



Camerado Springs Middle School

International Baccalaureate World School

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Welcome Back!

CSMS Parent & Student Welcome Letter

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! First and foremost, we hope each of you and your families are healthy and safe. Every new school year brings excitement and anticipation with what's to come. I am looking forward to an exciting year of learning and growing with our students and working with our professional staff. My main goal is to ensure that every student is provided the highest quality of education possible in a safe and supportive learning environment. Camerado Springs is currently an IB MYP School (International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program). The aims of an IB MYP are to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, caring young people and to encourage students to become active, compassionate, life-long learners. Our theme this year is "Dream Big," and throughout the year we will be referring to quotes from all sorts of Disney movies to gather insight on how to make middle school the best experience possible. For example, Walt Disney once said, "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." At Camerado Springs we want students to "be encouraging, be connected, and be you."

The **first day of school is Thursday, August 8th, and the first bell rings at 7:45 AM** with school starting at 7:50 AM. During this first month of school, it is important routines are established to support your child in completing his/her school work and getting help when necessary. I encourage you to contact your child's teachers if you have questions and to check the weekly bulletins which will be emailed home and available on our website. These bulletins will be full of upcoming events and pertinent information. I also encourage you to look at the Camerado Springs website at www.buckeyeusd.org/csms on a regular basis.

Prior to the start of school, we will host WOW (Welcome Our Wildcats) Day, to take care of a number of items, including picking up class schedules, purchasing PE uniforms, and checking out textbooks. **WOW Day is scheduled for Friday, August 2nd, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM.** You may come anytime between these hours. In order to receive the benefits of this day for your student, please plan on approximately one hour to get your schedule, books, PE uniform, and more. There will be a new student information system, ALMA. Information and steps on how to access student grades online will be available at WOW Day.

Students or parents may pick up the class schedule on WOW Day. If you cannot make it to the Camerado Springs Multi-Purpose Room on Friday, August 2nd, you may come by the office on Tuesday (8/6) or Wednesday (8/7) between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM. The office will not be open on Monday (8/5) due to a district in-service day. We will make sure you receive all the items that were distributed on WOW Day. Keep in mind, our librarian will have a lunch break and may not be available around noon time to check out books.

On WOW Day, you may bring any medication that your child will need during school hours. Our health clerk will be at school on this day from 8:30-2:00 PM. If you bring the medication, please note that we will need a completed (by both parent and physician) **Medication Permission Form** (available in the school office and on our school website under the Parents Tab). **In addition, our health clerk will be accepting proof of the required Tdap vaccination. This vaccination is required for all upcoming 7th graders. Seventh grade students who do not have this vaccination by WOW Day will not receive a schedule.** Please talk to our health clerk at WOW Day if you have any questions. If you already have had your child vaccinated, you may bring

verification to our office prior to WOW Day. Our office reopens on July 22nd. You can fax a copy to 530-677-9537 as well.

If your student has an overdue textbook or library book from last year, please have your son/daughter bring it to the library on WOW Day. We appreciate your help returning the previous year's books.

We hope you will take the opportunity to visit members of our Parent Club as they will have a table set up on WOW Day. They will have information on how you can support our school and get involved. The Transportation Department will also be available on WOW Day for bus transportation information and to help with signing up for a bus pass.

We are also asking that parents consider volunteering their time at Camerado Springs. We are looking for parents to serve on our school and district committees.

- **CSMS Site Council** - 3-5 parents to serve on our site council (3-4 meetings a year on Mondays @ 5:30-6:30 PM at Camerado Springs.
- **LCAP Committee** - 2 parents to serve on our district LCAP Committee (LCAP stands for Local Control Accountability Plan - Wednesdays @ 4:00-5:30 PM at the Buckeye District Office - dates TBD)
- **BUSD Budget Committee** - 2 parents to serve on the district Budget Committee (3 meetings a year on Wednesdays @ 4:00-5:30 PM at the Buckeye District Office - dates TBD)
- **BUSD Wellness Committee** - 2 parents to serve on the district Wellness Committee (2-3 meetings a year on Wednesdays @ 4:00-5:30 PM at the Buckeye District Office - dates TBD)

If interested, please email Mr. Shupe at dshupe@buckeyeusd.org.

Please be sure to note on your calendar that our Back To School Night will be held Monday, August 12th, from 6:00-7:30 PM with 6th grade hosting a general session starting at 5:30 PM.

We hope this information, in addition to that in the attached "Camerado Springs Fact Sheet & Dress Code Reminder", will make the beginning of the school year a little easier. With everyone working together, this will be an exceptional year for students, parents, and staff. Again, if you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office.

Sincerely,



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WELCOME TO CAMERADO SPRINGS!

In order to make the return to school as smooth as possible, we are providing you with some general day-to-day information about life on our campus.

- **WOW DAY (Welcome or Wildcats):** WOW Day is scheduled for Friday, August 2nd, anytime between 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM. Plan on spending about an hour picking up your schedule, checking out books, and much more.
- **Bell Schedule:** Please see the attached bell schedule. Wednesdays will be an early release day (school dismissed at 1:10 PM). The first day of school is an early release Wednesday.

