis vs Sacred Heart @ Sherwood Tennis Center 4:00

Golf vs San Benancio Middle School @ Carmel Valley Ranch 4:00 pm

Thursday 4.25.24

Wrestling vs Pacific Grove @ CMS 4:30pm

Tennis vs Catalina @ Catalina 4:00 pm

Golf vs Buena Vista Middle @ Carmel Valley Ranch 4:00

Friday 4.26.24

MTJAL Track and Field Meet @ PG High School 4:00 pm

CMS Events and Important Calendar Events 2023 - 2024

April

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
- 2 - 5 CMS Spring Drama Show
- 6 - 10. Staff Appreciation Week
- 7. PTO Meeting in Person - Location and Time TBD
- 13. CMS Spring Concert, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.
- 17. Renaissance Faire 12:45 - 2:45
- 18. Music Program - Music in the Parks
- 20 - 22. 7th Grade Monterey Bay Outdoor Education (MBOE)
- 21. CMS / CHS Jazz Concert, CHS Performing Arts Center 7:00 pm
- 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
- 5. Minimum Day - school dismissed at 12:00
- 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