



# CARMICHAEL BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFO

Carmichael Middle School  
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## Welcome Cougars!

The first day of school for 6th grade students is Monday, August 28th for "6th Grade Only Day," and the first day of school for 7th and 8th grade students is Tuesday, August 29th. We are excited to welcome our Cougars back!

We have been working over the summer to ensure that the 2023-24 school year will be a success! We are committed to your child's safety and well-being at Carmichael Middle School.

The Cougar Code will continue to be the foundation for behavioral and academic expectations to ensure your student's success at CMS.

### THE COUGAR CODE:

Choose to Be Safe  
Choose to Be Kind  
Choose to Be Respectful  
Choose to Have GRIT

G = Give it your all  
R = Redo if necessary  
I = Ignore giving up  
T = Take time to do it right

## IMPORTANT DATES

**August 16:** CMS Office Open M-F 8:00 am to 3:00pm

### August 22: Parent Information Night

- 5:30-6:00pm - Fall Sports Information/Registration
- 6:00-7:30pm - Parents can Pay Fees, Register for Chromebooks on Family ID, pair as Observer in Canvas, etc.

**August 25: Cougar Prep Day for 7th & 8th** (6th can get schedule early this day if would like)

- Last Name A-H Schedule Pick Up & Pictures 8:30-10:00
- Last Name I-P Schedule Pick Up & Pictures 10:00-11:30
  - Break 11:30-12:30
- Last Name Q-Z Schedule Pick Up & Pictures 12:30-2:00

\*NOTE: 7th & 8th schedules accessible through launchpad on chromebooks if can't pick up in person

**August 28: 6th Grade Only Day at CMS** - 8-2:30

- Get schedule, practice locker, meet teachers, tour the building, get picture taken, and participate in fun activities

**August 29: First day of school for all students** - 8-2:30

**September 13: CMS Open House** 6:30-8:00pm

Follow us on FB and check out our website for updates:

<https://carmichael.rsd.edu/>

If you are interested in **supporting events and programs for our students to start the year off with Cougar Pride**, please use the QR code to donate to our PTO who are supporting these efforts:



We look forward to seeing you all very soon,

Your Cougar Family!

## Chromebooks

**ATTENTION:** Accepting chromebook terms and accepting or declining insurance **MUST** be completed for **EACH** student **EACH** year through FamilyID.

- **FamilyID Instructions** - <https://bit.ly/3zlyZim> or use QR Code:



- 7th and 8th grade students who attended RSD last year kept their Chromebooks, but still need to fill out FamilyID for terms and insurance.
- 6th Grade Students and students new to RSD, will receive a Chromebook the first week of school. FamilyID terms and insurance MUST be filled out for student to receive the chromebook.

**Students who have completed registrations on FamilyID will receive their Chromebooks during classes the first week of school!**

## How to Pay Fees

\*Pay in-person by cash, check (made out to RSD), debit or credit card in the CMS office or by coming to parent night or Cougar Prep Day.

\*Pay online through QR code, or go to [carmichael.rsd.edu](http://carmichael.rsd.edu), under "students" select "online payments," then "Access InTouch"

Fees for CMS may include:  
ASB Card, Sports/Athletics Fees  
Chromebook Insurance  
PE Uniforms



If you have questions regarding fees, please contact Mrs. Dalton - [Jane.Dalton@rsd.edu](mailto:Jane.Dalton@rsd.edu) or (509) 967-6426

## School Supplies!

Richland School District and CMS will be providing the majority of school supplies your students will need this year! Please follow the directions for filling out FamilyID for chromebooks.

## Canvas Observer

**Parents/Guardians:** To see assignments, due dates, grades, etc. for your student, please become an observer in Canvas. Canvas is used as the learning management system for RSD students grades 6-12.

- 6th grade parents: You will need a pairing code for your student. You can get this at parent night (8/22 5:30-7:30), or wait until school starts and have your student generate a code from their account. This is how you will see assignments, due dates, grades, etc. for your student.
- 7th & 8th grade parents: If you already signed up as an observer, then you are all set! If not, follow the directions above.

**Directions:** <https://bit.ly/3bFcC8x>

## Orientation, Schedules & Pictures

**Pictures:** You may pre-order pictures at: [www.realifephoto.com](http://www.realifephoto.com) or pick up packet at CMS

### 6th Grade ONLY DAY - Monday, Aug. 28th!

First day of school for incoming 6th graders is 8/28. We will have fun getting to know other Carmichael Cougars, get your schedule and locker, school picture taken, find your classes, and meet your teachers. Lunch provided and buses running "0" hour routes.

\*Note: If 6th graders would like their schedule early, they can pick up 8/25 during times below.

### Cougar Prep Day for 7th and 8th graders - Aug. 25th

Pick up your schedule and get your picture taken

- 8:30-10 Last Name A-H
- 10-11:30 Last Name I-P
- 12:30-2 Last Name Q-Z

**Students who are unable to attend may pick up their schedule during office hours or they can log on to their launchpad from their chromebook and view through the PowerSchool app (few days before school starts).**

## Attendance

Attendance is important to student success. In the event that your student is late, absent, or needs to be checked out of school early, please [contact the attendance office 967-6427](#). Students who leave campus without checking out at the office may be marked as truant. "Pre-Arranged Absence" forms are available in the office.

