



Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE

March 13th-19th
Lego Club: Star Wars

March 20th-26th
Lego Club: Silly Monsters

March 22nd
School Picture Day

March 23rd
Late Start

March 25th
Yearbook Order Deadline

March 27th-April 2
Lego Club: Architecture

April 1st-April 10th
Spring Break - No Classes

April 3rd-9th
Lego Club: Robots

April 13th
Dine to Donate: Freddy's Frozen Custard

April 19th and 20th
Parents & Pastries events (A-K and L-Z)

April 18th-28th
PTO Spring Silent Auction

April 28th
Volunteer Celebration/Parents Night Out event at Urban Vines

Important Carpool Information!



Please remember: Car rider drop off starts each morning at 7:15 a.m.; the tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m. Ideally, we welcome students into the building by 7:40 a.m. to allow them to be in class for a 7:45 a.m. start. The end of the day dismissal begins at 2:25 p.m. daily.

A new city ordinance now restricts using neighborhood streets near school property as a school drop off alternative. This can cause traffic congestion and the potential for unsafe traffic movement around children where there is no additional supervision off school property. If you are using a car to get children to/from school, please follow the procedure to bring them in/pick up on school property in the lot to the east of the school/facing Hazel Dell Pkwy.

We do our best each day to keep the line moving in an efficient way. You can help by having students ready to exit the car upon arrival, pulling all the way down in the morning to allow more cars to drop off and by having all students exit the passenger side of the car for safety. Thank you for your partnership in helping us welcome and safely deliver home 700+ students each day.

Bikers & Walkers



Please remember that students who walk or ride their bikes to school will not be able to enter the building until 7:35 a.m. With the colder, darker mornings we want to make sure that children are not standing outside for long periods of time. **Thanks so much for helping keep our CTE kids safe!**

<p>Reminder for Bus Riders</p> 	<p>Due to reduced bus routes and seats, students are not allowed to ride the bus home with a friend. It is recommended if students are getting together after school that they be picked up in the car rider line or dropped off directly at their friend's house by a parent/guardian.</p>
<p>Mask Reminder</p> 	<p>If you would like for your child to wear a mask during the school day or on the bus, please make sure to provide them with one to wear and a back up mask. We have a very limited supply of masks.</p> <p>Thank you for your help with this!</p>
<p>Chromebooks</p> 	<p>Please remember to charge your Chromebooks every night! They are a very important part of our daily routine and need to be charged and ready to go at the beginning of each day. In addition to being charged it is very important they are brought to school each day. Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to offer loaner computers to students who forget them at home.</p> <p>**Also, please remind your students to treat them with special care. We have seen an increased number of broken devices and we are very limited in our inventory of replacement Chromebooks.</p>
<p>Attendance</p> 	<p>Remember to please call us and let us know if your child will be absent or arriving late to school. Call 846-3086 and press 1 for attendance.</p> <p>Please make sure to leave to the reason for the <u>late arrival</u> or <u>all day absence</u></p>
<p>Lost and Found</p> 	<p>Missing an Item?!</p> <p>Ask your student to check the Lost and Found on their way to lunch or gym class. We have lots of hats, sweatshirts, gloves, and coats on the tables and racks.</p> <p>**Please label all items such as coats, water bottles, jackets, and hats for the rest of the school year so they can be returned if found!</p>
<p>Parking Reminder</p> 	<p>Please remember that if you are visiting the school or picking up your child early, we need to keep the front and bus parking lots clear. You are free to park in the staff lot (north side of building).</p>
<p>Welcome Parent Volunteers!</p> 	<p>We are so excited to have parent volunteers back in the building! Please make sure that your background checks are up to date before signing up in your child's classroom. If you are not sure if your background check is still current you can call the front office and we are happy to check on this for you. If you have never done one of these with CCS please go to the CTE website and follow the link under PTO/Volunteer.</p>

~NEW~
**WANTED! Photos of
your 5th Grader**

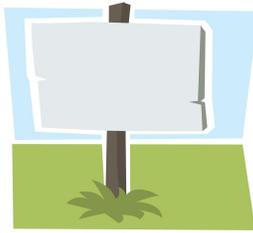


Attention 5th Grade Parents!

