

CMS Weekly Communication 9.16.22

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Happy Friday CMS Families!

We had another fantastic week of school here at CMS. With the majority of our beginning of the year events behind us, this was really the first week of what we could call “regular” school. Still, student events are plentiful with intramural sports and class tournaments at each grade level, numerous clubs have opened their doors including the CMS Chess and Game Club, our Singer Songwriters Club, the Knitting Club, the Environmental Club, our Dungeons and Dragons Club and more, our fall sports season is now in full swing with multiple games taking place each week (see games schedule below) and our drama department completed auditions for the Fall production! We also had a fantastic Fun Friday activity and, for the first time this year, our PTO Sponsored Student Store was open at lunch selling ice cream for Cougar Bucks as a positive reward for outstanding citizenship and/or spirited participation in a variety of events. As always, there are numerous opportunities for engagement so please let us know if your student hasn't found their place or people so we can help point them in the right direction.

Cash for Cougars, our annual PTO fundraiser is a week in and we've raised approximately \$8000! With just over a week to go we're hoping for a big push in Week 2 that gets us closer to our fundraising goal of \$75K. Our PTO funds the vast majority of the engaging social activities and events that take place on campus including prizes for our intramural sports tournaments, support for academic clubs and competitions like Battle of the Books, free school dances, Ohana Day, 7th Grade MBOE, 6th Grade BAC and more! Your financial support is needed to keep these programs going!

Please consider supporting our school by donating to Cash for Cougars!

You can contribute by check (payable to CMS PTO) or by using Paypal (cmspto831@gmail.com). When making a donation, make sure to specify the full name of your student(s) and grade(s). More information can also be found on the CMS PTO website: <https://www.carmelunified.org/Page/5843>.



You can also use this QR code:

As a "Thank You!" all students will be treated to a prize drawing and ice cream party on Friday, October 7. The drawing will feature a variety of 100+ prizes, including gift cards and certificates, treats and food items, and several larger prizes that are certain to please. Additionally, the students will be further indulged with more epic fun when the \$50K donation mark is reached, and hopefully again, when the \$75K target goal has been met.

The Week Ahead

Next week is a relatively quiet week by CMS standards and will be a "normal" week of school for everyone. The 8th Grade Lava Beds Trip that was scheduled for the week had to be postponed due to ongoing delays in road construction projects in the park. With the anticipation of missing 50 or more combined students/staff the week was intentionally light on activities.

Looking a little further ahead, during the first week in October, CMS will be hosting fall conferences for students demonstrating academic struggles. On Tuesday, October 4th and Wednesday, October 5th CMS will be on a minimum day schedule to accommodate after school conferences. These conferences are scheduled by invitation only and in the upcoming weeks our counselors will be reaching out to connect with students who might be struggling with academics during the first trimester. School ends for all students at 12:00 on both Tue/Wed and busses will run at 12:15. Please note these dates on your calendars and make arrangements as needed for the early release.

Events and Announcements

Gum on Campus!

We're beginning to have a major issue with gum on campus. While we've tried to keep gum discipline to a minimum, teachers are reporting gum under desks, tables, and recently, embedded into a newly carpeted classroom. In the upcoming weeks teachers will be cracking down on the gum chewing issue so we're asking for your help and support in keeping gum off campus. Please remind your students that chewing gum at school is not allowed and can result in a disciplinary referral and lunch detention. Thank you for your support in keeping our campus clean and beautiful.

Glass Pumpkin Patch of Carmel

SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2022 | MEarth

Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM & Sunday: 10 AM - 4 PM

This event features a dazzling display of hand-blown glass pumpkins created by nationally recognized glass artist Nick Leonoff and a curated group of local glass artists. We are excited to bring everyone together (10 years running!) to eat some delicious food from the MEarth garden and local chefs. Enjoy live music & performers, buy CA native plants, and connect with new and old friends. See you at the Hilton Bialek Habitat! Proceeds will directly support MEarth's environmental stewardship education programs, reaching over 2,500 youth across Monterey County every year.

This is a free event, no door fee required. We will be open all weekend, come rain or shine!

Drama Department Announces Performance Dates!

The CMS Drama Department will be performing "The Witches" by Roald Dahl. This play follows a boy and his grandmother as they navigate the adventures of life under the watchful eyes of a society of witches determined to steal away children! As is typical with Dahl, the play has dark, creepy undertones, heartwarming moments, and is interspersed with laugh out loud humor. The play will be performed in early November in the CMS Black Box Theater and we hope you'll come and enjoy an exceptional middle school performance!

