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Happy Friday CMS Families,

We hoped you enjoyed the shortened school week and we hope that your student is starting to find a positive rhythm with the school schedule and workload. Please keep in mind that if your student is struggling with the overall workload and/or time on zoom, this is the type of situation in which you may want to reconsider any elective class choices you have made. While we don't want to discourage students from exploring our elective classes, we recognize the toll that time on screens can have on students. If you feel like your student is experiencing zoom burnout or overall stress related to school, please carefully consider their school workload and let us know if you feel a change is needed. While we cannot remove required academic classes from a student's schedule, electives can be dropped without any penalty or impact on a student's academic standing. Remember, right now it is important to keep all our students healthy and happy. Please let us know how we can help!

New Zoom Log In Procedure

CMS Students and Parents

The district tech team has set up a new Sign in with SSO process for Zoom to improve security and reliability of online meetings. Some teachers have already tested Sign in with SSO and have required students to use it.

We encourage CMS students to start using the Sign in with SSO to Zoom every time, as more and more teachers at CMS will start requiring it over the next week.

To *Sign in with SSO*, students:

1. **Click the Sign in with SSO button on Zoom**
2. **Type in: carmelunified**
3. **It will take you to a Google sign in screen, where you can login using your school account.**

Congratulations to this week's Thursday Cougar Pride Spirit Day Winners!

6th Grade: Seain King

7th Grade: Eli Robertson

8th Grade: Amery Gill

CMS Staff Member: Mrs. Rice

The CMS PTO and Leadership Class hope you enjoy your gift cards that will be mailed to your homes very soon! Please get your spirit gear ready for next week's Thursday Cougar Pride Spirit Day! Go Cougars!

Closed Campus

Just a reminder that our campus is a closed campus from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Folks wanting to use the campus as a playground, exercise facility, dog park, etc. may not enter campus for these purposes within the designated hours. This policy is in place to ensure that we can limit exposure for those on campus. In addition, many of our teachers are teaching from their classrooms and outside noise, such as bikes, skateboards, and frolicking dogs can be distracting to their online lessons. Please help us keep folks off campus between 7:30 and 4:00 by spreading the word that campus is closed Monday through Friday. Thank you!

Office Open by Appointment Only

Beginning Monday, September 14, our office will be closed to the public in an effort to limit the potential health risks related to open access. If you need to access our office for any reason, please call ahead and schedule an appointment and we'll let you in. In addition, if you arrive at our office and find it locked, just call the office and someone will step outside to help you. We're still fully staffed, but have been advised to limit open access to our office. Thank you for helping us continue to create a safe environment for everyone.

Independent Study PE Program - Students Required to Submit Exercise Log

Our PE teachers have reported that a large number of students are not completing/turning in their exercise log for the independent study PE program. Students enrolled in the Independent Study PE program **MUST** turn in their exercise log on a regular basis in order to earn credit for their PE class. Students who fail to turn in their exercise log will be removed from the Independent Study PE program and reassigned to a regular day PE class. If your student is enrolled in this program, please ensure that their exercise log is regularly submitted. Thank you!

Closing Thoughts

Once again, we hope that your student is beginning to settle into the new normal and finding their groove with school. If this is not the case, please reach out as soon as possible so that we

can work together as a team to find solutions to any issues that are preventing success. We're happy that the school year has finally gotten off to a start and we hope that we can continue to serve our students and families in a positive manner. Thank you once again for your support!

Enjoy the weekend!