Don't forget to submit your child's kindergarten and 5th grade picture for the 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony
<https://forms.gle/Fu3wvkVNjrKaaP9m9>

***Pictures don't have to be school pictures.*

~NEW~
**Celebrate your
graduating 5th Grader
with a YARD SIGN!**



With only a few months of school left before your 5th grader graduates, we would like to offer an exciting opportunity to purchase a [5th Grade Graduation yard sign](#) specific to Cherry Tree. We are so proud of our students and hope you'll show your pride by purchasing a sign through the link below. **Orders are due by 3/31.**

<https://cteyardsigns22.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

2022 CPD Carmel Youth Academy



The Carmel Police Department will be offering a summer youth academy. Applications will be accepted starting March 1st and space is extremely limited. **This is a great summer opportunity and best of all it's FREE!!!**

2022 Carmel Youth Academy:

*Carmel Police Department's
Carmel Youth Academy 2022*

When: June 27th- July 1st- Academy 1
July 11th- July 15th- Academy 2

Time: Monday - Thursday 8am-3pm
Friday 12pm-6pm

Where: Carmel Middle School
300 S. Guilford Rd
Carmel, IN 46032

Price: FREE

Age Requirements: 11-12 years old
Applications open March 1st

Apply Online at www.carmel.in.gov



Kindergarten registration is now open! Early registration helps CCS assess staffing needs for the 2022-2023 school year. Please visit the [CCS website](#) for more details on how to enroll.

Carmel High School Cheftacular!

Haute Cuisine by High Schoolers? Make way for Cheftacular!

**Please join us for the 4th Annual Cheftacular,
an Evening at the Green.**

Monday, May 2nd, 2022, from 6:30-8:30 PM, at Carter Green.

Early tickets are available now! This was a sold out event last year!

Cheftacular is a collaborative tasting event where professional chef



meets student in the spirit of giving back. All proceeds from this amazing culinary event go to support Carmel High School Culinary Arts and the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank.

This year 25+ local chefs and Carmel High School students will once again team up to showcase the best in local culinary arts. Incredible dishes certain to delight using local sourced ingredients to promote the best of our local food producers and artisans.

This is the ultimate foodie event of the year that you will not want to miss!

The event includes tastings or small plates of both savory and sweet dishes created exclusively for Cheftacular! Plus, a silent auction, live music, a scholarship competition, and of course you, our guests, get to help once again to decide whose cuisine is the tastiest!

Use the link below to purchase tickets:

<https://event.ontaptickets.com/events/cheftacular-2022-5-2-2022?fbclid=IwAR0MyRRg7Qj8HTXJn5rOWdb2ZMC5NRvI8VzWcjoTdFXSRjP6omGuglKvPZl>

Pups Running Spring Track

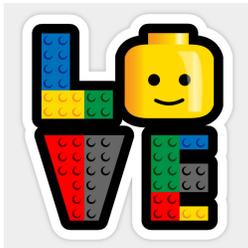


Registration is now open through March 29, 2022. NO LATE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Go to www.puprunning.org and click on the "REGISTER" tab to find the link

Parent volunteers welcome!

Virtual Lego Club



Cherry Tree LOVES Legos! Join our virtual Lego Club Challenge - open to ALL students!

- Lego Challenge Week 5 (March 13 - March 19): Star Wars**
- Lego Challenge Week 6 (March 20 - March 26): Silly Monsters**
- Lego Challenge Week 7 (March 27 - April 2): Architecture**
- Lego Challenge Week 8 (April 3 - April 9): Robots**

All submissions* (please share a picture of your child's design, along with the student's first name and the teacher's name and grade) should be sent to cteptopatriotlegoclub@gmail.com.

<https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/pto-cte/activities/lego-club>

**By sending in a picture of your child's creation, you agree to it being shared on the Cherry Tree PTO's social media accounts and website.*

Girl Scouts



Girl Scout Kindergarten Buddies

Do you have a current or incoming kindergarten girl? Want to explore Girl Scouts? Check out the Kindergarten Buddies Program through Girl Scouts. See the link below for more information or contact Rachel Bancroft at rbcancroft@gmail.com for general questions.

[Kindergarten Buddies Information Flyer](#)

Parents & Pastries



We are excited to welcome our parents back to CTE for **Parents & Pastries!**

Save the Date for the mornings of April 19 (A-K) & April 20 (L-Z). More information to come!

