



Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE

February 27 - March 5
Lego Club: Lego Pets

March 6th-12th
Lego Club: Movie/TV Characters

March 9th
Late Start

March 11th
End of Third Grading Period

March 13th-19
Lego Club: Star Wars

March 22nd
School Picture Day

March 23rd
Late Start

March 25th
Yearbook Order Deadline

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><u>Please remember to charge your Chromebooks every night!</u> 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.</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>Don't forget to have your child check the Lost and Found often! We have a lot of new items already. Most of the items are sweatshirts and water bottles.</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>With the cold weather our carpool line is getting longer every day. 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>
<p>The CTE Science and Engineering Fair!</p>	<p>Congratulations to these five Cherry Tree students who are advancing on to the Regional competition!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noah Dowell (Kolacki 4th) - Nora Alnusair (McIntyre 4th) - Avery Quandt (Dirck, 5th)



- Max LeVeque (Masin, 5th)
- Xavier Tsai (Lowe, 5th)

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



Carmel High School Cheftacular!



Haute Cuisine by High Schoolers? Make way for Cheftacular!

Coming **May 2, 2022**, Cheftacular is back!!

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=IwAR0MyRRq7Qj8HTXJn5rOWdb2ZMC5NRvI8VzWcjoTdfXSRiP6omGuqIKvPZI>

**Pups Running
Spring Track**



We are proud to announce our outstanding 2022 Track Pup Running Coaching Team!

Carmel Elementary: Corey Keele, Kevin Hetrick

Cherry Tree Elementary: Angie Marx, Karen Kazak, Ashley Mills

College Wood Elementary: Tabitha Hughes, Heather Mudd

Clay Center Elementary: Meredith Gradle, JP Breaux

Forest Dale Elementary: Jamie Saffren*

Mohawk Elementary: Daniel Courtney*

Prairie Trace Elementary: Marian Gilhooly, Julie Trump, Rick Meyers, Cami Kreft

Smoky Row Elementary: Claire Harranty, Ali Lemberg

Towne Meadow Elementary: Stacie Smith*

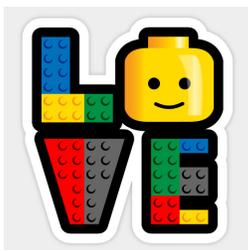
West Clay Elementary: Christina Ruch, Margaret Stout

Woodbrook Elementary: Josh Hall, Caleb Chambers, Allie Taylor, Jessica Ibsen

*Teams must have TWO coaches in order to hold after-school practices. ALL schools are still in need of parent volunteers and practice helpers.

Registration is now open and closes March 29, 2022. NO LATE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED. Go to www.puprunning.org and click on the "REGISTER" tab to find the link

Virtual Lego Club



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

Lego Challenge Week 3 (February 27 - March 5): Lego Pets

Lego Challenge Week 4 (March 5 - March 12): Favorite Movie or TV Character

Lego Challenge Week 5 (March 13 - March 19): Star Wars

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 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!

[Kindergarten Buddies Information Flyer](#)

**-NEW-
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!

<p align="center">-NEW- Volunteer/Parents Night Out Event</p>	<p>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. Tickets will include a drink and snack - more details and link to order tickets will be available in March!</p>
<p align="center">Teacher Fun Clubs</p> 	<p>Thanks to everyone who registered for Teacher Fun Clubs. More information and confirmation of registration will be shared soon. Clubs will begin the week of March 14.</p> <p>Questions? Contact cherrytreepto@gmail.com.</p>
<p align="center">2nd Semester Volunteer Opportunities</p> 	<p>The PTO needs your time and talent for 2nd semester events and activities! Please complete this form to show your interest and the corresponding committee will contact you with details. This is a great way to engage with students and show your support to our teachers. <i>Don't forget - a satisfactory criminal history check is required to volunteer.</i></p>
<p align="center">POPs</p> 	<p>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.</p> <p>Join us on GroupMe and/or email David Glenn at dglenniu@gmail.com.</p>
<p align="center">Yearbook Orders</p> 	<p>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>
<p align="center">Spring Pictures are coming soon!</p> 	<p>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!</p>
<p align="center">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>

Simple, No Cost Ways to Support Cherry Tree!



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 [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile), select our organization and shop through the Amazon Smile website. For every purchase you make Amazon donates a percentage to Cherry Tree!

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.

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!

PTO General Board Meetings



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](#).

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.

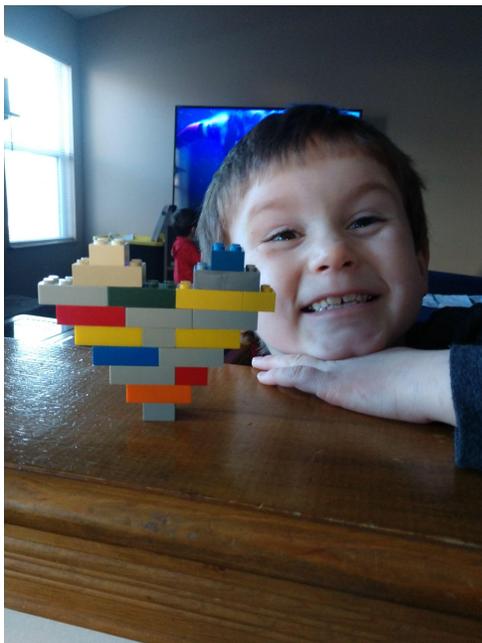
Monday, May 16 | 10:45-11:45
Hosted virtually via Zoom

Treasurer's Report



[Learn more](#) about how your PTO dollars were used last month to enhance the student experience at CTE.

A Sampling of Lego Club Submissions! Week 1: Valentine's Day



Week 2: Pokemon

