



CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS

School Board Workshop Session 11.11.2019



CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved:

- Claims
- Payroll
- Personnel Report

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ACTION ITEM

The following action item was approved:

- Permission to Advertise a Public Hearing on Additional Appropriation

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WORKSHOP TOPIC

- Dr. Beresford presented the Time of Day Study to the CCS School Board.

[Watch the Workshop Topic](#)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION



The CCS School Board recognized the following students as Young Artists:

Carmel Elementary: Elise Kaster,
Cherry Tree Elementary: Genevieve Yunker
College Wood Elementary: Lucas Li
Forest Dale Elementary: Annie Gonzalez Barette
Mohawk Trails Elementary: Will Luebke
Orchard Park Elementary: Madalyn Holbrook
Prairie Trace elementary: Savannah Rowan
Smoky Row Elementary: Addison Sullivan

Towne Meadow Elementary: Carter Hoesli
West Clay Elementary: Maddie Cannon
Woodbrook Elementary: Annabelle Millis
Carmel Middle School: Elizabeth Marti
Clay Middle School: Cohen Odle
Creekside Middle School: Kotoko Yamada
Carmel High School: Chloe Sun

[Watch the Special Presentation](#)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Carmel Clay School Board unanimously approved to hire Dr. Tom Oestreich as the new Assistant Superintendent of Staff and Student Services.

Dr. Oestreich will be responsible for overseeing the recruitment, retention and talent development of all CCS employees. His role will include working with benefits, compensation and the general care and support of CCS staff. In addition, he will serve the student services department which includes school safety, mental health and all areas related to supporting student needs. He will assume the role on January 6, 2020. To read more, [please click here](#).



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

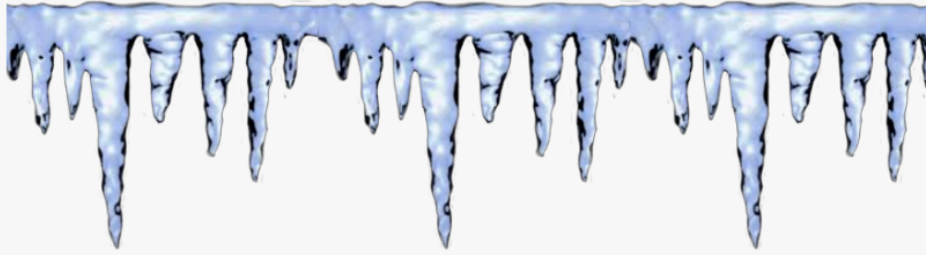
- Dr. Beresford gave thanks to all of our veterans for their service and wished them a Happy Veteran's Day. Dr. Beresford also shared that he had the opportunity to attend the City of Carmel Veteran's Day Program. Dr. Beresford gave kudos to CHS teacher and veteran, Pete O'Hara, for his inspiring speech, as well as to our Orchard Park Elementary student choir who sang patriotic songs. Dr. Beresford also thanked the City of Carmel for inviting him to participate alongside Mayor Brainard in the ceremony and was very proud of the elementary poster contest winners and essay contest winners.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the Mohawk Trails staff who were recognized at the Indiana Statehouse last week for earning the prestigious title as a National Blue Ribbon School. Principal Jennifer Greene and Assistant Principal Sara Agee will attend the National Ceremony in Washington D.C., later this month.
- Dr. Beresford shared with the Board that he has challenged staff members to participate in the No Shave, No Stigma November Challenge to bring attention to men's mental health. The challenge is to grow a mustache throughout "Movember" and be a MO-Bro or join the Beresford Band of Bearded Bros. and go for the whole beard.
- Dr. Beresford shared with the Board that Carmel High School Student and Lucas Formula Racing Series driver, Jack Dorsey, donated a racing system he designed and built himself to Riley Hospital for Children. It's a video game that lets kids put their skills to the test on the track. It was made possible through Dorsey's charity, The Anchor Foundation. 10% of the money donated to his racing team goes to help children's hospitals and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Jack donated the racing system in honor of his mother who passed away from cancer.
- Dr. Beresford reported that he will be attending the Teacher of the Year Banquet to support Prairie Trace Elementary Kindergarten Teacher, Amanda Dillon, who was named Carmel Clay Schools' Teacher of the Year. He shared that she placed in the Top 10 of the Indiana State Teacher of the Year competition. Dr. Beresford said it will be a great opportunity to celebrate an outstanding educator!
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the Creekside Middle School Wildcats on winning the Hamilton County Spell Bowl! Clay Middle School and Carmel Middle School tied for 3rd place.
- Dr. Beresford attended the Girls and Boys Cross Country State Championships. He reported that both teams ran a fantastic race! The girls team placed 3rd and the boys team was state runner-up.

