Good Afternoon CMS Families,

School is off to a fantastic start! We hope your students have come home happy and are excited to be part of the CMS family.

Highlight(s) of the Week
Our highlight of the week had to be our first day of school. It was great to see our students return to CMS with smiles on their faces, hugs for their friends, and excitement for the potential of a new school year. We ended the day with our PTO sponsored, Leadership designed, Welcome Back party and dance and students enjoyed the DJ, games, and raffles that made the event exciting. We hope your student came home happy and tired after day one!

The Week Ahead
We have a busy week ahead that will include several climate and culture building activities.

Monday: Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Barnes will meet with every PE class to review the CMS Code of Conduct. We hope you’ve taken some time to review this with your student prior to our presentation, but, we’ll make sure to go over the do’s and don’ts of CMS, providing examples of positive behavior and citizenship and identifying some common pitfalls along the way.

Tuesday: CMS will host our first Gathering. Despite the ominous, horror-movie style title, the Gathering is an all school meeting that is an important part of building a positive culture at CMS. Gatherings are all school meetings in which we celebrate students, programs, faculty, our school, and much more. We also use this time for mini-presentations on upcoming student opportunities involving clubs, trips, community service events, and much more. Finally, we often mix in short social emotional learning or culture building moments that include short films, fun games, leadership announcements, and even goofy skits or unique talents. Tuesday’s Gathering will feature a 10 minute presentation by our Leadership class on the various activities and clubs students can join along with introductions of our entire faculty.

Wednesday: On Wednesday, the CMS PTO will host their first get together of the 2023-24 school year. The CMS PTO Morning Coffee Meet and Greet will take place in our Habitat Green Building and Kitchen on Wednesday morning from 8:00 - 9:00 AM. Please make plans to join us if you can to meet the PTO Board and learn about how you can get involved in all the amazing things the PTO does for CMS students and programs. We hope to see you there!
**PE Uniform Dress Down Day** - Wednesday is also the first day students will be expected to change into their PE clothing for class. Purchase your clothing as soon as you can in our office before school, at break, at lunch, or after school. Shirts and shorts are $15 each and we recommend purchasing two sets.

**Thursday**: A “normal” school day with nothing extra planned. Please note, CMS releases early every Thursday at 2:10 PM to support teacher collaboration sessions. On Thursdays, students should be picked up from campus no later than 2:30 PM.

**Friday: District Wide Minimum Day: School ends at 12:00** and traffic will be crazy! Usually traffic from the car shows hits Carmel Valley Road a bit later in the afternoon, but, plan your day/weekend carefully as roads will be crowded! Students are released at 12:00, lunch is served from 12:00-12:15, buses run promptly at 12:15.

**Coming Soon**: The week of August 21-25th will feature the first CMS School Spirit Week with dress up days and class competitions. In addition, Fall Sports Tryouts kick off this week so keep your eyes open for tryout locations and times!

**News and Announcements**

**Drop Off Shelves**: Due to the potential impact of frequent interruptions CMS has a strict policy prohibiting the delivery of personal items to classrooms. If your student forgets an item at home, we have a drop off shelf in front of our office where forgotten items can be left. Students are encouraged to check these shelves if they’ve forgotten anything at home. Please note, we do not deliver passes to notify students if they have items on the shelves.

**7th and 8th Grade Lockers**: If you're interested in having a locker on campus this year, please purchase your own lock and register your locker combination with our staff during lunchtime on Wednesday. Tables will be set up in front of the library for lock registration and locker assignments. Purchased locks must be combination style.

**Yearbooks For Sale!** Secure your copy of the CMS Yearbook ASAP! Created by award winning yearbook designer and CMS art teacher, Jason Fosler, the CMS yearbook is something every student should have. The CMS yearbook costs $50 and you can purchase yours by following these instructions: Go to CMSHomepage, click on the yearbook icon at the top of the page, and then click the banner to purchase a book.

**Fall Sports Sign Ups Close Friday, August 18th**

If your student would like to try out for Volleyball, Soccer, or join our Cross Country Team, they must be registered on SportsNet. Registration closes on Friday, August 18th. To register on SportsNet, follow this link to the CMS Sports Page and get your student signed up today. Questions? Contact Cathleen Rice at crice@carmelonified.org or 624-2785.
2023 Fall Tryout Schedule
***Be there for ALL tryout dates***

**Boys and Girls Soccer:**
Tryouts: Aug. 22 - Aug. 24 (Tues-Thur)
   Boys: Tues & Wed: 3-4:30pm and Thursday 2:30-4:00pm
   Girls: Tues, Wed, & Thur: 3:15-4:45pm
***Meet on the lower field below the gym***

**Volleyball:**
Tryouts: Aug. 22 - Aug. 24 (Tues-Thur)
   6/7/8th Girls: Tues & Wed: 3-4:30 pm and Thursday 2:30-4:00pm
   6/7/8th Boys: Tues & Wed: 4:30-6:00pm and Thursday 4:00-5:00pm
***Meet in the gym***

**Cross Country:**
Practice will begin Monday, Aug. 21 at 3:00pm
***Meet on the track***

**********Volleyball and Soccer **********
Final team lists will be posted online Friday, Aug. 25th on the CMS website under athletics by 5pm.
CMS Events and Important Calendar Events 2023 - 2024

August
9. First Day of School
10. Minimum Day - school dismissed at 12:00
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14. New Student Luncheon 11:30 - 12:00
16. PTO Meet and Greet; 8:00 - 9:00
18. Minimum Day - School dismissed at 12:00
18. SportsNet Registration is Closed
21 - 25. Fall Sports Tryouts
21 - 25. Spirit Week
22. Back to School Night, 5:30 - 7:40 PM
30. Picture Day, 8:00 AM

September
1. Ohana Day (8th Grade) 11:30 - 2:45 PM
4. Labor Day - No school
5. PTO Meeting 8-9 AM on Zoom
5. CMS Fundraiser Kickoff
8. Minimum Day - School dismissed at 12:00
15. 6th Grade Cycle / Wheel change
18 - 22. 8th Grade Lava Beds Trip
26. CMS Fundraiser Turn- In Day
27. Progress Reports sent via Parent Square

October
3. Fall Strings and Choir Concert, CHS Performing Arts Theater, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
3. SportsNet is open for Winter Sport Registration
6. PTO Fundraiser Wrap-Up Party
9 -13. October Break - School closed
17. PTO Meeting 8-9 AM on Zoom
20. CMS Picture Retakes, 8:00 - 11:00
27. Halloween Dance, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
31. Halloween - Dress Up Day

**November**

1. Minimum Day - School dismissed at 12:00
3. End of 1st Trimester,
3. 6th Grade Cycle / Wheel change
3. SportsNet is Closed for Winter Sport Registration
6. 2nd Trimester Begins
7. PTO Meeting 8-9 AM on Zoom
10. Veterans Day - No School
13 - 17. Winter Sports Tryouts
15. Report Cards sent via Parent Square
20 - 24. Thanksgiving Break

**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: Winter Show
18 - 21. CMS Mid Year Conferences - Minimum Days
19. CMS Cougar Cub Concert, 7:00 - 8:30 pm.
22 - Jan. 5, Winter Break

**January**

1 - 5. Winter Break
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
12 - 16. Kindness Week
16. End of 2nd Trimester
19 - 26. February Break - No school
27 - 29. CMS Spring Sports Tryouts

**March**

5. PTO Meeting 8-9 AM on Zoom
7. 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
26. District Band Festival

**April**

3. District Strings Festival, Sunset Center 7:00 - 8:00 pm.
9. PTO Meeting 8-9 AM on Zoom
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

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