



Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE:

**December 12 - 1:45 pm students
and 6:30 pm - parents**

Chorales & Orff Winter Concerts

December 22 - January 7, 2019

Winter Break - No School

January 8

*Student's First Day back from break
Spirit Day*

January 15, 22, 29 - Session 1

Lego Club - 2:30-4:00 pm

January 21, 2019

Martin Luther King Day - No School

January 24 - 4-6 pm

5th Grade Activity Night - CMS

January 24 - 6-7:30pm

PTO Bingo Family Fun Night

January 30 - 6:30-7:30 pm

5th Grade Scheduling Night

February 5, 12, 19

Lego Club - 2:30-4:00 pm

February 6 & 7, 2019

Cherry Tree Science Fair

February 18, 2019

President's Day - No School

February 26, March 5, 12

Lego Club - 2:30-4:00 pm

March 1

PTO Spring Fundraiser at Ritz Charles

March 7 - 4th Grade Musical

8:30 am - Student Program

6:30 pm - Parent Program

March 15

End of 3rd Grading Period

March 18-20

IREAD - 3rd Graders

March 29 - April 7, 2019

Spring Break - No School

May 30 - 8:30 am

5th Grade Recognition Program

May 30

Last day of School

**~NEW~
Carmel Middle
School Dates**



January 24th - 4:00 - 6:00 pm - Activities Night: Students take a tour of the school, eat pizza and attend a basketball game. T-shirts will be given out at this event.
January 30th - 6:30 - 7:30 pm - Scheduling Night: Information on course options shared with parents.
April 24th - 5:30 - 7:00 pm - Open House: Students will have the opportunity to visit Carmel Middle School and participate in a scavenger hunt.

**~NEW~
News from
the Nurse**



Please dress appropriately for recess. It is the time of year when it can be very chilly and breezy, but your children need the recess time to get needed physical activity and burn some extra energy. The Cherry Tree Policy for recess is to go outside for temperatures **above 20 degrees including the wind chill.** To keep warm and enjoy recess, please send your children with hats, gloves, and warm coats.

Vision Screen Follow-Up. If your child required follow-up with an eye doctor, please remember to send in a copy of the doctor's report. This will be added to the school records. And, if you need help finding a doctor, contact Mrs. Mace at 317- 846-3086 ext. 1205 or amace@ccs.k12.in.us.
Angie Mace, RN
School Nurse



Are your burned-out holiday lights leaving you down in the dumps? Are you thinking of replacing your old holiday lights with new energy efficient LED lights? Make your spirits bright and help make our planet "green" by keeping those old strands out of the dump.

The CCS Green Team and Carmel Utilities are proud to sponsor the 6th Annual Holiday Lights Recycle Drive **November 26th to January 10th.** A box will be located at the school during this time period to collect any holiday lights that are being discarded. Each strand is 100% recyclable! All strands will be picked up by Technology Recyclers which will leave our landfill a little lighter!

**~NEW~
Stopit App**

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

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

Book rental is now DUE:

How do I use Student QuickPay?

1. Log in to the myCCS portal at <http://myccs.ccs.k12.in.us/login> .
2. Click on **View and Pay Textbook Rental Fees** in the Textbook Rental widget.
3. At the Student QuickPay homepage, click on each student tab to review fees.
4. When ready, checkout to pay for textbook rental fees.

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. Payments are due by October 31, 2018.**

**~INFO~
myCCS will
retire in
December 2018**

Coming Soon!



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December 2018**

Access to grades and student information will be available in the new PowerSchool parent portal

More information on how to create a parent account is coming soon!



Does your child like to explore why things happen and ask why or what if? Do they like science and find it interesting? If so, Science Fair may be a great experience for your child! Let your child put their scientific mind to the test and cultivate their curiosity through a Science Fair project. Science Fair participation is optional and a fun way to explore the unknown. For more information and to register from November 26 to January 15 visit <https://goo.gl/SX5nHz>.

**~NEW~
Winter Family
Fun Night**



BINGO Family Fun Night - Don't miss popcorn, prizes, and Mr. A as our caller at BINGO Family Fun Night on **Thursday, January 24th, from 6:00-7:30 pm.**

Thank You!



A huge thank you to all those that made this year's GRANDpersons Breakfast and Scholastic Book Fair a great success! Thank you to Julie Doyle and Carrie Franzo for providing a wonderful event for our grandparents, and to Amanda Foley, Wendy Sibbitt, Emily Kreitenstein and Mrs. Lima for the enchanted book fair! In addition, we are grateful for Mary Sipes, Donna McKenney, Becky McClain, Mrs. Coraggio, the CTE POPS, Mrs. Moody, and the CTE Choralaires and Orff for all they did to help make these events so very special.

**Thank You Elf
Workshop!**



Thanks to all of the volunteers and students who made this year's Elf Workshop a resounding success! Students made over 340 festive crafts and donated 30 cheerful capes to Peyton Manning Children's Hospital.



<p align="center">~NEW~ Save the Date: MARCH 1st</p> 	<p>This year, we are bringing parents something new for our Spring fundraiser. In place of Cherry Blossom Festival, we will be having an adult evening-out event with food, entertainment, and a silent auction. This has worked well for other schools, and we are excited to try this for our biggest fundraiser for the year! We hope to see parents and CTE staff members on the evening of Friday, March 1st at the Ritz Charles in Carmel. Stay tuned for more info as we return from winter break...but this event promises to be a great time. Mark those calendars for 3/1!</p>
<p>Staff Profiles</p> 	<p>The PTO knows that as holiday season approaches, families think about ways to show appreciation for our fantastic Cherry Tree staff members. We have posted a list of their favorite stores, restaurants, hobbies, and more. This "My Favorite Things" list can be found on the PTO site.</p>
<p align="center">~NEW~</p> 	<p>Help the PTO with the holiday shopping you are already planning to do! Shop at smile.amazon.com and be sure to link your account to Cherry Tree Elementary Parent Teacher Organization Inc.</p>
	<p>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!</p> <p>Use Your Phone Less (with Tools from Apple, Google, Snapchat and More)</p>