



# Cherry Tree Chatter

A copublication of CTE and the CTE PTO

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## Upcoming Events at CTE:

**March 3 - 7:30 - 8:00 am**

**PTO Parents and Pastries A-K**

**Spirit Day**

**Parent School Safety Mtg - ESC**

**March 4 - 7:30 - 8:00 am**

**PTO Parents and Pastries L-Z**

**Parent School Safety Mtg - ESC**

**March 12**

**PTO Adult Night Out**

**March 13**

**End of 3rd Grading Period**

**March 16-18**

**3rd Grade IREAD Testing**

**March 26 - 6:30 pm**

**Choralaires & Orff Spring Concert**

**March 31**

**Spring Pictures (must preorder)**

**3:30 - Family Drama Club Performance**

**April 3 - April 10**

**Spring Break - No School**

**April 20 - May 15**

**ILEARN Testing for Grades 3-5**

**April 21 - 5:30 - 7:00 pm**

**CMS Open House for 5th Graders**

**April 30 - 8:30 am**

**1st Grade Sing for Parents**

**May 7 - 6:30 pm**

**4th Grade Famous Hoosier Wax Museum  
and Musical**

**May 20 - 6:00 pm**

**KG Animal Book Study - Cafeteria**

**May 28**

**8:30 a.m. 5th Grade Recognition Prog.**

**Last Day of School**

<p><b>~NEW~</b>  <b>Recruiting Bus Drivers</b></p>	<p>How hiring School Bus Drivers! Click on the <a href="#">link</a> to read about the CCS opportunity for employment. If you are interested please contact Shelley Coover, Assistant Director of Human Resources (<a href="mailto:scoover@ccs.k12.in.us">scoover@ccs.k12.in.us</a>).</p>
<p><b>~INFO~</b>  <b>Background Checks Policy for Volunteers and Visitors</b></p>	<p>Carmel Clay Schools continues to take proactive steps to keep our students and staff safe. On January 27, 2020, the Carmel Clay School Board approved changes to Policy 8120-Volunteers.</p> <p>Effective immediately, this policy requires volunteers and visitors in classrooms and lunchrooms to have a background check completed and reviewed every three years. The previous policy required background checks for volunteers every five years and did not require background checks for classroom or lunchroom visitors.</p> <p>If you currently have a background check on file with Carmel Clay Schools, there is no action to be taken at this time. You will be notified via email prior to your background check expiring. For individuals who need a background check, please visit <a href="https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/services/volunteer-information">https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/services/volunteer-information</a></p>
<p><b>~ NEW~</b>  <b>Order Your Yearbooks NOW</b></p>	<p>Students brought home their yearbook envelope last week. I wanted to remind you that the <i>online ordering deadline is <b>May 1st</b></i>. To order online go to <a href="http://www.inter-state.com/yearbook">www.inter-state.com/yearbook</a> and enter this code: <b>43058T</b></p> <p>We would like to encourage you to either order online or send in your yearbook envelope to school as soon as possible. Checks need to be made out to <b>Inter-State Studio</b> for \$16.00 We will order a certain number of books and we don't want your child to miss out on preserving the memories for the 2019-2020 school year.</p>
<p><b>~INFO~</b>  <b>Parent School Safety Academy Info</b></p>	<p>Registration for the Spring 2020 Parent School Safety Academy is now OPEN! Click on the flyer <a href="#">link</a> for more information. The sessions are scheduled to take place March 3rd and 4th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Educational Services Center (5201 E. Main Street, Carmel)</p>

**~INFO~  
Reminder from  
the Office about  
Attendance**

Please call the school attendance line to report your child's absence each day before 8:30am (if possible). Should your child go to the doctor for his/her illness, please obtain a school excuse from the doctor's office and have your student bring it in to school when he/she returns.

If your child will miss school for a doctor's appointment, please obtain a school excuse from the doctor's office. Your student can bring it in to school when he/she returns. This helps to ensure your student stays within the parameters for the CCS ACES Attendance program.

All students arriving late should be walked into the school by a parent/guardian and checked in to the office.

The link below from the Cherry Tree website provides information about how to report attendance: [Attendance @ CTE](#)

**~ INFO~  
2020-21 KG  
Registration is  
now OPEN**



**Kindergarten Registration Now Open for 2020-2021!**

Carmel Clay Schools' kindergarten registration for the 2020-21 school year will be available beginning Monday, January 13, 2020. The online registration form can be accessed here: <https://forms.ccs.k12.in.us/ParentPortal/pages/login.aspx> Instructions on how to register can be found on our enrollment page: <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/about/enrollment>

Students must be at least 5 years old by September 1, 2020 to start kindergarten in August 2020.

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 and/or gas) statement. Parents/guardians should also 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.

