

Principal's Message

Happy New Year!

A goal without a plan is only a dream.

With the new year, it's tradition to set goals to tackle as we reflect on the past year. Whether our goals are on health, fitness, financial or whatever aspect of our life we want to focus on, it's important to have a plan.

With each new school year, our team decides upon a goal and creates a plan to help meet the needs of our students. This year's goal is focused on being responsive to each student. We use student data and teacher observations to create professional development for our staff. These detailed plans help us keep our eyes on the goal...our students.

NWEA assessments are one tool we use to collect student data. Our students are finishing up NWEA testing where teachers can see academic growth of the first semester and to see what areas they need to continue to work on in the classrooms. Each student is assessed in math and reading and, as a parent, you will be able to see their growth over time. Be looking for your child's NWEA results in February when they will be emailed to you.

As we continue to face the challenges brought upon us from the pandemic, we continue to stay focused on our goal. Our students continue to be our number one focus.

We look forward to a successful second semester!

Let's go, Carmel Cougars!

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

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STUDENT SERVICES

For Parents:

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Is my child eligible to be a 21st Century Scholar?

You can enroll your child as a 21st Century Scholar from the time they enter 7th grade to June 30th of their 8th grade year. To apply for the 21st Century Scholars program, your student must:

- Be a resident of Indiana, both when applying and when receiving the scholarship (determined by the residency of the parent or legal guardian).
- Be one of the following:
 - ◇ U.S. citizen or U.S. national (includes natives of American Samoa or Swain's Island)
 - ◇ U.S. permanent resident who has an I-151, I-551 or I-551C (Alien Registration Receipt Card)
 - ◇ **A non-citizen** with one of the following designations (*Un no ciudadano con cualquier de las designaciones que siguen*):
 - » Refugee
 - » Asylum Granted
 - » Indefinite Parole and/or Humanitarian Parole
 - » Cuban-Haitian Entrant, Status Pending
- Be enrolled in the 7th or 8th grade at an Indiana public or private school accredited by the Indiana Department of Education.
 - ◇ Children in foster care may apply after the 8th grade.
 - ◇ Homeschooled students are not eligible for the 21st Century Scholars program.
- Be a member of a family that meets the income eligibility guidelines. See chart below for current income guidelines.

Note: students must meet income eligibility guidelines at time of enrollment and each year of college. Learn more about the financial guidelines for college students in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

 - ◇ A student in foster care does not need to meet this requirement.
 - ◇ A student in 7th or 8th grade who is in legal guardianship does not need to meet this requirement.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME
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You will receive an email with an application summary and program enrollment information after the application is received. All applications to the 21st Century Scholars program must be submitted before June 30 of the eligible student's 8th-grade year.

Before you apply, make sure you have the following:

- Student Social Security number, date of birth and address
- Parent or guardian's Social Security number, or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number if applicable

- Previous year gross income amounts for all members of the household (Example: if you are applying after December 31, 2020, use 2020 amounts).
- A valid email address. Free email addresses are available from Yahoo!, Gmail and Live.
- Court documents, if submitting a legal guardianship application.

During the application process, you will:

- Answer pre-enrollment questions
- Enter student contact information (address, phone, email, school information and SSN)
- Agree to the 21st Century Scholar Pledge
- Enter income information for parent or guardian
- Review and submit application

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Teachers, Staff, & Administrators:

Thank you for all you do each day. You teach, support, and care for our kiddos, and you've done so with myriad disruption and enormous pressure. We know it isn't easy to pivot your plans, manage lessons and assignments across so many absences or cover another's classroom during your prep period. We can say we understand, but we don't – we're not in the classroom – but, we can say thank you and show our appreciation.

Parents:

Did you know our teachers are giving up their prep periods to cover another class or that our administrators have been some of your child's subs?

Send a thank you card or pick up a coffee gift card, and they will smile. Send your kid to school with extra masks, respond to a SignUpGenius, or simply stay positive on social media, and they will know we care.

Thank a teacher, staff member or administrator today, this week, this month ... the rest of the school year. And remember, it costs nothing to be kind.

The PTO continues to support our students, staff and teachers by covering club costs, supplying classroom items and delivering tasty treats and delicious drinks. We love our CaMS family!

– The PTO Executive Board

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CALENDAR

Important Dates to Remember

January 26	Late Start
February 9	Late Start
February 21	Presidents' Day-No School
February 23	Late Start
March 9	Late Start
March 11	End of Quarter
March 23	Late Start
March 29	Spring Sports Pictures-After School
April 1 – 8	Spring Break-No School

SCHEDULING DATES

Counselors will be meeting with students during Core Plus to go over scheduling for the 2022-23 school year. The scheduling videos will be posted on the Student Services Canvas page. Please go over what classes your student chose with them before February 12th. Reach out to your student's counselor if you have any questions!

- Friday, February 4th-6th Grade Scheduling in Core Plus
- Monday, February 7th-7th Grade Scheduling in Core Plus
- Saturday, February 12th-Final Course Selections Due in OCR

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Carmel Clay Schools is hiring! Please go to this website to see what positions are available: www.applitrack.com/ccs/onlineapp/.

YEARBOOK

Don't miss out on the opportunity to own a piece of history in a year unlike any other! The Vista, Carmel Middle's award-winning, all-color yearbook, is still available for purchase. Available quantity is limited, so act now! Visit www.yearbookordercenter.com use code 8127.

KINDNESS

February is Kindness month for Carmel Clay Schools. Carmel Middle will be focusing on kindness and connections. Ask your child what they are learning about kindness. There will be weekly activities and daily announcements. Check out the Student Services Canvas page for ideas on how parents can help develop kindness in your child.

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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.



DROP OFF ITEMS

You will now find a cart in the entry way to drop off student items. Please let your student know you are dropping off an item for them. Your student will then be responsible for coming to the front office to pick up their item.

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GIVING TREE WRAP-UP

A big THANK YOU for your generous donations to our Giving Tree program! We were able to assist 33 families. We provided each family with their needed items, wrapping paper, tape, and a grocery gift card. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity to our CAM families.



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