

Happy Fall Break CMS Families!

School is not in session the week of October 8 – 12. Following Fall Break school will reopen on Monday, October 15th.

Another fast paced week has come and gone at CMS and we're heading into our Fall Break. Fall Break has always symbolized the end of the first BIG wave at CMS. To recap the year so far, we've gone through all the back to school fun, hosted the BAC for 6th graders, MBOE for 7th graders, and Ohana Day for our 8th graders. We've completed the Serve-A-Thon, fundraising just over \$100,000 this year, and have hosted a number of prize experiences including a delicious taco lunch on Thursday and an exciting trip to Monterey Lanes Bowling Alley today. In addition, we sent over 50 students to Lava Beds National Monument (and they all came home!), hosted our first school dance, celebrated school spirit week with a variety of dress up days and lunchtime competitions, and are currently hosting a new activity for artists on campus called "Inktober". There are a number of other activities not listed here, but I hope your student is finding Carmel Middle School to be a place where they can engage in fun experiences with friends and classmates on a regular basis. Keeping our kids involved in activities and connected to school is an important part ensuring a positive experience at CMS so please continue to encourage your student to branch out, try new things, and get involved in something positive here on campus.

That's it for this week! On behalf of the entire CMS staff, thank you for helping us create a successful start to the 2018 school year. We've enjoyed working with your students and appreciate your ongoing support!

Enjoy the break!

Announcements

Friendly Reminder: In an effort to keep our campus, and all our children safe, please make sure to follow appropriate protocol and sign in at the front office each time you come onto campus. It is important for us to know who is coming on to campus and the purpose of the visit in order to ensure the safety of each child. Thank you for helping us keep CMS a safe place for all students and staff!

Mark the Halloween Dance on your Calendar! The Halloween Dance is Friday, November 2nd from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the CMS gym. Only CMS students may attend. Cost is \$10. All proceeds go to help cover the Music in the Park competition in May for our school musicians. This is a great opportunity to dress up in a school appropriate costume (but not required) and have a really fun evening. Drinks, and dessert type snacks (\$1), pizza slices (\$2). Photo booth (\$2). Fun free games and activities, face painting and fortune telling. Prizes for different costume categories. A sign-up Genius for parent volunteers and food items will be emailed out soon!

YEARBOOK NEWS: Don't forget to buy your yearbook! Every year dozens of parents fail to order by the deadline and scramble to grab an extra copy on the last day of school. Order **online through the link on the CMS homepage**. We are offering several opportunities for you to get your child's pictures in the book:

- We are collecting **BABY PICTURES FOR 8TH GRADERS**
- We need photos of students (all grades) doing **non-CMS sports and activities** (dance, karate, gymnastics, biking) for a page celebrating "**WHAT DO YOU DO AFTER SCHOOL?**".
- We are collecting photos of students (all grades) **in interesting places** for the awesome "**WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?**" feature in this year's book. Deadline Jan 1

All photos can be emailed to jfosler@carmelunified.org or sent in as hard copies which will be scanned and returned (please include your child's name and 5th period teacher on the back). Thank you for your contributions to our book!

Calendar

October

- 6. Native Plant Society - Fall Sale, Habitat 10:00 - 1:00 p.m.
- 8. - 12. October Break - School Closed
- 16. Picture Retake Day
- 16. Sports (volleyball /soccer) Picture Day 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- 17. Rosicrucian Museum 6th Grade - All Day
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- 25. CMS/CHS Fall Choir Concert, CHS Theater, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 26. Minimum Day - School dismissed at 12:00

November

- 2. Halloween Dance, CMS GYM, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- 8. Sportsnet Closes - Winter Sports, 5:00 p.m.
- 5 - 9: Fall Sports Playoffs
- 6. Election Day
- 8. Winter Sportsnet Registration closes 5:00 p.m.
- 9. Chinatown trip - Chinese 1 class
- 9. Trimester 1 Ends - Cycle and Wheel Change
- 12. Observance of Veteran's Day - School closed
- 13.- 16. Winter Sports Tryouts
- 16. Sleeping Beauty and the Beast Production, Theater, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
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21. - 23. Thanksgiving Break, School closed

December

7. Carmel Tree Lighting Ceremony, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

9. Hospice Giving Foundation - Tree of Life Ceremony, Portola Hotel, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

10. - 14th Canned Food Drive

11. CMS Winter Concert, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

19. CMS Cougar Cub Concert, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

24. - Jan. 4 - Winter Break

January

7. Staff Development - School closed

11. Cycle Change - 2nd Trimester Progress Reports

16. Geo Bee Finals, CMS Library, 11:30 - 12:00 p.m.

17. - 19 CCS Honor Band and Orchestra - Pacific Grove Middle School

21. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - No School

22. - Feb.1 Nepal Fundraiser

24 - 26. CCS Honor Choir Event