More information on kindergarten and the registration process is available on Carmel Clay Schools' website at: <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/services/curriculum/kindergarten>

**Parents/guardians are encouraged to have students enrolled by Friday, March 6, 2020.** Questions regarding kindergarten registration and programming should be directed to your Cherry Tree.

~INFO~  
**Carmel Middle  
School Dates**



**April 21st - 5:30 - 7:00 pm - Open House:** Students will have the opportunity to visit Carmel Middle School and participate in a scavenger hunt.

~INFO~  
**Carmel Clay  
Food Services  
Hiring**

Carmel Clay Food & Nutritional Services is hiring Food Service staff to work in our school cafeterias. Currently, we have several 4-6 hour positions and substitute positions available. This position pays \$13.29/hour. If interested, please click [HERE](#) to submit your application. Click [HERE](#) to review the job description. Thank you for your interest in employment with Carmel Clay Schools!

~ INFO~  
**BOOK RENTAL  
is now  
PAST 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**.

~ INFO~  
**Casino Night!**



Our Cherry Tree Elementary PTO are proud to present **CASINO NIGHT 2020!**

Please join us for the **1st Annual Casino Night at Ruth's Steak House (86th Keystone), a parent's night out event on March 12th, 2020 6-9PM**. Enjoy an evening of great food, great entertainment and an incredible silent auction all for a great cause! Thank you for your support and we hope to see you all there! Please see the flyer below for all the details!

Watch this video for a glimpse into the event! [CTEPTOCASINONIGHT\\_HD.mp4](#)

Ticket sales open now at: <http://CherryTreeSchool.ticket.qtego.net>

~ NEW~  
**Get Involved  
with the PTO!**



**Join the CTE PTO Leadership Team!**

The Cherry Tree PTO is hard at work building a board of incredible parent volunteers for next school year. Can you see your talents at work in any of these roles? Check out the PTO Board Volunteer form at [Nominating Preference Form 2020-2021](#)

**~ NEW ~**  
**Fifth Grade  
Slideshow**

**CALLING ALL  
5th grade  
PARENTS**

**SLIDESHOW  
PHOTOS NEEDED!**

Attention Fifth Grade Parents: Please don't forget to submit both a Kindergarten and Fifth Grade photo of your child by May 1st for the Fifth Grade slideshow to [cte5thgrade2020@gmail.com](mailto:cte5thgrade2020@gmail.com).

**~ INFO ~**  
**Teacher Fun  
Clubs Update**



All fun club invoices have been emailed out from our treasury team. Please pay these invoices by the deadline of 2/21.

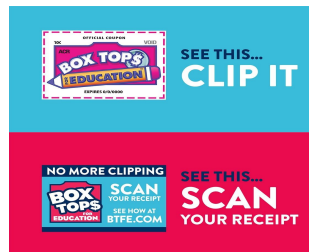
If you haven't received your invoice please email us at [cherrytreepeto.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:cherrytreepeto.treasurer@gmail.com) and we will resend.

Also, it's not too early to change your child's dismissal instructions for fun clubs! There is a 'fun club' dismissal option in place. Please go ahead and complete this important step for the days your children will be at fun clubs!

**~ INFO ~**  
**Box Tops**

Thank you to everyone that sent in box tops! Please keep clipping box tops for collection next year and keep scanning your grocery receipts into the Box Tops 4 Education app.

If the box top says SCAN this is not a box top that you should clip to send in, you'll need to scan your receipt into the app for the school to receive credit for that box top. Below is a helpful graphic.



~ INFO ~  
**Artist in  
Residence**



Adzooks puppets will be at CTE February 24-28 for the Artist in Residence Program.

More information can be found at <http://www.adzooks.com/>

During the workshops students will learn about puppets and puppeteering and will learn how to bring everyday objects to life through imagination.

Students will participate in these workshops during their library specials time.

~ INFO ~  
**Parents &  
Pastries**



**PARENTS AND PASTRIES**

Mark your calendars for Parents and Pastries **Tuesday, March 3 (last name A-K) and Wednesday, March 4 (Last names L-Z)** from 7:30 – 8:15 am. Come enjoy donuts and coffee while enjoying the morning with a parent or caregiver.

If interested in volunteering, please contact Stephanie Abisi at [sabisi@outlook.com](mailto:sabisi@outlook.com) or Stacie Orahood at [orahoods@hotmail.com](mailto:orahoods@hotmail.com)

~ INFO ~  
**2nd Semester  
PTO  
Volunteering**



Want to get involved in Cherry Tree's PTO? Now is your chance. Sign up for anything you're interested in helping with and the chairs will email you with specifics!

We couldn't do this without you!

