CMS Weekly Communication 9.1.23

Happy September CMS Families!

Highlight of the Week

8th Grade Ohana Day

On Friday our 8th Grade class participated in Ohana Day, an annual team building event created to unify our 8th grade class while encouraging students to make positive life choices, step into a leadership role on campus, and continue to set a positive example for students in 6th/7th grade. The event features group lunch, 6 team building games or challenges, an important personal speech from Mr. Glazier, providing the history and messaging central to the Ohana Day event. Every 8th grade student received a gift from our PTO, 8th Grade Ohana Day sweatshirts. The event this year was fantastic and we enjoyed watching our 8th grade class connect in a fun and important way that sets a positive tone for their role as leaders on our campus.

This event would not have been possible without the effort and support of many people and we’d like to take a moment to express our gratitude for the variety of support we received to make this event a success. First, we would like to thank our PTO for their ongoing financial support of Ohana Day. Our PTO pays for the class lunch, rents or purchases equipment for the event, and purchases the Ohana Day sweatshirts loved by our 8th grade class. Without the financial support of our PTO, this event would not be possible! In addition, we’d like to thank our parent volunteers. This year a team of 13 parents came to Ohana Day, helped run each game/challenge station, served lunch, helped with set up, clean up, and spent the day engaging with our 8th grade students. Again, Ohana Day could not happen without this support and we’re extremely thankful to the parents who spent the day with us! **Special thanks to 8th Grade Parents Jennifer Balas, Roeya Banuazizi, Kati Enea, Kerri Goldberg, Tim Haag, Sun Shine Hohman, Marisa Jones, Mary Lambert, Laura Maxon, Shauna Stephens, Leslie Varney, Jolene Walsh, Laura Warren, and Susana Olvera!**

We’d like to thank Joe Miguel, store manager at our local Crossroads Safeway for providing food for us at an amazing price. Every year, Joe (and Safeway) provides us with sub
sandwiches, watermelon, chips, and cookies at a total cost of around $5.00 per student! We’re so appreciative of their willingness to partner with us on this event in a manner that supports our school and students! In addition, Joe joined our crew this year, leading the Tiki Masks through the six team building challenges. We’re so grateful Joe could join in the fun after years of sponsorship!

We’d like to thank Mariano Martinez, the owner of MM Jumperz, who generously donated the inflatable obstacle course for today’s event. The obstacle course is always a favorite Ohana Day event and we’re thankful for the donation allowing us to keep this event available for our students! Thank you Mariano and MM Jumperz! Look them up if you need inflatable party rentals!

I’d like to thank our entre office staff, in particular Robin Montana and Laura Cardinalli for their behind the scenes organizational efforts, our custodians and MOT department for their support setting up and taking down the event, and our Assistant Principal, Jen Barnes, for her tireless efforts to support this wonderful event.

We’d like to thank our staff and numerous district employees, including our interim Superintendent, Sharon Ofek, for spending the day leading our student teams through the event.

Finally, we’d like to thank our students for their willingness to participate, play, and embrace Ohana Day in a positive way. We’re excited to see our new 8th grade class grow into campus leaders and this is a fantastic group of young people!

Thank you again to everyone who helped make this day possible!

The Week Ahead

**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!

Friday, September 8th: 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.

Coming Soon...

Block Day Schedule Tue/Wed Sept. 12/13 - Special Advisory Event on Tuesday - SEL Film Series

Saturday/Sunday Sept. 16/17 - Glass Pumpkin Patch @ MEarth

https://mearthcarmel.org/

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!**

**CHS/CMS Parent Connections** invites all parents to the first Parent Mixer of the school year. Previously named New Family Outreach, the mission of Parent Connections is to build community and invite all parents of CHS and CMS students who are new to Carmel or have lived here forever to enjoy getting to know each other. The first Mixer this year is **Tuesday, September 12th from 5-7:30pm.** Entry is free, appetizers provided by CHS Padre Parents and
CMS PTO, but you pay for your own drinks. See you there! Questions? Please email the Parent Connections committee chair: lisacosmashanson@gmail.com.

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

**September**
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. 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