Regular Day Schedule

6th Grade	Start	End	7th Grade	Start	End	8th Grade	Start	End
Breakfast	7:25 AM	7:50 AM	Breakfast	7:25 AM	7:50 AM	Breakfast	7:25 AM	7:50 AM
Per. 1 - AR	7:50 AM	8:17 AM	Per. 1 - AR	7:50 AM	8:17 AM	Per. 1 - AR	7:50 AM	8:17 AM
Period 2	8:19 AM	9:07 AM	Period 2	8:19 AM	9:07 AM	Period 2	8:19 AM	9:07 AM
Period 3	9:11 AM	9:59 AM	Period 3	9:11 AM	9:59 AM	Period 3	9:11 AM	9:59 AM
Period 4	10:03 AM	10:51 AM	Period 4	10:03 AM	10:51 AM	Period 4	10:03 AM	10:51 AM
Lunch	10:53 AM	11:28 AM	Period 5	10:55 AM	11:43 AM	Period 5	10:55 AM	11:43 AM
Period 6	11:32 AM	12:20 PM	Lunch	11:45 AM	12:20 PM	Period 6	11:47 AM	12:35 PM
Period 7	12:24 PM	1:12 PM	Period 7	12:24 PM	1:12 PM	Lunch	12:37 PM	1:12 PM
Period 8	1:16 PM	2:04 PM	Period 8	1:16 PM	2:04 PM	Period 8	1:16 PM	2:04 PM

Wednesday Early Release Day Schedule

6th Grade	Start	End	7th Grade	Start	End	8th Grade	Start	End
Breakfast	7:25 AM	7:50 AM	Breakfast	7:25 AM	7:50 AM	Breakfast	7:25 AM	7:50 AM
Per. 1 - AR	7:50 AM	7:58 AM	Per. 1 - AR	7:50 AM	7:58 AM	Per. 1 - AR	7:50 AM	7:58 AM
Period 2	8:02 AM	8:44 AM	Period 2	8:02 AM	8:44 AM	Period 2	8:02 AM	8:44 AM
Period 3	8:48 AM	9:30 AM	Period 3	8:48 AM	9:30 AM	Period 3	8:48 AM	9:30 AM
Period 4	9:34 AM	10:16 AM	Period 4	9:34 AM	10:16 AM	Period 4	9:34 AM	10:16 AM
Lunch	10:18 AM	10:52 AM	Period 5	10:20 AM	11:02 AM	Period 5	10:20 AM	11:02 AM
Period 6	10:56 AM	11:38 AM	Lunch	11:04 AM	11:38 AM	Period 6	11:06 AM	11:48 AM
Period 7	11:42 AM	12:24 PM	Period 7	11:42 AM	12:24 PM	Lunch	11:50 AM	12:24 PM
Period 8	12:28 PM	1:10 PM	Period 8	12:28 PM	1:10 PM	Period 8	12:28 PM	1:10 PM

Minimum Day Schedule

6th Grade	Start	End	7th Grade	Start	End	8th Grade	Start	End
Breakfast	7:25 AM	7:50 AM	Breakfast	7:25 AM	7:50 AM	Breakfast	7:25 AM	7:50 AM
Per. 1 - AR	7:50 AM	7:56 AM	Per. 1 - AR	7:50 AM	7:56 AM	Per. 1 - AR	7:50 AM	7:56 AM
Period 2	7:56 AM	8:30 AM	Period 2	7:56 AM	8:30 AM	Period 2	7:56 AM	8:30 AM
Period 3	8:34 AM	9:08 AM	Period 3	8:34 AM	9:08 AM	Period 3	8:34 AM	9:08 AM
Period 4	9:12 AM	9:46 AM	Period 4	9:12 AM	9:46 AM	Period 4	9:12 AM	9:46 AM
Period 6	9:50 AM	10:24 AM	Period 5	9:50 AM	10:24 AM	Period 5	9:50 AM	10:24 AM
Period 7	10:28 AM	11:02 AM	Period 7	10:28 AM	11:02 AM	Period 6	10:28 AM	11:02 AM
Period 8	11:06 AM	11:40 AM	Period 8	11:06 AM	11:40 AM	Period 8	11:06 AM	11:40 AM
Lunch	11:40 AM	12:00 PM	Lunch	11:40 AM	12:00 PM	Lunch	11:40 AM	12:00 PM