[To report absences online](#), go to: [carmichael.rsd.edu](http://carmichael.rsd.edu), click on "attendance and bell schedule" at bottom, and fill out form.

If your student is out due to surgery, major illness or injury, or a concussion, please contact our school nurse Brenda Atencio, RN at 967-6048 supports at school.

## Update Your Contact Information

It is important that we are able to contact you! Please ensure that we have updated phone numbers, mailing addresses, email addresses, and emergency contacts so that we can keep you up-to-date on your student and effectively communicate. Changes to contact information and emergency contacts can be done through our Attendance Secretary at (509) 967-6427.

## CMS PTO

CMS PTO supports Cougar students and staff through organizing, volunteering and funding classroom support, Book Fair, 8th grade graduation party and many other events and programs at CMS. You can support our PTO efforts by becoming a member, donate to events, and more. Follow CMS PTO on Facebook for more information.

**PTO membership link:** <https://bit.ly/3S2vRiW>  
or use the QR code here:



**Donate to support CMS:**  
use the QR code here:



## Student Support Staff

### Carmichael Counselors:

- **Mrs. Walsh** (students last names A through L)
  - [Teresa.Walsh@rsd.edu](mailto:Teresa.Walsh@rsd.edu)
- **Mrs. Gall** (students last names M through Z)
  - [Ronelle.Gall@rsd.edu](mailto:Ronelle.Gall@rsd.edu)

Our counselors strive to address the academic, social/emotional, and career needs of all students. Students can meet with their counselor regarding concerns or questions they may have during middle school.

### Additional Support Staff:

- **Mrs. Cochran** - Student Assistance Professional
  - [Sara.Cochran@rsd.edu](mailto:Sara.Cochran@rsd.edu)
  - Provides additional support for mental health of our students
- **Mrs. Atencio**
  - [Brenda.Atencio@rsd.edu](mailto:Brenda.Atencio@rsd.edu) 967-6048
  - Works with students and families regarding physical, mental, and behavioral health issues that impact students' abilities at school
- **Ms. Alvarado** - Community in Schools Coordinator
  - [Jamey.Alvarado@rsd.edu](mailto:Jamey.Alvarado@rsd.edu)
  - Identifies community resources and assistance with basic needs for our CMS families

**We are so excited to see you all in August!**

## Busing

Bus routes will be published on the RSD website a week before school begins. You may also check your Elink portal on the transportation page of the RSD website: [www.rsd.edu/departments/transportation](http://www.rsd.edu/departments/transportation)  
For questions about busing, contact transportation at 967-6150



# Carmichael Athletics



*WIAA allows for Interscholastic Athletics for 7th and 8th graders. CMS athletes compete against other middle schools from the surrounding area.*

## Fall Season

Football  
Boys & Girls Cross Country  
Boys & Girls Soccer  
Girls Volleyball

## Winter I Season

Boys Basketball  
Dance

## Winter II Season

Girls Basketball  
Wrestling

## Spring Season

Baseball  
Softball  
Track and Field

### To register for sports:

- **Sign-up on FamilyID:** [www.familyid.com/carmichael-middle-school-athletics](http://www.familyid.com/carmichael-middle-school-athletics)
- **Have a current physical on file** (upload to FamilyID, give to Mrs. Dalton in CMS office, or email copy to [Jane.Dalton@rsd.edu](mailto:Jane.Dalton@rsd.edu))
- **Pay ASB fee** (one-time fee each year to participate in sports, activities, and clubs)
- **Pay any applicable sports fee** (\$35 per season - subject to change)

If you have any questions, please contact our **Athletic Director: [Christopher.Hendricks@rsd.edu](mailto:Christopher.Hendricks@rsd.edu)**

Check our website at [carmichael.rsd.edu](http://carmichael.rsd.edu) or our Facebook page for updates on when registration for fall sports will be open on Family ID.

## Clubs at CMS

*We offer a variety of clubs here at CMS available to ALL students. Clubs will start in the fall based on student interest.*

*In the past, CMS clubs have included: Leadership Club, Craft Club, Science Club, Math Club, NJHS, D&D Club, Diversity Club, and many more*

### To register for Clubs:

- **Sign-up on FamilyID:** In the Fall, watch for announcements about clubs getting up and running and sign up on FamilyID.
- **Pay ASB fee** (one-time fee each year to participate in sports, activities, and clubs)

If you have any questions, please contact our **ASB Directors:**

**Ms. Thomas & Ms. Clement**

[Shelly.Thomas@rsd.edu](mailto:Shelly.Thomas@rsd.edu) & [Crystal.Clement@rsd.edu](mailto:Crystal.Clement@rsd.edu)

## Help with FamilyID & Payments

### FamilyID Instructions -

<https://bit.ly/3zlyZim>

or use QR Code:



### Pay ASB, Sports, Chromebook Insurance, and other fees -

Pay by cash, check (made out to RSD), debit or credit card in the CMS main office, or pay online: through QR code or go to [carmichael.rsd.edu](http://carmichael.rsd.edu), under "students" select "online payments," then "Access InTouch"