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- Dr. Beresford congratulated the Greyhound Cheer Team who placed 3rd at the state finals! The team will compete at nationals at the end of the month.
- Dr. Beresford attended the IHSAA Girls Soccer State Finals and watched the Greyhounds in action! He was proud of the grit and determination the girls displayed during the tough game. He congratulated them on a great season and for being state runner-up. He congratulated Senior Olivia Fray for earning the IHSAA Mental Attitude Award.
- Dr. Beresford attended the ISSA Marching Band Finals to watch the Marching Greyhounds! He loved watching their performance and was impressed with the band's talent on the field and sportsmanship off the field. It was a close competition with the Greyhounds placing second in the state. The Greyhounds will compete at the Bands of America competition this weekend.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the CHS football team who defeated Westfield to become Sectional Champions! They will play at Homestead on Friday night.
- Dr. Beresford's "Bellringer" of the evening was the passage of the district's School Safety Referendum. Dr. Beresford reported that 68.55% of the community voted in favor of the School Safety Referendum. He thanked the Carmel community, including the Carmel SOS parent group, for informing taxpayers about how the school safety investments would benefit student and staff. The district will now be able to fund a full-time, highly trained School Resource Officer in every school building, additional mental health programming and supports in every school, and enhanced school safety training and professional development for students and staff. The district has already begun working alongside the Carmel Police Department on a plan to hire additional School Resource Officers. In addition, the district will be sending out a request for proposal for local mental health providers to secure a contract that will provide at least one mental health therapist in every school.

[Watch the Superintendent's Report](#)

WINTER WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please [click here](#) to watch a short and informative video on the process the district uses to determine a delay or cancellation. If the decision is made to delay or cancel school, we always communicate that decision to parents, students and staff. It is our goal to communicate that decision no later than 5:30 a.m.

Phone and Email: CCS Families and staff will receive a phone call and email informing them of the delay or cancellation. Now is a good time to log in to your Parent Powerschool Portal to make sure all of your contact information is up to date. <https://powerschool.ccs.k12.in.us/public/>

Text Message: CCS Families and staff may elect to receive a text message, but they must opt in by texting YES to 68453.

Social Media: Information will be posted on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

Local Media: Local TV stations will be provided with information about the cancellation or delay.

There always seems to be strong opinions about weather-related decisions. Parents are the ultimate decision-makers and can choose to keep their student(s) home if they believe weather conditions are unsafe.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please click here to view upcoming Board Meetings, breaks and holidays

NOVEMBER 2019

Nov. 25--School Board Regular Session
Nov. 27-29--Thanksgiving Break (No School)

DECEMBER 2019

Dec. 16--School Board Regular Session
Dec. 20--Quarter 2 Ends
Dec. 23-Jan. 6--Winter Break (No School)

CCS KUDOS

The School Board would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of staff members as brought to their attention by the Carmel community. Kudos to Officer Shane VanNatter, John Arnold, Terri Ramos, and Mary Haddon! If you would like to share your positive CCS employee experience with the School Board, please [click here](#).

ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.