- **1st Day Reminder:** Students do not need to bring any of their books until directed to do so by their classroom teachers.
- **Back to School Night:** We have scheduled our Back To School Night for parents, Monday evening, August 12th, 6:00-7:30 PM. 6th Grade General Session in the Gym starts at 5:30 PM. Teachers will be providing valuable information about the curriculum and other opportunities for your student
- **Start and Dismissal:** The first bell rings at 7:45 am and the students are expected to be seated in their first period class at 7:50 am. Students are dismissed at 2:04 pm. Students are dismissed at 1:10 pm on Wednesdays.
- **Bus Schedule:** The new bus schedule (bus routes) will be available on the district website: <http://www.buckeyeusd.org> and select the transportation dropdown.
- **Schedule Changes:** The schedule this year is tight! Due to numbers in several of our classes, the administration may be making some schedule changes in order to balance class numbers. The changes will be made with the least disruption to the current student schedules. These changes will take place in the first week or so of school as we determine which students will no longer be returning. We will not be able to make schedule changes based on requests for particular teachers or a particular order of classes. Thank you for your patience and understanding.
- **Morning Drop Off:** There are many parents who drive their children to school in the morning. In order to make the morning drop off as timely and safe as possible, please allow extra time for traffic on Merrychase Drive, which will be inevitable. Please drive slowly and cautiously through the parking lot as there are often students crossing. **Please do not drop your student off in front of the office. There is no stopping in this area. Do not drop your child off on Merrychase and expect them to walk through oncoming traffic.** Proceed to the drop off area in front of classrooms 14-16. Students should have backpacks ready and exit as quickly as possible. Parents are asked to exit the parking lot at the west exit. Students dropped off on Merrychase or for those students who walk to school, do not cut across the front landscaping and across the drop off/pick up road. It is dangerous and students should use the appropriate sidewalks and crosswalks at all times.
- **Bike Riders and Skateboarders:** A bike rack is available for students in the fenced area at the far west end of the parking lot. A rack for students to lock up skateboards is available next to the office. Students must provide their own locks. By law, students who ride bikes or skateboards need to wear a helmet.
- **Bulletins—The Best Way to Stay Informed:** Each week a parent/student bulletin will be emailed home. This bulletin is also posted on our website: <https://www.buckeyeusd.org/csms>. Monday morning, highlights from the bulletin will be read to students in AR.

Lunches: We are happy to announce school provided breakfast and lunch will be available at no cost for the 2024/2025 school year! A wide variety of healthy and delicious items are offered for breakfast and lunch daily. Students may come to the kitchen to purchase breakfast items starting at 7:25 am. Students will let their AR teacher know if they are ordering a lunch. Menus will be posted in the classrooms and kitchen as well as posted on the district website.

- **Messages and Forgotten Supplies to Students During the Day:** Please try to set up family plans in advance of the school day. Forgotten homework, PE clothes, and lunches **WILL NOT** be delivered during the school day in order to minimize classroom disruptions. If your child has forgotten an item, he or she may come to the office during passing periods or at lunch to see if it was delivered. The office staff makes every effort to deliver messages by the end of the school day, but **we can't always guarantee that the student will receive the message.**
- **Binder Reminders:** Each student will be provided with a "Binder Reminder" or daily planner to be used for the school year. The Student Handbook and other valuable information are included in this document. Students are expected to keep track of assignments in this planner and share this information with their parents.
- **Phone Use:** The office phone is available to students in emergency situations during the school day and as needed after school (within reason). Please make arrangements for transportation, etc., with your student before school to alleviate the need for the phone to be used. Cell phones are allowed at school but are to be turned off during school hours (7:50 am – 2:04 pm).
- **Absent Students:** Attendance is one of the key factors in your child being successful in school and maximizing our funding from the state. Please consult the school calendar found on our website when planning vacations and making appointments. If your student is absent, please call the school to notify the school of the absence and the reason. If you do not contact us, we will ask for a note explaining the reason for the absence.
- **Checking Students Out of School:** If you need to check your student out of school before the end of the school day, you will need to come into the office to sign your student out. Whenever possible, please send a note with your student so that they can leave class at the appropriate time. This will cut down on the time required for us to send a student aide to retrieve them. Please note that students in PE will take a longer time to get to the office as they will need to change clothing.

While middle school is a time when students are expected to become more aware of their personal responsibilities, it is also very important that parents stay on top of their student's progress and assist them in becoming more responsible. We strongly encourage you to be in regular contact with your child's teachers. Teacher voice mail and email accounts are listed on our website. Please feel free to contact the counselor or administration if you need additional help or have concerns. We are here for you!

The staff at Camerado Springs is very excited to start the new school year, and we are looking forward to a successful and positive year. We hope that the 2024-2025 school year starts off on a good note for you and your family. We look forward to seeing you!

DRESS CODE RULES TO KEEP IN MIND...

- Shorts must have a 3" inseam or longer; skirts need to cover mid-thigh.
- No undergarments should be visible.
- Inappropriate shirts include: halter tops, crop tops, spaghetti straps, mesh or see-through sheer tops, and low cut tank tops (including the neck and arm areas of the tank top).
Shirts must not expose the midriff or cleavage. Tank top straps must be at least 1" wide.
- Pants should be worn at the waist without "sagging."
- No costumes or "costume like" attire.
- No see-through or fishnet fabrics.
- Pajama bottoms are not allowed unless it is a designated "Pajama Spirit Day".
- Holes, rips, or tears in pants should not expose skin above mid-thigh.
- Shoes with wheels are not allowed. Backless sandals and flip flops are allowed except during PE (proper shoes need to be worn at all times during PE).

A complete dress code can be found in the student binder reminder and on our school website. Thank you for your cooperation and support of our dress code.

