



Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE:

December 15th

Yearbook Club Pictures

December 16th

Wednesday Bakers

December 18th

Quarter 2 Ends

December 21st-January 4th

Winter Break (No School)

January 5th

School Resumes-Spirit Day

January 8th

1st Semester Report Cards Available

January 13th

Late Start-School begins at 8:30 am

January 11th-15th

School Board Appreciation Week

January 18th

MLK Day-No School

January 20th

Wednesday Bakers

January 27th

Late Start-School begins at 8:30 am

April 15th

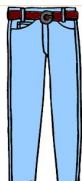
Parents' Night 'Out' Virtual Trivia Night

~NEW~
Yearbook Club
Pictures

YEARBOOK CLUB PICTURES will be taken on
Tuesday, December 15th.

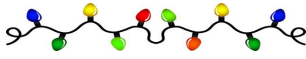


~NEW~
Message from
Mrs. Mace



As you are cleaning out closets over winter break, Mrs. Mace is asking for donations of gently used pants for boys and girls. All sizes are welcome but specifically we are in need of sizes 4, 5 & 6. Thank you.

~NEW~
Holiday Light Recycling



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 is proud to sponsor the 9th Annual Holiday Lights Recycle Drive **December 7th through January 8th**. 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!

~ INFO ~
BOOK RENTAL
is now 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**

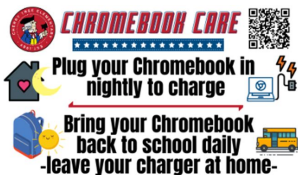
You can pay online via electronic check, debit card, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express.) The school's office will still accept cash, check, or money order payable to **Carmel Clay Schools Bookrental**.

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Reminder
CCS Food Service



CCS will provide free breakfast and lunch to all students for the remainder of the school year.

Chromebook Care



Make sure you charge your chromebook each evening and don't forget to bring your chromebook to school each day!!

Please be advised that students will begin bringing home their Chromebooks each night, starting Monday, November 16th. Chargers should remain at home. A video will be sent out for students and families to review best practices on handling their Chromebooks. We suggest families choose a specific 'home' for their student's Chromebook, where it can be charged and brought back ready for use the next school day.

Please visit the [Canvas Parent FAQ Page](#) or [Virtual Learning Support](#) websites for additional support.

Please review the below Chromebook FAQ's for more information on how to care for your Chromebook.

[Chromebook FAQ's](#)

Inclement Weather Days Info



With the success of our virtual learning programs' implementation across all grade levels, we plan to replace school closures with Inclement Weather Days. Students will be engaged in approximately 2-3 hours of virtual learning on these designated days. Learning will be asynchronous, meaning students will not follow a schedule along with a teacher or take part in live lessons. Students may complete assignments as time and support allow during the day.

Teachers will post office hours on their Canvas homepage. Office hours will not begin earlier than 9:00 a.m. During these hours, teachers will be available to answer real-time questions through the inbox feature built into Canvas. Teachers will monitor the Canvas inbox throughout the day during school hours.

Weather Delay Info



Winter weather is around the corner, so please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our updated procedures. We will still operate with a traditional 2-hour delay when needed to ensure safe transportation in the morning for our students. However, due to the later start times for secondary schools, we will also have a new 1-hr delay schedule as an option. Delays will be announced via email, Carmel Clay Schools social media, and the local news. We also recommend receiving emergency communication on your cell phone. However, you must [opt-in through our website](#) to begin receiving these texts or calls.

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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 ~ Parents' Virtual Trivia Night



Announcing - the 2021 Parents Night "Out" Trivia Night!

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, April 15 | 7pm

More details to come!

Staff Profiles



The PTO knows that as the 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](#)" can be found on the PTO site.

Wellness Week



A **FUN** activity for Winter Break!

Check out the new December/ January Wellness Week challenge & get your student entered to win a \$25 gift card donated by Sprouts Cooking School + A Hot Chocolate Gift Basket!

[ENTER HERE!](#)

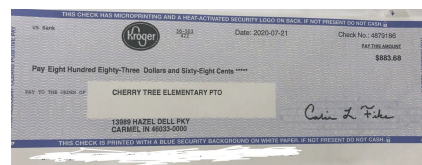
Easy Ways to Support Cherry Tree



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!

Thinking about *Thanksgiving* meal prep? 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.

Pictured is an image of a check we received from Kroger Community Rewards in July totalling \$883.68! In October of this year we received another check for \$783.26! Linking your cards only takes minutes and the rewards are great!!



Wednesday Bakers



Winter break is very near,
so let's spread some holiday cheer!

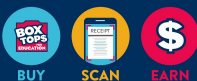
Sign-Up to be a Wednesday baker,
whip-up 2-dozen goodies with sweet flavor.

Individually wrap those bundles of yum,
and our CTE staff will not leave a crumb!

[Sign-Up](#) to bring 2-dozen individually wrapped homemade or store-bought goodies to support CTE Staff. There are several spots left for the remainder of the year.

Box Tops

MAKE EVERY
RECEIPT
COUNT



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. *If you are struggling to remember to scan your receipts, go to the communication settings under your account and set up scan reminders, you can customize them to match your shopping routine!*

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!

Spirit Wear for Gift Lists!



It's Gift List Time!

Don't forget CTE spirit wear when thinking of your kids or ideas for the grandparents!

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



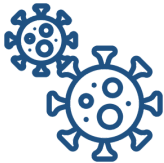
Learn more about how your PTO dollars were used last month to enhance the student experience at CTE by visiting the PTO's budget documents on our website. The monthly report can be found [HERE](#) under the Treasury Summaries.



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 ~ CCS Covid Page



Find all CCS Covid information [HERE](#)



**CARMEL CLAY
SCHOOLS**
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Please ask yourself these 4 screener questions:

- 1) In the last 24 hours have you had a fever or chills and/or taken medication for a fever? (If you are unsure, please utilize a thermometer for an accurate reading. A temperature of 100.4 or higher constitutes a fever according to medical professionals)
- 2) Do you have COVID-19 symptoms such as new, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, sore throat, diarrhea/vomiting, or loss of taste or smell?
- 3) In the past 14 days have you been in close contact (was within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes without protective equipment) with a person known/suspected to have COVID-19 and/or have you been diagnosed with COVID-19?
- 4) Have you or anyone in your household been tested for COVID-19 and are still awaiting test results?



If the answer to question #4 is YES---Please do not send your student(s) to school.
If you or anyone in your household is being tested or waiting on results, your student **MUST** quarantine until results are received.

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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](#)