



Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE

April 15th

Fifth Grade Photo Submission Deadline

April 28th

Parents Night Out event at Urban Vines

April 19th-28th

PTO Spring Silent Auction

May 2nd-6th

Teacher Appreciation Week

April 19th and 20th

Parents & Pastries events (A-K and L-Z)

May 11th

Late Start

April 27th

Late Start

May 16th

PTO General Membership Meeting - Virtual

Important Carpool Information!



Please remember: Car rider drop off starts each morning at 7:15 a.m.; the tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m. Ideally, we welcome students into the building by 7:40 a.m. to allow them to be in class for a 7:45 a.m. start. The end of the day dismissal begins at 2:25 p.m. daily.

A new city ordinance now restricts using neighborhood streets near school property as a school drop off alternative. This can cause traffic congestion and the potential for unsafe traffic movement around children where there is no additional supervision off school property. If you are using a car to get children to/from school, please follow the procedure to bring them in/pick up on school property in the lot to the east of the school/facing Hazel Dell Pkwy.

We do our best each day to keep the line moving in an efficient way. You can help by having students ready to exit the car upon arrival, pulling all the way down in the morning to allow more cars to drop off and by having all students exit the passenger side of the car for safety. Thank you for your partnership in helping us welcome and safely deliver home 700+ students each day.

Bikers & Walkers










Please remember that students who walk or ride their bikes to school will not be able to enter the building until 7:35 a.m. The mornings can still be chilly and we want to make sure that children are not standing outside for long periods of time. **Thanks so much for helping keep our CTE kids safe!**

Reminder for Bus Riders



Due to reduced bus routes and seats, students are not allowed to ride the bus home with a friend. It is recommended if students are getting together after school that they be picked up in the car rider line or dropped off directly at their friend's house by a parent/guardian.

<p>Mask Reminder</p> 	<p>If you would like for your child to wear a mask during the school day or on the bus, please make sure to provide them with one to wear and a back up mask. We have a very limited supply of masks.</p> <p>Thank you for your help with this!</p>
<p>Chromebooks</p> 	<p><u>Please remember to charge your Chromebooks every night!</u> They are a very important part of our daily routine and need to be charged and ready to go at the beginning of each day. In addition to being charged it is very important they are brought to school each day. Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to offer loaner computers to students who forget them at home.</p> <p><i>**Also, please remind your students to treat them with special care. We have seen an increased number of broken devices and we are very limited in our inventory of replacement Chromebooks.</i></p>
<p>Attendance</p> 	<p>Remember to please call us and let us know if your child will be absent or arriving late to school. Call 846-3086 and press 1 for attendance.</p> <p>Please make sure to leave to the reason for the <u>late arrival</u> or <u>all day absence</u></p>
<p>Lost and Found</p> 	<p>Missing an Item?!</p> <p>The Lost and Found is getting overloaded again! Missing something?! Ask your child to look at the table and hanging rack in the cafeteria or come in to locate your item. There are ALOT of winter items that need to get back to their owner.</p> <p><i>**Please label all items such as coats, water bottles, jackets, and hats for the rest of the school year so they can be returned if found!</i></p>
<p>Parking Reminder</p> 	<p>Please remember that if you are visiting the school or picking up your child early, we need to keep the front and bus parking lots clear. You are free to park in the staff lot (north side of building).</p>
<p>ILEARN Snacks</p> 	<p>PTO will be providing snacks during ILEARN testing:</p> <p><i>**Bananas, Lifesavers Mints, Goldfish, Skinnypop, Smarties or Raisins</i></p> <p>If there is not an option for your child for medical reasons only please send an appropriate snack for your child.</p>
<p>Welcome Parent Volunteers!</p> 	<p>We are so excited to have parent volunteers back in the building! Please make sure that your background checks are up to date before signing up in your child's classroom. If you are not sure if your background check is still current you can call the front office and we are happy to check on this for you. If you have never done one of these with CCS please go to the CTE website under PTO/Volunteer.</p>

**WANTED! Photos of
your 5th Grader**



Attention 5th Grade Parents! Photos DUE APRIL 15th!

