Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE:

January 19th
Kindergarten Registration Opens

January 20th
Wednesday Bakers

January 25th
PTO General Meeting via Zoom~ 10:45 am

January 27th
Late Start-School begins at 8:30 am

January 27th & 28th
Dine to Donate @ Marco Pizza

February 10th
Late Start-School begins at 8:30 am

February 12th
Valentine's Day Celebrations

February 15th
President's Day No School

February 17th
Wednesday Baker's

February 24th
Late Start-School begins at 8:30 am

March 8th-19th
I-Read 3 Testing Window (3rd Grade Only)

March 8th-12th
Food Service Appreciation Week

March 10th
Late Start-School begins at 8:30 am

March 19th
Last Day to Order a Yearbook

April 15th
Spring Trivia Night Fundraiser

~NEW~

Kindergarten Registration Begins January 19th!

Carmel Clay Schools' kindergarten registration for the 2021-22 school year will be available beginning Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Students must be at least five years old by August 1, 2021, to start kindergarten in August 2021.

When registering children, parents/guardians will need an official birth certificate (not a hospital record) and proof of residency. Proof of residency consists of a rental agreement, purchase agreement, closing documents or deed, and a utility (electric or gas) statement. Please note that immunization records must be submitted to the school by the first day of instruction. Those records may also be scanned and uploaded online, dropped off at the school, or sent by a doctor's office.

Specific questions regarding kindergarten registration and programming should be directed to your child's school. Parents/guardians are encouraged to have students enrolled by Friday, March 5, 2021.

Our new registration site and instructions will be available via the Carmel Clay Schools' website, starting Tuesday, January 19.

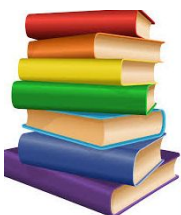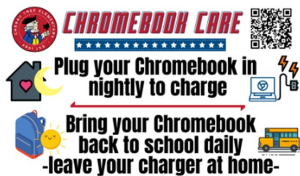|	
INFO BUY YOUR Yearbook	It's time to order your 2020-2021 Yearbook. Order forms will go home with students on Friday, 1/8/21. You can order using the form or you can order online. To order online click on the link https://inter-state.com/yearbook and use code 53209Z. Cost for the yearbook is $16.00. Checks should be made payable Inter-State Studio. Please order before March 19, 2021.
INFO **Valentine's Day Info**	Please remember that in support of school policy, **no candy or food** is to be brought into school to be passed out. If it is brought in or attached to a Valentine, it will have to be removed from the Valentine by the school. However, students are allowed to attach stickers, tattoos, pencil, etc. to their Valentine's Day cards. We will celebrate on Friday, February 12th. Virtual students will also exchange Valentines, but virtually and under the direction of their virtual teacher.
~ INFO~ **Carpool**	New Year Reminder! All thank you for your work in making carpool efficient and safe! You can reference the procedures here: Morning Afternoon
~ INFO~ LATE START **Late Start Calendar**	Click on the link below to see calendar dates for late starts. On late start days school will begin at 8:35 am. Bus routes will arrive 40 minutes later. Please log on to your Parent Powerschool Portal for exact pick up times. Late Start Calendar Dates ESE (Carmel Parks & Recreation Student Enrichment Program) will offer a Late Start Program for all CTE Students. Pre-registration is required. Click on the link for registration instructions. ESE Late Start Program

~ INFO~
BOOK RENTAL is now DUE
	In an effort to reduce time, money, and paper, parents can now pay their children's textbook rental through a secure website, QuickPay™. With a few simple mouse clicks, parents can view assessed fees, any outstanding balances, and pay for multiple children at Carmel Clay Schools (CCS) in a single transaction. Parents will no longer have to send payments with their children.
	    How do I use Student QuickPay?
	      1. Log in to the Parent Portal
	      2. Click on **Resources (on the left-hand side) and then Textbook Payment**
	You can pay online via electronic check, debit card, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express.) The school's office will still accept cash, check, or money order payable to **Carmel Clay Schools Bookrental**.

Reminder CCS Food Service

FRIENDLY REMINDER…

Free Meals!

All breakfast and lunch meals are free for EVERYONE through second semester!

CCS will provide free breakfast and lunch to all students for the remainder of the school year.

Chromebook Care

CHROMEBOOK CARE

Plug your Chromebook in nightly to charge

Bring your Chromebook back to school daily -leave your charger at home-

Make sure you charge your chromebook each evening and don't forget to bring your chromebook to school each day!!

Please be advised that students will begin bringing home their Chromebooks each night, starting Monday, November 16th. Chargers should remain at home. A video will be sent out for students and families to review best practices on handling their Chromebooks. We suggest families choose a specific 'home' for their student's Chromebook, where it can be charged and brought back ready for use the next school day.

Please visit the Canvas Parent FAQ Page or Virtual Learning Support websites for additional support.

Please review the below Chromebook FAQ's for more information on how to care for your Chromebook.
Chromebook FAQ's

Inclement Weather Days Info

With the success of our virtual learning programs' implementation across all grade levels, we plan to replace school closures with Inclement Weather Days. Students will be engaged in approximately 2-3 hours of virtual learning on these designated days. Learning will be asynchronous, meaning students will not follow a schedule along with a teacher or take part in live lessons. Students may complete assignments as time and support allow during the day.
Teachers will post office hours on their Canvas homepage. Office hours will not begin earlier than 9:00 a.m. During these hours, teachers will be available to answer real-time questions through the inbox feature built into Canvas. Teachers will monitor the Canvas inbox throughout the day during school hours.

