

Daylight Savings Begins on Sunday – Make sure you turn your clocks back one hour!

Happy Friday CMS Families!

Welcome to the 3rd and final trimester of the 2018-19 school year!

The opening week of the third trimester was fantastic and we have several programs and events worth talking about. Before we jump into that, **second trimester report cards were mailed home on Wednesday** and should be arriving soon (maybe today!). Please note, there is a change in the report card format and report cards will now be arriving in white envelopes instead of the perforated mailings previously used.

District Choral Festival: On Thursday night we kicked off Music Appreciation Month with the district's choral festival. This program showcases the choral talents of students from our elementary school through our high school and is nothing short of spectacular. CMS was well represented on Thursday night as our three groups, the Concert Choir, Boys Choir, and our Chamber Choir performed a total of six fantastic songs. The concert finale featured a combination of all students belting out the hit song, "This is Me" from *The Greatest Showman* to the thunderous applause of an enraptured audience. Congratulations to Mr. Lehmkuhl and all his students for another fantastic performance!

Next up, the district Band Festival on Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00 pm at the Sunset Center.

She Hikes Program Kicks off Inaugural Adventure: Undaunted by the forecast of 100% chance of heavy rain, thirteen CMS girls headed out last Friday morning for a backpacking excursion into the Arroyo Seco Gorge. The trip was run by the Ventana Wilderness Alliance. After a busy day of hiking, learning Leave No Trace camping skills, racing "boats" in the river, building fire from flint, filtering water for drinking, cooking on a camp stove in the wind, and enjoying an evening fire with the requisite s'mores and scary stories, everyone was zipped up in their tents before the rain began. The morning delivered more rain and plenty of rainbows as the intrepid travelers hiked back along the gorge to the district vans. The brave and hearty student crew included Emma Heiser, Emma Hart, Rose and Marie Mathews, Leslie Gonzalez Padilla, Daisy Duena Paz, Riley Teague, Marina Hobson, Bella Davi, Lili Menkal, Aria Moya, Sonoma Poole, Hannah Winans-Raymond, Mrs. Krislyn and Mrs. Thompson.

Many thanks to Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Krislyn for taking on this adventure and starting program that we hope will thrive here at CMS! For our female students, if you are interested in this type of adventuring, stay tuned for the next She Hikes Program!

The CMS Bob Show: Tickets go on sale Monday, March 11th: We're just two weeks away from the show everyone's waited three years for... the CMS Bob Show! Tickets may be purchased in our office with cash or check beginning Monday, March 11th. Checks should be made out to CMS ASB. Tickets must be purchased in person and are sold on a first come, first served basis. Due to gym capacity, only 400 tickets will be sold. We cannot reserve tickets

based on phone calls or email. Tickets cost \$10 per person. This event has sold out in one day in previous years, so if you'd like to attend, please make arrangements to get your tickets early!

PTO Sponsors Flex Furniture Purchase with Serve-A-Thon Money – Last year we outfitted one 6th grade mathematics classroom with state of the art flexible furniture and write-on desks. Reports from Mrs. Mayer, the teacher who piloted this program, have been exceptionally positive and we have had numerous requests from CMS teachers to move away from the traditional “sled style” desks to the more versatile flex versions. With the support of our PTO I'm happy to announce that we will be funding the transition to flex furniture in 7 classrooms next year with an additional 3 rooms adding components of this furniture to their existing layout. Our PTO sponsored this project to the tune of \$35K and we are excited and thankful for the opportunity to implement furniture that will change and enhance the manner in which students learn and collaborate. Thanks again to our PTO for this phenomenal level of support and thanks to all of you for your support of the Serve-A-Thon, allowing us to enhance opportunities for all our students!

Announcements

Due to Interim ELA Assessments Next Week CMS will be on a block schedule Monday through Thursday. Friday is the only day we will be on our regular schedule. See Attached Bell Schedule.

