



Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE:

Oct. 29rd-Nov 8th

Ghost & Goblins Go!

October 30th

Fall Parties (No Parent Volunteers)

November 2nd

Vision Screening (1st, 3rd & 5th)

November 2nd-6th

Student Council Canned Food Drive

November 3rd--NEW DATE

Picture Retake Day

November 3rd

Spirit Day

November 4th & 5th

Rackz BBQ Dine Out Days

November 4th

Late Start-8:35 Tardy Bell

November 4th & 5th

Rackz BBQ Dine Out

November 11th

Veteran's Day Virtual Program

November 17-30th

Scholastic Book Fair

November 18th

Late Start-8:35 Tardy Bell

November 25th-27th

Thanksgiving Break

~NEW~

**Student
Council
Canned Food
Drive
11/2-11/6**



The Student Council Canned Food Drive will take place November 2nd-November 6th. The goal is to collect 3,000 items for the Carmel Middle School Food Pantry and other Hamilton County Food Pantry locations. **This drive is only ONE WEEK LONG!** Make sure to bring in your non-perishable food items next week. Click on the link below to see what items are needed and for more information.

[CTE Student Council Canned Food Drive](#)

**Picture Retake
Date Changed
11/3/20**



NEW DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

Picture retake day has changed to Tuesday, November 3rd.

Picture retake day will be Tuesday, November 3rd. Only students that were absent on picture day or would like to get a retake will get their pictures taken.

If you would like for your in-person student to have a picture retake on November 3rd. Please complete the form linked here by today, 10/29.

<https://forms.gle/ta8NjQsYJItVhPq8A>

Students participating in retakes are required to return their picture package if received on November 3rd when they get their new picture taken.

Virtual Families:

If your student did not get their picture taken or would like a retake, please complete the link to sign up for a picture time. <https://forms.gle/Bj5NeAsNot9xyMRQ6> Please complete form by today, 10/29.

**Ghosts &
Goblins Go!
10/23-11/8**



Registration is open for **Ghosts and Goblins Go!**, the 2020 spin on Carmel Education Foundation's (CEF) annual Ghosts and Goblins 5k/2k race. With this new format, participants can **GO** enjoy an activity they enjoy, while honoring **CCS Superhero's** who have used their amazing "super-powers" so that Carmel Clay Schools kids can **GO** to school despite obstacles from the pandemic. An added adventure encourages people to **GO** on a virtual or "Around Town" Scavenger Hunt! **Ghosts and Goblins GO!** will run from October 23 through November 8, 2020.

All proceeds from **Ghosts and Goblins GO!** benefit the Carmel Education Foundation's mission of supporting Carmel Clay students in academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Learn more, see GO ideas, and register at www.ghostsandgoblinsgo.com!

**~ NEW ~
2019-2020
(last year)
Yearbooks for
Sale**

We have a limited supply of the 2019-2020 yearbooks available for sale. If you did not purchase a yearbook last year and are interested please send \$16.00 (either cash or check made payable to Cherry Tree Elementary) in an envelope with your students first and last name to the front office. Yearbooks will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

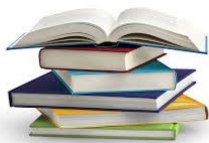
Yearbook purchasing information for 2020-2021 will be sent out at the beginning of second semester.

Lost & Found



Our lost and found is overflowing with sweatshirts, jackets, water bottles, masks and other lost items. If your student is missing anything please have them check the lost and found table located in the cafeteria. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of first semester.

Textbook Rental Fee



Due 10/30/20

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 PowerSchool 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 Book Rental**. *Payments are due by October 30, 2020.*

~ INFO ~



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.

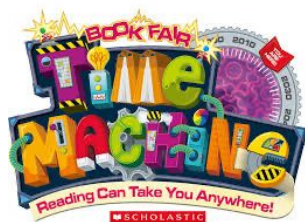
[Late Start Calendar Dates](#)

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](#)

~ NEW ~

Scholastic Book Fair



SAVE THE DATE!!! Do your kids seem to have a little extra TIME on their hands in 2020?! Would your family like to be TRANSPORTED to another year?! Want to ESCAPE with a good book?! You are in luck! The 2020 Scholastic Book Fair is going completely ONLINE to accommodate our CTE families this year! From **NOVEMBER 17th-30th**, discover new books with your kids. We have some fun activities planned in conjunction with the Book Fair. So get ready! There's no better TIME to READ, so let's hop in our TIME MACHINES and let our imaginations TRAVEL to new adventures!

Check out our Scholastic Cherry Tree Elementary site <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/cherrytreeelementaryschool>. **Online shopping starts 11/17.**

Every purchase supports our school's Media Center!

*Free shipping for book orders over \$25. All books will be delivered straight to your door.

~ NEW ~
**Veteran's Day
 Program**



With great gratitude and the pride of Cherry Tree Patriots, our Elementary Staff and Students want to again honor those who serve and have served our country. This is a special tradition at Cherry Tree and always a time of sincere honor and privilege! This year, we will recognize Veterans through a video ceremony which will be sent out to our CTE community on Wednesday **November 11th**. Due to COVID we will not be having an in person ceremony. We would like to honor all Veterans for their service through a picture slideshow and bulletin board.

If you have submitted pictures of your Veteran in previous years, please look through this slideshow and make sure everything is correct, [Previous CTE Veteran Pictures](#). If everything is correct, you are all set and your Veteran will be included in the video recognition and bulletin board. Please email any updates to veteransdaycte@gmail.com.

If you would like to Honor a Veteran for the first time please complete the Google Form and upload a picture by November 4th, [NEW Veteran for Slideshow](#).

Thank you to all Veterans and their families! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Moody at amoody@ccs.k12.in.us.

**November
 Wellness
 Week**



Check out the Wellness Week challenge & get your student entered to win a prize!
[ENTER HERE!](#)

**Easy Ways to
 Support
 Cherry Tree**



amazonsmile
 You shop. Amazon gives.

As we enter holiday shopping season, make sure you link your Amazon account to Cherry Tree Elementary! Login to your Amazon account > Under Accounts & Lists > Choose Your AmazonSmile. For every purchase you make Amazon donates a percentage to Cherry Tree!

Kroger has a community rewards program as well! Login in to your Kroger account and choose Community Rewards to add Cherry Tree from the list of organizations. Kroger donates a percentage of your spending to our school.



Mark your calendars Cherry Tree Elementary families for this two day fundraiser with RACKZ BBQ from 11AM-8PM **Wednesday, November 4th and Thursday, November 5th**.

20% of the proceeds go to help support our PTO.

RACKZ BBQ location
 5790 E Main St. Suite 140
 Carmel, IN 46033

~ NEW ~
**GRAND-
 person's
 update**

Due to COVID 19, we will not be able to hold our traditional GRAND-Person's breakfast. However, the committee is working hard on something special students can do to still honor and recognize the grand people in their lives! Stay tuned for more details!



**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.

Box Tops



Thank you to everyone that sent in physical 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.

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

Your earnings may seem small but together they add up and help the PTO support our Cherry Tree teachers and students!

**Fall is here!
 It's time for
 cold-weather
 gear!**



It's Fall Y'all!

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 this year? 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!

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.



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 ~ Stopit App

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

~ INFO ~ Carpool

All thank you for your work in making carpool efficient and safe! You can reference the procedures here:

[Morning](#)

[Afternoon](#)

~ INFO ~
CCS Covid



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Find all CCS Covid information [HERE](#)