Weather Delay Info

WEATHER DELAYS

Winter weather is around the corner, so please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our updated procedures. We will still operate with a traditional 2-hour delay when needed to ensure safe transportation in the morning for our students. However, due to the later start times for secondary schools, we will also have a new 1-hr delay schedule as an option. Delays will be announced via email, Carmel Clay Schools social media, and the local news. We also recommend receiving emergency communication on your cell phone. However, you must opt-in through our website to begin receiving these texts or calls.

~NEW~
PTO General Meeting

Save the Date: PTO General Meeting
The PTO is hosting a general meeting, open to all parents/guardians of CTE students, on Monday, January 25th from 10:45 am - 11:45 am. This meeting will be held via Zoom. **There will be a guest speaker from Clay Middle School to help us get to know Clay.** You won't want to miss this meeting! Keep an eye out for an email with the Zoom link.

LEGO Club is Going Virtual

LEGO Club is going virtual this year! The PTO will share a weekly LEGO challenge during the months of **February and March** inviting students to get creative and get building! Parents may submit their children's creations to be shared on CTE PTO's social media, and 2 lucky builders will receive a LEGO prize! Stay tuned for more info...

Parents' Virtual Trivia Night

Announcing - the 2021 Parents Night "Out" Trivia Night!

SAVE THE DATE
Thursday, April 15 | 7pm

More details to come!

We'd love to hear from our Cherry Tree families who own businesses so we can connect with you about opportunities with the Parents Night Out Event and more! Complete this form to share with us your local business. https://forms.gle/Pnjbxq6xY5zR6ubX6

~NEW~
Dine & Donate @ Marco's

What's for dinner? PIZZA! Mark your calendars Cherry Tree Elementary families for a **two day** fundraiser with Marco's Pizza from 11AM-10PM. Please remember to inform Marco's Pizza you would like to support CTE and 20% of the proceeds will be donated.

Wednesday, January 27th (last name A-L)
Thursday, January 28th (last name M-Z)

14641 N. Gray Rd
Westfield, IN 46033
CALL 317-581-1200 or order online www.marcos.com

Wednesday Bakers

Do you like to bake? If you are looking for a socially distant way to get involved with PTO, here's a great option: Wednesday Bakers!

Sign-Up to bring 2-dozen individually wrapped homemade or store-bought goodies to support CTE Staff. Openings are available for signup January-May

Wellness Week

Check out the December/ January Wellness Week challenge & get your student entered to win a $25 gift card donated by Sprouts Cooking School + A Hot Chocolate Gift Basket!

Submit your entry by January 28th & ENTER HERE!

Box Tops

If you haven't, please download the Box Tops for Education app and scan your grocery receipts after you shop! The app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your e-receipts and earn Box Tops. If you are struggling to remember to scan your receipts, go to the communication settings under your account and set up scan reminders, you can customize them to match your shopping routine!

You can view a list of participating products here:
https://www.boxtops4education.com/Participating-Products-Page

We received $342 from Box Tops from the first semester. We would love to exceed that amount for the second semester so please download the app and scan those receipts. It's an incredibly easy way to help support our Cherry Tree teachers and students!

It's time for cold-weather gear!

Check out www.ctespiritshop.com for long-sleeve shirts, sweatshirt and even adult styles!

POPs Wants YOU!	**POPS** is an energetic group of male parents/guardians that plan, support and volunteer at various CTE and PTO events throughout the year. It's flexible and fun - all are welcome and no cost to join! Email David Glenn with questions or to sign up at dglenniu@gmail.com. Don't forget: you must have a criminal history check (CHC) on file *A link to the online CHC application and more information can be found on the CTE PTO website at https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/pto-cte/volunteer.*

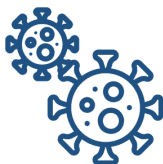|	
~ INFO~ **Media Center Volunteers Needed**	Hello all parents of Patriots!! Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity at school second semester? The media center is looking for volunteers to help the kids and Mrs Lima. Volunteer hours for the morning are either 8 -10am or 9 -11am. Our greatest need will be in the afternoon from 11:40-1:40pm when the kindergartners and first graders will be in the Media Center. For more info you can email Melissa Putts at melissaputts@yahoo.com, Megan Droste at medroste@gmail.com or simply click on the google form to submit your request to volunteer. Thank you! *Background check required*
Treasurer's Report	Learn more about how your PTO dollars were used last month to enhance the student experience at CTE by visiting the PTO's budget documents on our website. The monthly report can be found HERE under the Treasury Summaries.
common sense media	We continue our great efforts at Cherry Tree to raise productive and safe digital citizens! Please see the linked family resource from Common Sense Media. These are great resources! Control Your Phone. Don't Let It Control You

~ INFO~ **CCS Covid Page**	**Find all CCS Covid information HERE**

CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Please ask yourself these 4 screener questions:

1) In the last 24 hours have you had a fever or chills and/or taken medication for a fever? (If you are unsure, please utilize a thermometer for an accurate reading. A temperature of 100.4 or higher constitutes a fever according to medical professionals)

2) Do you have COVID-19 symptoms such as new, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, sore throat, diarrhea/vomiting, or loss of taste or smell?

3) In the past 14 days have you been in close contact (was within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes without protective equipment) with a person known/suspected to have COVID-19 and/or have you been diagnosed with COVID-19?

4) Have you or anyone in your household been tested for COVID-19 and are still awaiting test results?

If the answer to question #4 is YES---Please do not send your student(s) to school.
If you or anyone in your household is being tested or waiting on results, your student MUST quarantine until results are received.

~ INFO~ **Stopit App**	Click on the link for the newest "Stopit App" information. The code to use is **CTECARES**