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CHERRY TREE CHATTER

KEY DATES

October 2-6

School Custodian &
Maintenance Staff
Week

October 3

Spirit Day

October 4

Late Start
Walk to School Day
PTO Bakers

October 9-13

Fall Break - No School

October 16-20

National School Bus
Safety Week

October 16

Upcoming Elf Workshop
crafts on display

October 18

Late Start
Wellness Wednesday

October 21

Ghosts & Goblins 2k/5k

October 27

Classroom Fall Parties

October 30

Elf Workshop Signup
Opens

November 1

Picture Retakes
Club Pictures

For announcements, updates, and reminders for CTE activities,
follow Cherry Tree PTO on social media!

[Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)

For a working calendar of
events, please click [HERE](#).

SCHOOL CUSTODIAN & MAINTENANCE STAFF WEEK!



This week is School Custodian and
Maintenance Staff Week!



THANK YOU to our amazing team,
Donna, Becky, Jason, & Jeremy for
caring so well for our school!

BOOSTERTHON RESULTS!

We want to say a HUGE "Thank you!" to our students, staff, and donors
for this incredible Cherry Tree Fun Run fundraiser.

We raised **\$67,956** for all PTO-sponsored student
activities, learning enhancements, supplies and materials,
technologies, programs, clubs and events.
This will directly impact our students and staff!



Our students completed over **21,000** laps
combined to help our school!



We celebrated our community coming together and created
unforgettable memories at our Cherry Tree Fun Run event.
Thank you for your support of our school. We're grateful for our Cherry
Tree Elementary School community!

FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Thank you for joining us for such
a fun evening together,
Cherry Tree Patriots!



And thank you to our PTO committee
and all the parents and volunteers
who made our event so successful!

COATS FOR KIDS

The weather will soon be turning chilly,
and our students go outside for recess
anytime weather permits.

If your child is in need of a winter coat and
you are facing financial strain, you can
register for an appointment to pick out a
coat for any child in need in your home
by visiting [this link](#).



GRANDPERSONS NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Grandpersons Night Open House will
be held on November 20th from 4-6pm.

Would you like to help?
Sign up to volunteer [HERE!](#)



WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

At Cherry Tree, we are promoting good
health with Fitness, Wellness and Fun!
We'd like our kiddos to have a little fun
during their lunch hours for one Wednesday
per month learning about wellness.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer
(background check required)





ELF WORKSHOP



Elf Workshop is coming!
Nov. 29th, Nov. 30th, & Dec. 1st
2:30 – 3:15pm at CTE

Elf Workshop is a fun after school experience for Cherry Tree students, where they will be given an opportunity to learn and create a craft, led by a parent volunteer as the "teacher."
Stay tuned for more information!
Signups open October 30th.

Would you like to help with Elf Workshop?
Click [HERE](#) to volunteer!

TREASURER'S REPORT

The current [Treasurer's Report](#) is available, as well as previous reports. Learn how your PTO dollars were used to enhance students' experiences at CTE.

Budget for the 2023-2024 school year can be viewed [HERE](#).

VOLUNTEER

We need your support! Cherry Tree PTO needs your time and talent to make this Fall's events and initiatives successful!

Parents and grandparents, please fill out the Google Form below to indicate interest in volunteering this Fall.

You will need to complete and pass a background check prior to volunteering. If you have any questions, please e-mail the PTO at cherrytreeppto@gmail.com

[VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM](#)



PTO BAKERS

Help us treat CTE teachers and staff to baked goods each month through CTE PTO Bakers! Homemade and bakery-purchased items welcome.

Sign up [HERE](#)



2023 – 2024 PTO SLATE

Click [HERE](#) to view the PTO Slate for the Executive and General Board for the 2023-2024 school year.

Thank you to all parents who are willing to fill these roles!



CTE MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT

Have you signed up for the optional [Cherry Tree Directory](#)?

If you are already a member, please update your child's teacher!

Once you create a Membership Toolkit account, you will have access to the directory and upcoming calendar events.

This is a free, optional directory for all Cherry Tree families.

SMALL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Do you own a small business?
CTE wants to support you!

Click [HERE](#) to add your business to our CTE small business directory!

CCS OPERATING REFERENDUM

What is the **OPERATING REFERENDUM?**

First passed in 2010, the Operating Referendum provides additional funds for teachers and programs. Carmel Clay Schools is asking voters for a renewal of the current \$0.19 rate that generates around **\$25 million annually**.

Search 'Referendum' on our website to learn more!

Questions? Email us at referendum@ccs.k12.in.us



CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



GHOSTS & GOBLINS 2K/5K

13TH ANNUAL
GHOSTS & GOBLINS
5K • 2K RUN/WALK

 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 9:00 AM

 CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL

This event is hosted by the Carmel Education Foundation. CEF raises money for amazing classroom projects, school activities, and scholarships! This event is for serious runners as well as anyone who likes to walk or jog. Choose either a 5K or 2K course and invite your whole family (and all your friends) to join in the fun.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
GHOSTSANDGOBLINSRUN.COM

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Costumes are a fun part of the event, but not required. If you do wear one, make sure you can see and won't easily trip. There are costume prizes, as well as prizes for being the first one in your age group to cross the finish line.

Everyone will get "treated" with snacks at the end of the course. Look for the posters around school telling you how to sign up for the GHOSTS & GOBLINS 5K/2K.

JOIN THE CCS TEAM



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SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- Work in a professional environment with a flexible schedule you control
- Positively impact the education of students in your own community
- Have the ability to select your preferred school site
- Daily Rate is \$80- \$90



For more information, contact Kelli Hackett at
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ASCENSION CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS STUDENT THERAPY SERVICES

Ascension behavioral health partners with Carmel Clay Schools to provide on-site counseling services and skills training to children and families. Services are provided all year (including school and summer breaks).



Ascension



Parents can call Ascension directly at 317-338-4951 to register and schedule your child with one of our licensed school-based counselors.

Ascension therapy services are administered through Ascension Stress Center and billed to the family's insurance. Financial assistance options are also available.

EASY, NO COST WAYS TO SUPPORT CHERRY TREE



Cherry Tree PTO is thrilled to announce a fundraising opportunity with Shutterfly.

With their help, we've created a custom online storefront where you can shop the extensive Shutterfly collection, and for every purchase made, Shutterfly will donate 8% to our Organization. Plus, you can even use applicable Shutterfly discount codes!

Please feel free to share this website with friends and family!

<http://cherrytreepto.shutterflystorefront.com/>



Kroger has a community rewards program!

Log in to your Kroger account and choose Community Rewards to add Cherry Tree Elementary PTO from the list of organizations.

Kroger donates a percentage of your spending to our school.

This is an easy no-cost way to support Cherry Tree!
Register for these programs today!



CHERRY TREE REMINDERS



PARKING

A new city ordinance now restricts using neighborhood streets near school property as a school drop off alternative. 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.



CARPOOL

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.



CHROMEBOOKS

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.

*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.



ATTENDANCE

Cherry Tree Elementary is now using School Dismissal Manager to report absences (both in advance and same-day), late arrivals, and appointments. This online tool is preferred to phone calls. Visit www.schooldismissalmanager.com.



SUPPORT CHERRY TREE

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!

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** and they are an integral part of our fundraising efforts. Thanks for your support!



STUDENT BELONGINGS

Be sure to label your student's personal belongings, such as coats/jackets, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc. If an item is missing, please be sure to have your student check the Lost and Found!

