

Principal's Message

Happy Spring! We hope you all enjoyed your Spring Break and are ready to tackle the last two months of school. I feel like I say this every year, but I can't believe we are on the homestretch of this school year already. Although this year has had its many challenges, it has been so wonderful to have our students back in the building full time. To see their smiling faces and hear their laughter has truly brightened our days.

Congratulations to Edward who will be competing in the National MathCounts competition in May. We also want to wish Riya the best of luck as she competes in the National Spelling Bee. We know both students will do

well! Our show choir team, Class Act, did an amazing job in their recent competitions. They competed in 3 different competitions and were named Grand Champions in all of them. We are so fortunate to have staff members who are willing to give their time to our students after school in order for student success and enjoyment in areas outside of the academic requirements.

Spring sports have started their competitions and our performing arts will finish the year strong with their final concerts of the year. If you have time, please check out their schedules and come enjoy an athletic event or performance. We hope to see you there!

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Let's go, Carmel Cougars!

FOR THE PARENTS, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY OF CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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ILEARN testing is underway as well. Results typically arrive in the summer so be looking for further information. Please remember ILEARN results are just one piece of data of student achievement and not a complete view of their abilities.

As always, thank you for your support of our students and staff members throughout the year. We look forward to a strong finish to the school year.

STUDENT SERVICES

Carmel Youth Assistance Program is partnering with local organizations including Merciful HELP Center, St. Elizabeth Seton, and Carmel Rotary to provide Carmel Clay Schools families with the opportunities to participate in the Carmel Summer Meals Program. This program provides FREE food items to children who qualify for free/reduced lunches at school. The goal of Carmel Summer Meals is to supplement items your child would normally receive for free during the school year for breakfast and lunch. Food items include fruits, veggies, cheese, yogurt, bread, and much more! This program serves any child under the age of 18 who lives within the Carmel Clay Schools district. If a child is over the age of 18 but has not graduated high school yet, they can also be in the program.

Food is distributed every Wednesday during the months of June and July at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – 10655 Haverstick Rd from 5pm-6:30pm. If you are unable to pick up meals, they can also be delivered. To be a part of this program, you will be expected to pick up meals (or have them delivered) every week. You must register by **May 1st, 2021**.

- English Registration: <https://forms.gle/A4m9t1vZuzgS1M5m9>
- Spanish Registration: <https://forms.gle/Y1fHjJjb6FfkKaH57>



REMINDER

21st Century Scholar Applications are available for 7th and 8th graders at <https://learnmoreindiana.org/scholars/>.

8th grade applications be **MUST** completed by **June 30th**.

CAREER UNIT

The Student Services department will be presenting the Career Unit to 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade students this Spring. Check out the Student Services CANVAS page for more information.



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CALENDAR

Important Dates to Remember

- Apr 18 ILearn Assessment Starts
- Apr 27 Late Start
- May 1. Deadline for Carmel Summer Meals
- May 11. Late Start
- May 13. ILearn Assessment Window closed
- May 25. End of Semester and Last Day for Students

FOOD DELIVERIES

While we understand that parents enjoy dropping off a lunch treat or birthday surprise for their student, it is not permitted at Carmel Middle School. We have many allergies in the building that these deliveries can trigger.

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As we approach the end of our first "mostly normal" school year in two years, the PTO would like to say **thank you** to our teachers, staff, and administrators for providing as much normalcy as allowed, giving the kids the support, guidance, and love they needed to get back on track. You are our heroes!

We also want to thank our parents and guardians for your support – financial and time – this year. You helped us provide clubs, activities, goodies, treats and more to our students, teachers, and staff. We couldn't provide all that we do without your help! You are an invaluable piece of the CaMS family!

We also want to say CONGRATULATIONS to our 8th graders as they move on to the high school next year – you all have amazing things ahead of you! Congrats again to the class of 2026!

Finally, as we move into summer and don't think about school for a few weeks, please make sure your email is updated with the school and that you follow the school and the PTO on social media so that you can be in the know as we start sharing info for the 22-23 school year. Also, as a reminder, the only way the PTO has the funds to provide all the amazing things we do for our CaMS family is through donation at the beginning of the school year. We don't ask you or your child to sell anything. The start-of-year donation is our only fundraiser and as we get back to "normal" we will need more funds to sponsor all the clubs, activities, classroom extras and grants that we can. Please consider giving over the summer and definitely at the start of the school year.

Congratulations on a year well done and have a wonderful summer!

–Your CaMS PTO Executive Board

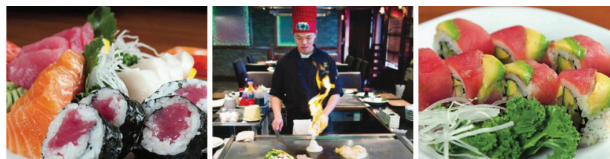
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New Parking Ordinance

In December 2021, Carmel City Council adopted an ordinance prohibiting parking or stopping on streets near Carmel Clay School property between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on school days, where signs have been installed. The ordinance was necessary to address situations that created safety hazards and congestion.

The new parking restrictions do not apply to a vehicle that is “temporarily Parked or Stopped during the actual performance of bona fide City business, commercial service, construction, sales, or delivery of goods, equipment, or persons to a neighboring residential or commercial property (not including schools).” City Code § 8-48(f)(2).

Residents who live on the affected streets may obtain a free parking permit through the Carmel Police Department, which will allow them or their guests to park **on the street** in front of their residence. Permits are **not** required for vehicles parked in driveways.

If you would like to obtain a permit, you must:

- Appear in person at the Records Division at the Carmel Police Department.
- Present the registration of the vehicle that will display the sticker.
- Present proof of residency at the address in question by providing the following:
 - A valid Indiana driver's license or valid photo ID.
 - A document issued within the last 60 days verifying the applicant's address.
 - Acceptable documents include, but are not limited to, mail with legible postmark, statements, bills, or lease agreements.

If you have questions about how to obtain a resident or guest parking permit, please call the Carmel Police Department Records Division at 317-571-2500. Residents will receive one sticker for each of their vehicles that will be parked on the street, which must be displayed on the driver's side of the front windshield. Residents may also obtain up to five temporary guest parking permits, which will allow each guest to park on the street near the resident's property for up to two hours. These permits will be in the form of hang tags, which must be displayed on the rearview mirror of the guest's vehicle. Both resident and guest permits are available now.



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- Your student will be **ABSENT**.
- Your student will be **LATE**. *Note: Students must arrive by 12:00 PM to participate in an extracurricular activity.*
- Your student is leaving school **EARLY**.

To Leave a Message:

1. Say and spell the student's last name.
2. Say the first name.
3. State the reason for absence, late arrival or early dismissal.
4. State the pick-up time for early dismissal.

Note: A late phone call is better than no phone call.

**Call with attendance changes
any time of day.**

Please remember to return a doctor's note for students that have arrived late or left early for an appointment.



TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

A transportation change (ride your bus/ carpool pickup) can be communicated directly with your child via phone/text. If you are unable to notify your child directly, you may call the Main Office and we will get a note to your child. No bus passes are being given out this year. Students must ride their assigned bus, carpool, or walk home.

DROP OFF ITEMS

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ATHLETICS

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[Spring Athletic Schedule](#)

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