



# Cherry Tree Chatter

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## Upcoming Events at CTE:

**March 1-31**

**Pup Running Sign-up for Gr 4-5**

**March 12**

**PTO Adult Night Out**

**March 13**

**End of 3rd Grading Period**

**March 16-18**

**3rd Grade IREAD Testing**

**March 25**

**4th and 5th Gr Author Visit**

**March 26 - 6:30 pm**

**Choralaires & Orff Spring Concert**

**March 31**

**Spring Pictures (must preorder)**

**3:30 - Drama Club Performance for Families**

**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 27 - 7:00 pm**

**PTO General Meeting**

**April 30 - 8:30 am**

**1st Grade Sing for Parents**

**April 30 - 7:30 - 9:00 pm**

**Sweet M's Boutique evening shopping (proceeds to benefit CTE)**

**May 7 - 6:30 pm**

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

**May 19**

**Kindy 500 (more details to come)**

**May 21**

**Field Day K-5 (more details to come)**

**May 28**

**8:30 a.m. 5th Grade Recognition Prog. Last Day of School**

**~NEW~  
4th and 5th  
Grade Author  
Visit**

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Author Visit – Dan Gemeinhart!**

CTE fourth and fifth grade classes are excited to welcome author Dan Gemeinhart to Cherry Tree on **Wednesday, March 25**. Dan is the author of several books for older elementary/middle school readers. Students will enjoy Dan's presentation in the morning, and small groups will be able to work with him in a Writing Workshop in the afternoon. Dan will also be signing books for our CTE students! **If you'd like to purchase books for your children or family, fill out the form and return to school by March 13.** Click the [link](#) to view the flyer and order form.

**~NEW~  
Recruiting Bus  
Drivers**

How hiring School Bus Drivers! Click on the [link](#) to read about the CCS opportunity for employment. If you are interested please contact Shelley Coover, Assistant Director of Human Resources ([scoover@ccs.k12.in.us](mailto:scoover@ccs.k12.in.us)).

**~NEW~  
Pup Running  
Registration  
OPEN**

**4th and 5th Graders:**

Sign-up for Pup Running at <http://puprunning.org/>. Registration closes on **March 31st**.

**~INFO~  
Background  
Checks  
Policy for  
Volunteers and  
Visitors**

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.

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.

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 <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/services/volunteer-information>

**~ NEW~  
Order Your  
Yearbooks  
NOW**

Students brought home their yearbook envelope last week. I wanted to remind you that the *online ordering deadline* is **May 1st**. To order online go to [www.inter-state.com/yearbook](http://www.inter-state.com/yearbook) and enter this code: **43058T**  
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 **Inter-State Studio** 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.

**~NEW~**  
**Preorder**  
**Spring Pictures**

Picture Day is coming up on 03/31/2020!

Visit <https://inter-state.com/kiosk> and sign up to receive helpful email reminders and order information from Inter-State Studio.

**~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/kindergartn>. **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!**



**THE SILENT AUCTION FOR CASINO NIGHT OPENS TODAY!** [Register here](#) for the auction and start bidding today! Some of our most exciting items:

- Disney Park hopper passes for SIX
- Gift certificate to Moyer Fine Jewelers
- VIP Concert Package at Ruoff Music Center
- Complete car detailing
- Two weeks of basketball camp
- ...plus so much more!

Check out the [complete auction and register here](#).

*You do not have to be present at the event to win an auction item.*

**~ INFO ~**  
**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 VIP Ce 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).

**~ NEW ~**  
**Save the Date-  
Sweet M's  
Boutique  
Evening**

*Sweet M's*  
BOUTIQUE

**Save the Date: Thursday, April 30th** from 7:30-9:00pm join us at Sweet M's Boutique! 20% of proceeds that evening will come back to Cherry Tree!

**~ 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**

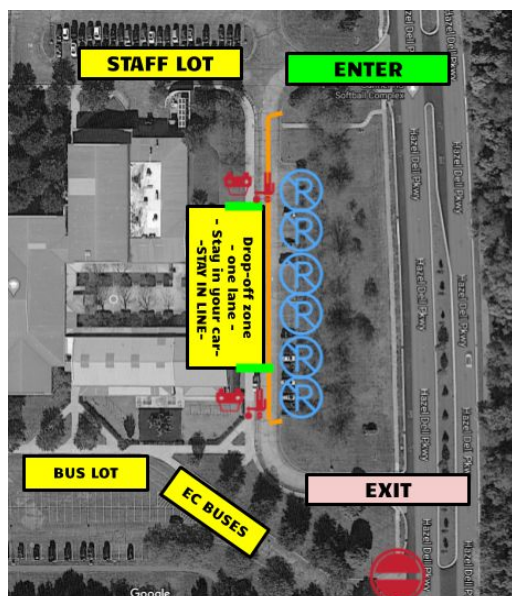


A working calendar for this school year events has been posted on the [PTO website](#). Please note that dates are subject to change, and we will post updated versions as events are added.

~NEW~  
CHANGES  
to morning  
Carpool



[Click Here For  
Larger Graphic](#)



## MORNING CARPOOL PROCEDURES

(Changes Begin The Week Of March 30, 2020)

- Enter into the north side of the school via Hazel Dell
- Stay in one line for MORNING DROP OFF
- ONLY DROP OFF WHEN YOU ARE IN THE CARPOOL DROP ZONE. ONCE YOUR CHILD IS DROPPED OFF, DO NOT PULL OUT OF THE LANE. WAIT UNTIL ALL CARS IN THE DROP ZONE ARE RELEASED. **DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR CAR.**
- Students must get out in a timely manner. Please be sure that students are ready to exit the car when in the carpool drop zone.
- Early Childhood parents must use the regular carpool line. Our Early Childhood staff will help assist students out of the car.
- Front parking lot will be closed during morning carpool. If you need to come into the building please park in the staff lot.

It is imperative, that for safety reasons, you follow these procedures. We care about our kids and want them to be safe, and because of that our staff will address concerns with anyone who is not following procedures.

~ INFO ~  
**Stopit App**

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



We are pleased to announce that CTE has once again been identified as a Common Sense Media Certified School! [LINK](#)



# THE AUCTION IS OPEN!

TODAY MARCH 5th @ 12PM

CHECK OUT ALL OF THE  
AMAZING EXPERIENCES AND ITEMS  
FROM OUR AMAZING SPONSORS  
AND BID ONLINE EARLY NOW!!!



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<https://qtego.net/qlink/cherrytreeschool/items>



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*and much more!*

