Happy Friday CMS Families!

Highlight(s) of the Week

Spirit Week
We had an exciting week of school featuring our PTO Sponsored, Leadership designed, CMS School Spirit Week! Students enjoyed 5 dress up days and our Leadership class went all out creating class competition events every day at lunch time. In the end it was the 7th Grade Class who came out on top and have now been crowned Spirit Champions! The entire class has earned a special reward which they'll receive at the end of our next gathering on Tuesday, September 5th. Special thanks to our PTO, Mrs. Wells and her Leadership Class, and everyone who helped make CMS Spirit Week a big success! Congratulations to our 7th Graders for taking the title of Most Spirited Class at CMS!

Back to School Night
On Tuesday CMS hosted Back to School Night. We had a fantastic turnout for the event and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to follow your student’s schedule and meet their teachers. We appreciate your attendance at this event and we know it’s not always easy to find the time to take an evening away from home. We hope you found the presentations valuable and we hope you came away with a positive impression about the teachers, programs, and extra-curricular offerings at CMS. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

The CMS PTO’s Cash for Cougars fundraiser kicked off this week and we need your support!

Donate Now!

https://www.carmelunified.org/Page/5843

Don't miss out on the chance to win the “Refresh & Recharge” gift basket by making a ($25 min) donation before the end of today. The lucky winner will be announced on Monday.

A $200 donation per student is recommended, but any contribution is appreciated. Monthly payments are also an option for those who would like to provide incremental donations. Your support will surely make a difference!

Thank you!
The Week Ahead

Picture Day
Wednesday, August 30th is school picture day! Follow the directions below to set up your child’s school picture. Photos are taken during PE classes.

Picture Day is Coming!
EASY AS 1,2,3!

1. **REGISTER**
   - Scan the QR code to the right to register your student(s), or visit: [GSP-REGISTER.COM](https://gsp-register.com)
   - ONE registration per student.

2. **SCAN**
   - A CAMERA TICKET will be emailed to your inbox. Your phone is your ticket! The photographer will scan your ticket right from your phone. (No phone? Print the camera ticket and bring it to Picture Day or fill out a paper camera ticket on Picture Day).

3. **SMILE**
   - Ordering information and proofs will be emailed TWO WEEKS after your school’s last Picture Day.

IF YOU DO NOT KNOW YOUR STUDENT ID NUMBER, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL PRIOR TO REGISTERING ONLINE.

Ohana Day
On Friday, September 1st, our 8th grade class will participate in one of the best activities CMS offers, 8th Grade Ohana Day. Information about this event will be sent directly to all 8th grade families next week. This PTO sponsored event features a day of team building fun and is always a highlight of the 8th grade year! We’re thrilled to be offering the Ohana Day program once again and look forward to an epic event!

Coming Soon…

**Labor Day**: CUSD schools will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 4th.

**PTO Meeting**: Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 5th and plan to join us for the first official PTO meeting of the year in the CMS MEarth Green Building/Kitchen. The business of
fun gets started at 8:00 AM! Come find out what you can do to support CMS with this great organization!

**Minimum Day and Large Scale Emergency Drill:** On Friday, September 8th, CUSD schools will be on a minimum day schedule. CMS will be engaging in our large scale emergency evacuation drill. The drill is based on an earthquake simulation and will include full student accountability, student release, and search and rescue protocols. Emergency personnel services will be on site to evaluate our response and provide feedback for continuous improvement. The drill begins at 11:20 and will last approximately 40 minutes. School ends at 12:00. Lunch is served from 12:00 - 12:15 and buses run at 12:15. Please note, our office will close at 11:20 for participation in the emergency drill. If you need to check your student out of school early on Friday, please do so before 11:00 AM. **Parents attempting to check out students after 11:00 AM will have significant wait time as our emergency response protocols will be in process.**

**News and Announcements**

**Yearbooks are on sale for $50! [BUY NOW SO YOU DON'T FORGET!](#)** We are now accepting pet pics and travel pics (deadline Nov 12), and **8th grade baby pics** (deadline Dec 5th). We especially need school sports events photos. 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**

**August**

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: In Person - CMS Habitat
5. CMS Fundraiser Gathering - Midway Hype
8. Minimum Day - School dismissed at 12:00
15. PTO Fundraiser Final Turn In Day
15. 6th Grade Cycle / Wheel change
18 - 22. 8th Grade Lava Beds Trip
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
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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