CMS Dramam Presents: The Witches by Road Dahl

November Performance Dates

4. Play Performance: *The Witches* 6PM

5. Play Performance: *The Witches* 6PM

9. Play Performance: *The Witches* 6PM

Sport Dates: Week of September 19th - 23rd

Tuesday 9.20.22

Boys Soccer vs San Benancio @ CMS, 4:30

Thursday 9.22.22

Boys Soccer vs Buena Vista @ Buena Vista, 4:30

Girls Soccer vs Buena Vista @ CMS, 4:30

Friday 9.23.22

Cross Country Center Meet @ CMS, 4:00

CUSD will be hosting Community Listening Sessions next week in Cachagua and Big Sur. Our Superintendent, Dr. Knight will be in attendance and is hoping to hear from families in these outlying communities regarding the Board Districting process, as well as the possible changes to school start times. You can learn more about Districting on our webpage here - <https://www.carmelunified.org/Page/4924> and more about School Start Times on our webpage here - <https://www.carmelunified.org/domain/776>.

We hope many in the community will be able to make it out to share their thoughts, but for those who are unable to attend, you can always provide feedback to the District by emailing feedback@carmelunified.org.

CMS Events and Important Calendar Events 2022 - 2023

September

- 16. 6th Grade Cycle / Wheel Change
- 23. Progress Reports Posted (Via Parent Square)
- 26. Monday: Cash for Cougars School Fundraiser Final Day to Donate!

October

- 3. CMS Fall Strings & Choir Concert, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 4 - 5. CMS Fall Conferences - Minimum Days, School dismissed 12:00
- 5. CMS Picture Retakes 7:45 - 12:00
- 7. School-Wide Fundraiser Wrap-Up Party
- 10 - 14. October Break
- 17. Sportsnet Opens for Basketball Sports Registration
- 24 - 28. Red Ribbon Week
- 28. Halloween Dance 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

November

- 4. End of 1st Trimester, 6th Grade Cycle Change
- 4. Sportsnet Registration is Closed
- 7. 2nd Trimester Begins
- 10. Trimester 1 Report Cards Posted (Via Parent Square)
- 11. Veterans Day - no school

14 - 18. Winter Sports Tryouts

21 - 25. Thanksgiving Break

December

5 - 16. Food Bank Fundraiser

6. CMS Winter Concert, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

9. Minimum Day - school dismissed 12:00 p.m.

12. Sportsnet is Open for Spring Sport Registration

23. 6th Grade Cycle Change and PE Flip

26 - January 6, Winter Break

January

9. No School - Staff Development Day

13. Progress Reports Posted

16. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - no school

19 - 21. CCS Band and Orchestra Festival

26 - 28. CCS Choir Festival

February

3. Minimum Day - school dismissed 12:00

13 - 17. Kindness Week

16 - 18. CASMEC Music Program - All State

17. 2nd Trimester Ends

17. Sportsnet Closes for Spring Sport Registration

20 - 24. February Break

27. 3rd Trimester Begins

28 - March 3. Spring Sports Tryouts

March

2. District Choral Festival, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Sunset Center

3. Trimester 2 Report Cards Posted (Via Parent Square)

8 - 9. 7th and 8th Grade Benchmark Testing - Block Schedule

17. Spring Dance 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

24. Minimum Day - school dismissed 12:00 p.m.

28. District Band Festival, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

April

5. District String Festival, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m
7. 6th Grade Last Cycle Change
- 10 - 14. Spring Break
21. Progress Reports Posted (Via Parent Square)
23. Music Program - Big Sur Marathon Performance
- 24 - May 2 CAASPP Testing

May

- 1 - 2 CAASPP Testing
5. Bob Show, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m
6. Music in the Parks
- 8 - 12. Staff Appreciation Week
9. CMS Spring Concert, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., CMS Gym
- 15 - 19. CMS Spirit Week
19. Renaissance Faire 12:00 - 2:40
19. 8th Grade Dance, MEarth Habitat, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
29. Memorial Day - no school

June

1. CMS 8th Grade Promotion, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
2. Last Day of School - Minimum Day -school dismissed at 12:00
9. Trimester 3 Report Cards Posted (Via Parent Square)