

Happy Friday CMS Families!

We hope you've enjoyed this week of online school and that your students are finding our classes to be fun and engaging despite the obvious challenges created by this format. Once again, if your student is struggling with school in any way, please contact our teachers directly. If your student is struggling with social-emotional components of distance learning, please reach out to our counselors for additional guidance and assistance.

CMS Distance Learning Portal

A great way to stay connected with all things CMS is through our Distance Learning Portal. CMS will continue to add links, videos and other helpful items onto this page. In addition, announcements, link to clubs and extracurricular activities will eventually be found here as well. Please take a moment to bookmark this site! [CMS Distance Learning Portal](#)

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

6th Grade: Aspen Ashe

7th Grade: Ian Lome

8th Grade: Braulio Beltran

CMS Staff Member: Mrs. Roman

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!

Attendance Procedures: What to do When/If Your Student Misses Class

There seems to be a bit of confusion out there about how to report absent students in this new world of online school. To make sure everyone is on the same page, any time a student is absent from a class period/s or a school day, parents should contact Mrs. Cardinali, our attendance secretary at 624-2785. Once you have contacted Mrs. Cardinali, she will ensure that your name is removed from our automated daily attendance system ensuring that you won't receive a phone call from our school.

Any time a student is absent, the student should connect with any/all teachers, notify them of the absence, and find out what work they've missed in an effort to remain up to date in their classes.

While parents can connect with teachers on absences if they like (and sometimes this is helpful) the parent focus should really be on reporting the absence to our attendance secretary while the student focus should be on communication with their teachers.

We hope this helps clarify the attendance reporting process!

Progress Reports for Quarter One

Progress reports are in the mail and you should expect to receive these in the next few days. Students will only receive a progress report if teachers have concerns for the student's progress in their class. Progress reports are not sent to students demonstrating positive progress academically, however, if your child is receiving a D or F grade, a progress report has been mailed to you. In addition, in some cases students may receive a progress report if they have a C in the class and instructors have concerns about their ability to maintain that mark moving forward. With each of these marks (C,D,F) our teachers have been asked to add comments to help you/your student understand why the current grade has been assigned.

Progress reports are one way we attempt to help keep you informed about your child's educational progress, however, the regular monitoring of Aeries is a much more accurate reflection of your student's progress. For example the progress report you receive in the next few days will provide you a look at your student's progress as of approximately September 11th. For a "real time" look at your student's progress, Aeries gradebook is a much more reliable source of information. If you are unable to access your student's progress via Aeries, please contact our office for assistance logging in.

Progress Reports, Academic Monitoring, Changes in Schedule

At CMS we actively monitor student progress in a proactive manner to ensure student success. As such, once progress reports are released, we begin the process of evaluating and tracking student progress, particularly students identified as at risk of failing an academic or required class.

If your student has received a progress report we will be evaluating their individual situation and school schedule. In many cases, students who are failing academic classes are removed from elective courses in an effort to provide more time for homework completion and access to academic assistance. In order to remain in elective classes students must demonstrate positive progress in academic classes indicated by a grade of a C or better in all academic areas. Over the next few weeks we will be carefully examining student progress and may be making schedule changes in an effort to better support struggling students. If your student is struggling in an academic class please evaluate their situation and schedule as a family to determine if elective classes are appropriate for your student at this time. If students receiving grades less

than a C in one or more academic classes want to remain enrolled in elective classes, improvement in academic performance must be evident to allow continued enrollment.

In addition, students enrolled in the Independent Study PE program who have failed to complete and submit the required exercise log will be removed from the Independent Study PE program and will be reassigned to a regular PE class within regular school hours. As PE is a required course at CMS, a failing grade in the course is not acceptable, particularly if the student/parent has agreed to engage in the Independent Study PE program. If your student received a progress report from the Independent Study PE program, please ensure submission of the exercise log on a regular basis to maintain your assignment in this program.

CMS Clubs and Extracurricular Programs

Several members of our faculty who are passionate about providing student opportunities outside the regular classroom have started opening clubs and extracurricular programs. Currently CMS is offering a cooking club and some social events with the counselors but plans are in the works for the Environmental Club and the Chess Club to make a return in the online world. In addition, Mr. Guzzi will soon be heading up his annual Inktober art program which has been enjoyed by many students over the past few years. Keep your eyes open for more opportunities announced in this letter, the CMS Daily Bulletin, and on the [CMS Distance Learning Portal](#).

That's all we have for now. Please enjoy the weekend!

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