

## **Happy Friday CMS Families!**

We wrapped up CAASPP Testing week today and we hope that all students put in their best efforts on these important state assessments! Results will come to us in the fall and we look forward to seeing how our students performed on this year's test. If your student missed any portion of the testing, makeup sessions are scheduled for next week and students will be pulled from regularly scheduled classes to finish sections of the CAASPP they may have missed. Please reach out if you have any additional questions about CAASPP testing and makeup. Once again, we appreciate your support with the state's testing program.

## **Highlight(s) of the Week**

### **CMS Drama Presents *Legally Blonde the Musical!***

The CMS Spring Musical opened on Thursday night to a packed house as our drama department, led by esteemed CMS alumni, Gracie Balistreri, brought *Legally Blonde the Musical* to the stage. With exceptional performances by every member of the cast and a musical score filled with humor, wit, and sass, the audience loved this outstanding show. If you missed opening night, you have three more chances to see the show. Our thespians hit the stage tonight and Saturday at 6:00 PM and end their production with a matinee on Sunday at 2:00 PM. Tickets are 5:00 at the door. Come out and support our drama department as they wrap up their year in style with Elle Woods and *Legally Blonde the Musical!*

## **The Week Ahead**

### **Staff Appreciation Week**

Next week is national teacher appreciation week. We've altered the title a bit to make sure all CMS staff are included in the love and appreciation shared with our teachers. Our PTO and our leadership class have been busy planning appreciation events and we want to thank everyone in advance for sharing appreciation for our staff. Feel free to reach out on a personal level to any staff member who has made a positive impact on your student during their time at CMS. As a lifetime educator, I can tell you that a simple email or kind card expressing appreciation for the work we do is always very special.

### **PTO Meeting; Tuesday @ 6:00 PM in the CMS Library**

The final PTO meeting of the 2023-24 school year will be held in our Library on Tuesday night at 6:00 PM. Our agenda will feature a few past and present CMS students who will talk about their experiences at CMS, the election of new PTO officers, and a report on the past performance of

CMS and where we're headed in the future. We hope you'll join us for this final meeting and we hope you'll consider joining this organization next year!

### **CMS Film Festival; Thursday from 6:00-7:30 in the CMS Theater**

The CMS Film Festival tradition continues on Thursday evening in the CMS Theater with several exciting student films being presented. Come join us to watch the amazing, creative films our students have created. Enjoy a night of entertainment with this red carpet event, concessions, a live MC, and an awards ceremony worthy of the Oscars. We hope to see you in the theater on Thursday night for this fun and exciting event!

### **News and Announcements**

#### **Next Year's Lava Beds Trip: Attention all 7th Grade Students!!!**

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](mailto:jguzzi@carmelunified.org).

#### **The CMS Renaissance Faire is Coming**

CMS will be hosting our annual Renaissance Faire on Friday, May 17th. This is a wonderful event that helps bring to life units of study from 7th grade social studies. We have received several questions about attendance for this event so we want to be clear about our rules for attendance at the CMS Renaissance Faire.

**The CMS Renaissance Faire is not open to the public, to students from other schools, or individuals not affiliated with CMS or CUSD.**

**\*The CMS Renaissance Faire includes students from San Carlos who participate in the faire each year. Participating San Carlos students and parents are invited to attend the event.**

**Visitors must meet one or more of the following criteria:**

- 1. Parents of current 7th grade students participating in the event.**
- 2. Siblings of 7th grade students who are too young to attend school or remain at home during the event. Note: Children must be under the direct supervision of the visiting parent.**
- 3. Guests who have received an invitation from event organizers and are serving a designated purpose at the event.**
- 4. Adults/students from San Carlos School affiliated with their visiting class.**

**\*Siblings/students enrolled in CUSD schools (or other schools) should remain in attendance at their school during this event.**

**Attendance at the Renaissance Faire is open only to the parents of 7th grade students**

who would like to observe the collective hard work of their child's contributions to our traditional Renaissance production. **If you are the parent of a 7th grade student and plan to attend the Faire we politely ask that siblings who are not attending Carmel Middle School remain in attendance at their school of enrollment.** If, out of necessity, children who are too young to attend school must attend the Faire with you, we ask that they remain under your direct supervision at all times.

**The second group of adults attending the Renaissance Faire are pre-designated adult chaperones helping us supervise the event and/or run tables/events not hosted by our students.** These individuals have already been contacted by CMS staff or administration and have been assigned a specific role in the Faire. All assignments have been filled for these roles and additional assistance is not required for this event.

In keeping with tradition, CMS has collaborated with San Carlos School on the Faire and we have cleared a small number of adults from San Carlos to join us in an effort to provide ample supervision. In addition, students from San Carlos will be joining the event as a “neighboring shire” and will participate in opening ceremonies and entertainment.

**All visitors to campus must check in with our office, be cleared as a guest through our Raptor (background check) system, and receive a guest pass from the office prior to attending the Faire. Guests attempting to enter the Faire without appropriate clearance**

**will be rerouted to our front office. In addition, guests not meeting the above criterion will not be allowed entrance to the Faire.**

These policies have been established to help maintain a safe environment for all students while ensuring the crowd at our Renaissance Faire remains at a reasonable size for the venue. It is important to maintain a level of attendance that will keep the event safe and engaging for our students and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

### **Spring Sports week of May 6 - 10**

#### **Wednesday 5.8.24**

Wrestling vs NMC @ CMS 4:30

Golf vs Stevenson @ Spanish Bay 4:00

#### **Friday 5.10.24**

MTJAL Track and Field League Meet @ CMS 4:00

Golf vs San Benancio @ Pasadera 4:00

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

### **May**

2 - 5 CMS Spring Drama Show

6 - 10. Staff Appreciation Week

7. PTO Meeting in Person - CMS Library @ 6:00PM

9. CMS Film Festival - CMS Theater, 6:00 - 7:30

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
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- 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