Don't forget to submit your child's kindergarten and 5th grade picture for the 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony by **April 15th.**

<https://forms.gle/Fu3wvkVNjrKaaP9m9>

***Pictures don't have to be school pictures.*

**5th Grade Recognition
Ceremony - Mark your
Calendars**



Please save the date for the 5th Grade REcognition Ceremony. On **Wednesday, May 25th** (the last day of school), we will celebrate our 5th graders with their families at CTE starting at 8:30 a.m.

**Clay Middle School
OPEN HOUSE**

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APRIL 20
6pm - 8pm

FOOD TRUCKS TO FEED THE FAMILY!

We welcome your attendance at any time between 6 pm and 8 pm. The open house is a casual, come & go event to accommodate busy families.

**ALL 5TH
GRADE
STUDENTS &
FAMILIES**

**TOURS
LOCKERS
CLUBS
ATHLETICS
ART DISPLAY
AND MORE!**



**2022 CPD
Carmel Youth Academy**

The Carmel Police Department will be offering a summer youth academy. Applications will be accepted starting March 1st and space is extremely limited. **This is a great summer opportunity and best of all it's FREE!!!**

2022 Carmel Youth Academy:



Carmel Police Department's Carmel Youth Academy 2022

When: June 27th- July 1st- Academy 1

July 11th- July 15th- Academy 2

Time: Monday - Thursday 8am-3pm
Friday 12pm-6pm

Where: Carmel Middle School
300 S. Guilford Rd
Carmel, IN 46032

Price: FREE

Age Requirements: 11-12 years old

Applications open March 1st

Apply Online at www.carmel.in.gov



Kindergarten registration is now open! Early registration helps CCS assess staffing needs for the 2022-2023 school year. Please visit the [CCS website](#) for more details on how to enroll.

Carmel High School Cheftacular!



Haute Cuisine by High Schoolers? Make way for Cheftacular!

**Please join us for the 4th Annual Cheftacular,
an Evening at the Green.**

Monday, May 2nd, 2022, from 6:30-8:30 PM, at Carter Green.

Early tickets are available now! This was a sold out event last year!

Cheftacular is a collaborative tasting event where professional chef meets student in the spirit of giving back. All proceeds from this amazing culinary event go to support Carmel High School Culinary Arts and the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank.

This year 25+ local chefs and Carmel High School students will once again team up to showcase the best in local culinary arts. Incredible dishes certain to delight using local sourced ingredients to promote the best of our local food producers and artisans.

This is the ultimate foodie event of the year that you will not want to miss!

The event includes tastings or small plates of both savory and sweet dishes created exclusively for Cheftacular! Plus, a silent auction, live music, a scholarship competition, and of course you, our guests, get to help once again to decide whose cuisine is the tastiest!

Use the link below to purchase tickets:

<https://event.ontaptickets.com/events/cheftacular-2022-5-2-2022?fbclid=IwAR0MyRRg7Qj8HTXJn5rOWdb2ZMC5NRvl8VzWcjoTdFXSRjp6omGuglKvPZl>

Parents & Pastries



We are excited to welcome our parents back to CTE for **Parents & Pastries!**

Please join us for donuts, coffee and juice the mornings of April 19th (A-K) & April 20th (L-Z), 7-7:40a.m. in the gym.

When parking, please make sure that the bus lane stays open the morning of the event!