2019-2020 East Coast Trip: The deadline to register for next year's East Coast Trip is March 20th! If your interested but need further information, please contact Kris Lehman at 831-333-6338 or pick up an information packet in the office.

Attention World Travelers! Registration for the non school sponsored trip to Costa Rica in June of 2020 is now open. Registration closes next Friday, March 15. Don't miss out on this trip of a lifetime! Contact Señora Bean for more information at tbean@carmelunified.org.

Save Energy, Earn Money and Prizes! The CMS Environmental Club would like to thank our Ohm Connect Team members who have saved 35 kilowatt hours-enough electricity to power a reffridgerator for a whole month! Together we have earned \$550. As a school community, we have a unique opportunity to make an even bigger difference with more team members!

Information on how to sign up for the free energy-saving Ohm Connect program can be found on MySchool on the Environmental Club page or contact Mrs. Chupka for more information on how to help preserve our ocean while saving energy, making money, and having fun!

Get ready to Golf!

Golf tryouts begin next week:

Monday, March 11th - 8th grade students only

Tuesday, March 12th - 6th and 7th grade students

Students trying out for golf are excused at 1:55 to board the bus with their golf clubs. Bus departure time is 2:10 and practice will be completed by 4:30 p.m. Parents pick up golfers at Carmel Valley Ranch at 4:30 p.m.

(Please leave your clubs outside the front office in sports area).

Spring Sports: Students who choose to **switch** into a different sport, must do so by March 15th. Team rosters will be finalized on that date.

After School Enrichment: Carmel Middle School's last After School Enrichment session will begin next week. Be sure to check out the classes being offered on our CMS web site. We have a Film Club, Renaissance Faire Workshop, Crocheting, and Ukulele Club. All of the classes are being taught by CMS teachers this time. Forms are available online and in the office.

No Shots; No School: Parents, has your incoming 7th grader gotten a TDAP booster and Varicella (chickenpox) shots yet? **Beat the rush! Get your child vaccinated right away.** Visit www.shotsforschool.org for more information about these required vaccinations that your child may need for 7th grade entry. Our school health aide can assist you if you have additional questions.

Calendar

March

- 8. Minimum day - School dismissed at 12:00 p.m.
- 11. - 15. Benchmark Testing
- 14. - 16 All State Honor Chorus /CCDA State Conference
- 15. Last Day to Switch Sports
- 22. BOB SHOW: 6:00 p.m.
- 26. District Band Festival , Sunset Center Carmel, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 28. Drama presents: Fiddler on the Roof, CMS Theater, 6:00 -8:00 p.m.
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- 31. CMS Film Festival Screening, CHS Theater, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

April

- 5 -7 Next Generation Jazz Festival
- 10. CUSD District String Orchestra Festival 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 12. Cycle Change / 3rd Trimester Progress Reports
- 15 - 19. Spring Break - School closed
- 22 -CAASPP Testing begins
- 28. Big Sur International Marathon

May

- 1 - 10 CAASPP testing
- 9. 5th Grade Orientation 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- 9. CMS Open House 5:00 - 8:00 p.m..
- 10. Minimum day - school dismissed at 12:00 p.m.
- 14. CMS Spring Concert, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- 18. CMS Music in the Parks
- 21. Honors Night 6 / 7th Grade 5:30 - 6:00 p.m., Gym
- 21. Honors Night 8th Grade, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m., Gym
- 22. CMS/ CHS Jazz Concert, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 24. CMS Renaissance Fair 12:00 - 2:45 p.m.
- 27. Memorial Day - school closed
- 28 - 31. Spirit Week
- 31. 8th Grade Promotion Dance 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

June

- 5. End of year Class Parties / Field Trips
- 6. 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- 7. Minimum Day - Last Day of School , school dismissed at 12:00

Attachments:

 [2019 Interim ELA Testing Block Schedule - Revised.doc](#) (28.5 KB)