

Happy Friday CMS Families!

It's been a quiet week at CMS, so this letter will be on the shorter side.

Highlight of the Week

On Monday and Tuesday CMS was on a block schedule to support a social emotional learning opportunity for all students. During the advisory period at the end of the day Tuesday, students met with their advisory class for a small group viewing of the 2011 film Bully, directed by Lee Hirsch. A previous communication describing this event in detail and can be accessed by following this link: [CMS Anti-Bullying Program Information](#). Our students engaged in robust conversation about the topic with the guidance of their teachers. We hope our students found the program and follow up discussions valuable and impactful.

Cash For Cougars Update: Donations Still Needed!

Today is the final day to donate to the CMS PTO Cash for Cougars annual fundraising event and we are only slightly over 50% of our fundraising goal. **Carmel Gives is generously matching all donations that come in today only! If you haven't donated, or would like to donate more and have your donation DOUBLED, please do so today!**

We are hopeful that families who have not yet contributed to this event will consider participating as many of the activities and events we have planned for the school year depend on this funding. Remember that just a simple donation of \$25 will enter your child into our end of fundraiser raffle to win amazing prizes.

We are also happy to share Eisinger Orthodontics is generously providing a chance for **three** individuals who have donated \$500 or more to win an \$800 gift certificate that can be used towards orthodontic care at the start of treatment, including Phase 1 & 2, comprehensive & spark.

Thank you again for your generous support!

To contribute to Cash for Cougars please click on this link: [Cash for Cougars](#)

The Week Ahead

The **MEarth Glass Pumpkin Patch** is THIS Saturday and Sunday: <https://meearthcarmel.org/>

The **8th Grade Lava Beds Trip** will run from September 18-22 next week. We hope they have a fantastic adventure!

News and Announcements

YEARBOOK NEWS

Yearbooks are on sale for only \$50! **BUY NOW SO YOU DON'T FORGET!** We are now accepting **PET 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

September

- 16 - 17 Glass Pumpkin Patch @ MEarth
- 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
- 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