PTO Spring Silent Auction

Silent Auction



The PTO is hosting a spring silent auction in conjunction with the Parents & Pastries and Parents Night Out/Volunteer Celebration events! The silent auction will have many **fun school experiences and teacher treasures** items such as Principal for a day, reserved parking spaces and seating for the 5th grade recognition ceremony and fun experiences with our wonderful Cherry Tree teachers! The silent auction will open for bidding on April 19th and conclude on April 28th. Preview auction items and register for a Bidpal account here: [Cherry Tree Elementary School PTO - Silent Auction \(bidpal.net\)](http://CherryTreeElementarySchoolPTO-SilentAuction(bidpal.net))

Parents Night Out Event



Save the Date!

The PTO invites you to a fun & casual get together at Urban Vines on Thursday, April 28th from 5:30-7:30 pm. We have rented fire pits! Ticket price will include a drink and snacks and go on sale **April 19th** (previous information had a different date). Look out for information on how to purchase tickets in the next week. So save the date and join us for a fun social gathering getting to know other Cherry Tree parents!

Questions? Contact meganshortz@yahoo.com

Girl Scouts

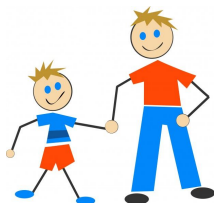


Girl Scout Kindergarten Buddies

Do you have a current or incoming kindergarten girl? Want to explore Girl Scouts? Check out the Kindergarten Buddies Program through Girl Scouts. See the link below for more information or contact Rachel Bancroft at rcbancroft@gmail.com for general questions.

[Kindergarten Buddies Information Flyer](#)

POPs




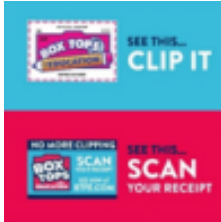


POPS is always looking to add to our roster of CTE dads/male guardians!. There are fun upcoming events to help with and get together to be part of. Up next - supporting the Parents & Pastries event!

Join us on [GroupMe](#) and/or email David Glenn at dglenniu@gmail.com.

Celebrating Support Staff and IAs



In March the Random Acts of Kindness committee made sure our Support Staff at CTE knew just how awesome we think they are!

<p>PTO General Board Meetings</p> 	<p>Thank you to everyone who was able to join our Jan. 24th General Board meeting of the PTO. If you missed it, the minutes are located online.</p> <p>Save the date for our next meeting where we will vote on the 2022-2023 slate for PTO leadership as well as the 2022-2023 budget.</p> <p>Monday, May 16 10:45-11:45 Hosted virtually via Zoom</p>
<p>Box Tops</p> 	<p>Box Tops are a simple way to support Cherry Tree! Just download the Box Tops for Education App and scan your grocery receipts after you shop! Box Tops donates \$0.10 for each participating product you buy and there are always new bonus box tops opportunities! Having trouble remembering to scan your receipts? Set a customized scan reminder through the app that fits your shopping schedule!</p>
<p>Simple, No Cost Ways to Support Cherry Tree!</p> 	<p>If you haven't yet, make sure to link your Amazon account to Cherry Tree Elementary! On the Amazon app, go to programs and features, click Amazon Smile and choose "Cherry Tree Elementary Parent Teacher Organization Inc." as your charity. To link your account on a computer, simply log into your Amazon account through amazonsmile.com, select our organization and shop through the Amazon Smile website. For every purchase you make Amazon donates a percentage to Cherry Tree!</p> <p>Kroger has a community rewards program as well! Log into your Kroger account and choose Community Rewards to add the Cherry Tree Elementary PTO from the list of organizations. Kroger donates a percentage of your spending to our school.</p> <p>These are simple ways for friends and families to support the Cherry Tree PTO at NO COST! Last quarter the PTO received \$740 from these programs, they are an integral part of our fundraising efforts and we encourage everyone to take a couple minutes to link their accounts! Thanks for your support!</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p> 	<p><u>Monthly Treasurer Reports</u></p> <p>Learn more about how your PTO dollars were used last month to enhance the student experience at CTE. If you have any questions, please direct them to the CTE Treasurer at cherrytreeppto.treasurer@gmail.com</p>