



Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE:

October 6th

Spirit Day

October 7th

Late Start-8:35 Tardy Bell

October 15th & 16th

Fall Break-No School

October 21st

Late Start~8:35 Tardy Bell

October 27th

Picture Retake Day

October 30th

Fall Parties (No Parent Volunteers)

November 2nd

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

November 3rd

Spirit Day

November 4th & 5th

Rackz BBQ Dine Out Days

November 4th

Late Start-8:35 Tardy Bell

November 11th

Veteran's Day Virtual Program

November 18th

Late Start-8:35 Tardy Bell

~NEW~

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.*

~NEW~
Join the Cub Scouts!

Join the Cub Scouts for a virtual Parent Information Night on October 13th and would like to encourage any families that are interested in learning more about the Cub Scout program to attend. This meeting will be held "Open House" style any time between 7:00pm-9:00 pm. Click on the link for more information.

[Scouting Parent Information Night](#)

~NEW~
School Pictures Purchasing Info

All CTE students in attendance on September 15th got their picture taken by Interstate Studios. Interstate has 3 options to placing orders:

- 1) You can visit their website at inter-state.com/order and use order code 52046MB to place your order.
- 2) An emailed proof will go to each family. The email will have instructions on how to place an order.
- 3) For those families who do not order either via the website or using the email will receive a paper proof to place an order.

~ INFO~
Birthday Books



For a donation of \$10, your child can choose a brand new book to be part of the Cherry Tree library collection. The books chosen will feature a bookplate with your child's name and birthday. All funds generated will be used for purchasing new books for our collection and materials for all students to use in the MakerSpace. [Click here](#) for more information. What a wonderful way to leave a legacy here at Cherry Tree!

~ 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](#)

~ INFO~
Virtual Student Library Holds



We want to be sure that all our students' reading needs are being met in a variety of ways this school year. One way we can do that is offering our virtual students the ability to place library books on hold and pick them up when ready. You'll find a flyer attached with all the instructions needed to assist your child in accessing the books from our Cherry Tree Media Center. Also coming soon will be some video tutorials to assist students with accessing library databases, conducting safe research using the online catalog, and exploring our brand new Capstone Interactive Books. (I am SO excited about our new Interactive book collection!!!) As these tutorials are shared with our in-person students [Media Center Check Out Instructions](#)

~ NEW ~

Wellness Week



Check out the ALL NEW Wellness Week & get your student entered to win a \$25 Kroger gift card! [ENTER HERE!](#)

~ INFO ~

Box Tops Week!



Tomorrow (October 2nd) is the last day to turn in physical Box Tops so if you haven't already, make sure you send them to school! And remember, Box Tops for Education is moving away from clipped Box Tops! To keep "clipping" Box Tops and supporting our school you'll need to download the Box Tops for Education app and scan your grocery receipts. You can even submit receipts from online grocery orders!

If you do purchase a product that has the old Box Top to clip make sure you clip it in addition to scanning your receipt. Your help in scanning your receipts and clipping any of the old Box Tops is greatly appreciated! We will continue to collect clipped Box Tops but as the program is becoming digitized we will be moving away from competition weeks and towards year round collection.

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



For a limited time!

Purchase \$15 or more in spirit wear and receive **FREE shipping** (a \$5 savings). Now through October 11th - no code necessary.

Shop at www.ctespiritshop.com.

~ NEW ~

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>.*

Easy Ways to Support the PTO



There are several easy ways to support the PTO as we start a great new school year!

- Purchase Spirit Wear - *see the new FREE SHIPPING promotion!*
- Collect and Submit Box Tops - *turn in this week!*
- Link your Kroger and Amazon Accounts to Cherry Tree

See more details at the end of the Chatter!

~ 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 ~
**Walk to School
Day**

CCS will not be participating in the national Walk to School Day this fall.

CHERRY TREE ELEMENTARY PTO



Easy Ways to Support Cherry Tree!

Box Tops for Education

Cut out labels or scan receipts to earn

2020-2021 Collection Week is
Happening NOW!

September 28 - October 2

Box Tops are moving away from
clipped Box Tops. Please download
the app and scan grocery receipts
to earn money for CTE!

TWO WAYS TO COLLECT!



Did you know there are
Special Offers available to
earn **even more points?**
Here are a few!



**Check the Box Tops app or website frequently
for new bonus offers like these!**

FREE Shipping on Spirit Wear
when you spend **\$15 or more**
Now through Oct. 11th - no code needed!



*It's Fall Y'all!
Time for Long Sleeves!*

Don't forget to add
Cherry Tree Elementary
to your

Kroger and Amazon accounts.

Donation Summary

Status:
enrolled
Organization Name:
CHERRY TREE ELEMENTARY PTO

Kroger Community Rewards

Login in to your Kroger
account and choose
Community Rewards

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Amazon Smile

Login in to your Amazon
account > Under Accounts &
Lists > Choose Your
AmazonSmile

Questions?

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