<https://tinyurl.com/VolunteerSemesterTwo>

~ INFO ~  
**Calendar  
Updates**



A working calendar for this school year events has been posted on the [PTO website](#). Please note that dates are subject to change, and we will post updated versions as events are added.



## Afternoon Carpool Procedure Reminders

**~NEW~  
REMINDER  
Afternoon Carpool**



- Two lines
- Pull up to the next car, stop and wait
- No idling
- Name card visible
- ***DO NOT PULL OUT AND LEAVE THE CARPOOL LINE UNTIL DISMISSED. YOU MAY NOT LEAVE FROM A FRONT PARKING SPOT DURING CARPOOL.***
- One line is dismissed at a time, this alternates daily between outside and inside lines
- Upon the dismissal of each line, cars follow in line and in an orderly fashion onto Hazel Dell

**~ INFO~  
Stopit App**

Click on the [link](#) for the newest “Stopit App” information. The code to use is **CTECARES**

# TICKET SALES

*now open!*

\*Limited VIP seating available

The Cherry Tree Elementary PTO  
proudly presents...

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual*

## CASINO NIGHT

*Spring Fundraiser Gala*  
**2020**

*featuring...*

- Ruth's Chris Signature Drinks & Heavy Hors d'oeuvres •
- Massive Vegas-Style Casino Play hosted by Indy's very own Casino Party Experts •
- Fabulous Prizes & Silent Auction • VIP Swag Bags & Tables *and more...*

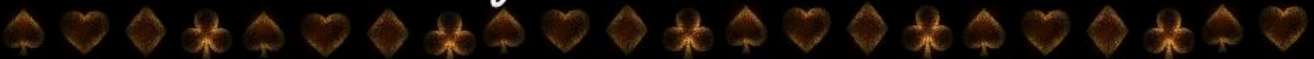
Join us for a fun casual night and help to raise much needed funds  
that directly support our valuable teacher & school-wide programs.

**6PM-9PM**

**MAR 12<sup>th</sup>**  
*Thursday*

@ KEYSTONE  
& 86<sup>TH</sup> ST.

**RUTH'S**  
**CHRIS**  
**STEAK HOUSE**



**RUTH'S**  
**CHRIS**  
**STEAK HOUSE**

*Walt Disney World*  
**SANGIOVESE**  
RISTORANTE

**GLOW PARTY PROS**  
**PENHEADS**  
BOWLING • ARCADE • FOOD • FUN

**TOM WOOD GROUP**

**PRO SERVICE PLUS**  
PREMIER POOL SERVICE

**CASINO PARTY**  
EXPERTS

\*Casino Tables are for entertainment purposes only and are free and open to the public. Adults only event thank you!





Evening to be hosted by our fabulous MC, Mr. Alan Brown with DJ Captain Kirk spinning LIVE! Indulge with us in LIVE Black Jack, Roulette, Prize-Giveaway Ticket Wheel and Craps Play plus Yummy Bites & Sips from Ruth's Chris Steak House... *all for a great cause!*

Silent Auction to feature amazing experiences and goodies for everyone's taste:  
Bourbon Trips • Gorgeous Jewelry Pieces • Premium Restaurant & Wine Baskets • Family Fun Experiences  
...and much more!

## INDIVIDUAL \$50

(CTE STAFF \$25)

PLEASE BE SURE TO INDICATE  
FULL NAMES OF GUESTS  
ASSOCIATED WITH EVERY PURCHASE

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW  
ONLINE AT:**

<http://CHERRYTREESCHOOL.TICKET.QTEGO.NET>

Email:  
CTEFundraiser@gmail.com  
with any event questions.

- Open Cocktail Seating
- 2 Drink Tickets
- Hors d'oeuvres

GUEST WITH THE MOST  
CASINO PLAY MONEY  
AT END OF THE NIGHT WINS:  
**A RUTH'S CHRIS EXCLUSIVE  
CHEF'S DINING EXPERIENCE FOR 4**

*with Wine Pairings  
in Ruth's Private Dining Room  
+ tickets for 4 to a show  
@ the Palladium!*

## \*VIP TABLE OPTIONS:

### SILVER \$300

(limited availability)

- RESERVED TABLE FOR 4 IN VIP ZONE
- 3 Drink Tickets Per Guest
- Hors d'oeuvres

### GOLD \$600

- RESERVED TABLE FOR 6 IN VIP ZONE
- 3 Drink Tickets Per Guest
- Hors d'oeuvres
- Champagne! 750ml

*\*Everyone receives casino play money upon arrival! Additional casino play money will be available for \*suggested donation amounts @ the Chip Bank*

The Cherry Tree PTO can continue their mission to provide valuable funds and services to all to of their teachers & students with the generous support of the following event donors and sponsors to mention a few:



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