PTO Spring Silent Auction



The PTO will be having a spring silent auction in conjunction with the Parents & Pastries and Parents Night Out events! The silent auction will have many fun school experiences and teacher treasurers items such as Principal for a day, reserved parking spaces and seating for the 5th grade recognition ceremony and fun experiences with our wonderful Cherry Tree teachers! Be on the lookout for more information after Spring Break!

Volunteer Celebration/Parents Night Out Event



Save the Date!

The PTO invites you to a fun & casual get together at Urban Vines on Thursday, April 28th from 5:30-7:30 pm. We have rented fire pits and will have smores and popcorn to snack on! Tickets price will include a drink and snacks and go on sale April 15. So save the date and join us for a fun social gathering getting to know other Cherry Tree Parents!

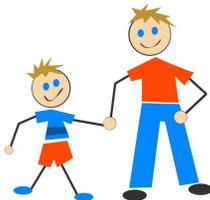
Questions? Contact meganshortz@yahoo.com

Wellness Wednesday



We LOVE to see our students checking out suggestions of colorful foods to eat. Wellness Wednesday's tip is to eat a rainbow of foods every day! Green kiwi, purple carrots, or red bell peppers are some delicious options. Don't forget to ask your student what they sampled for Wellness Wednesday during lunch this week!

POPs



POPS is always looking to add more male figures to our roster. There are fun upcoming events to help with and get together to be part of.

Join us on [GroupMe](#) and/or email David Glenn at dglenniu@gmail.com.

Spring Pictures are coming soon!

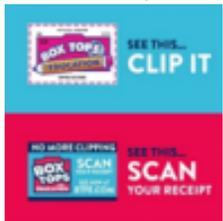
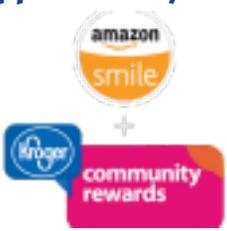


Spring Picture Day is right around the corner. LifeTouch will be here on **March 22** to take our spring photos. Please be on the look for more information to come!

Yearbook Orders



Order your yearbook from Lifetouch today! Simply go to www.ybpay.com and enter code 14483122 to make your selections. **Order deadline is March 25.**

<p>Dine to Donate</p> 	<p>Join us on April 13 from 5:00 - 9:00 for a Dine to Donate with Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers. 20% of all sales will be donated to Cherry Tree!</p> <p>Make sure to show this flier –  Freddys Cherry Tree.pdf</p>
<p>Box Tops</p> 	<p>Box Tops are a simple way to support Cherry Tree! Just download the Box Tops for Education App and scan your grocery receipts after you shop! Box Tops donates \$0.10 for each participating product you buy and there are always new bonus box tops opportunities! Having trouble remembering to scan your receipts? Set a customized scan reminder through the app that fits your shopping schedule!</p>
<p>Simple, No Cost Ways to Support Cherry Tree!</p> 	<p>If you haven't yet, make sure to link your Amazon account to Cherry Tree Elementary! On the Amazon app, go to programs and features, click Amazon Smile and choose "Cherry Tree Elementary Parent Teacher Organization Inc." as your charity. To link your account on a computer, simply log into your Amazon account through amazonsmile.com, select our organization and shop through the Amazon Smile website. For every purchase you make Amazon donates a percentage to Cherry Tree!</p> <p>Kroger has a community rewards program as well! Log into your Kroger account and choose Community Rewards to add the Cherry Tree Elementary PTO from the list of organizations. Kroger donates a percentage of your spending to our school.</p> <p>These are simple ways for friends and families to support the Cherry Tree PTO at NO COST! Last quarter the PTO received \$740 from these programs, they are an integral part of our fundraising efforts and we encourage everyone to take a couple minutes to link their accounts! Thanks for your support!</p>
<p>PTO General Board Meetings</p> 	<p>Thank you to everyone who was able to join our Jan. 24th General Board meeting of the PTO. If you missed it, the minutes are located online.</p> <p>Save the date for our next meeting where we will vote on the 2022-2023 slate for PTO leadership as well as the 2022-2023 budget.</p> <p>Monday, May 16 10:45-11:45 Hosted virtually via Zoom</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p> 	<p><u>Monthly Treasurer Reports</u></p> <p>Learn more about how your PTO dollars were used last month to enhance the student experience at CTE. If you have any questions, please direct them to the CTE Treasurer at cherrytrepto.treasurer@gmail.com</p>