



Thomas C. Cario Middle School

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Cario Parents and Guardians:

I hope this letter finds your family enjoying all your favorite summer activities. We are getting more and more excited with each passing day to welcome our students back to school for what should be an amazing 2026-2027 school year. Cario, a Palmetto's Finest school, has enjoyed continued success that we are looking to continue and build upon. Our staff has been working to plan for a successful start to the new school year. We cannot wait to kick off the year on August 11th!

Please see important information and upcoming event dates below:

2026-2027 STUDENT FEES ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION:

For your convenience, the online option for paying the 2026-2027 student fees, will be available as of **8:00 AM Monday, July 27th**. All major credit and debit cards are accepted (Amex can be finicky) through the secure site on our web store page. For instructions on how to use this system (Revtrak), please see the attached directions or visit the Cario website. Fees are \$60 per student.

HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHEDULE:

If you use the online method to pay fees, you may do the following to receive a copy of your student's schedule:

Email cario_2026@charleston.k12.sc.us with a copy of your receipt attached and we will email your student's schedule back to you within 72 hours.

We will also offer a session for payment in person at Cario Middle School. All payments made in person must be in the form of cash or check. If you pay by check, please make it out to Thomas C. Cario Middle School.

This in-person payment session is scheduled for Monday, July 27th from 3:00-6:00 PM in Cario's Media Center. Once fees have been paid, you will receive a copy of your student's schedule.

REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING CCSD STUDENTS:

Completion of registration for the new school year is required. You can access your registration form by logging into your existing Parent Portal account and navigating to the left side of your dashboard and selecting "26-27 Returning Student Registration." The required residency document to upload is a current utility bill or statement.

<https://ccsdschools.powerschool.com/public/>

CAMP CARIO:

Our annual Camp Cario will be held on Thursday, August 6th, for any incoming **6th grade** student. No registration is required for this event. This special orientation runs from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. During this time, all 6th grade students will participate in an abbreviated day where they will meet their teachers and get the feel for how the first day of school will run. Parents will not be going with your student as this is the best way for your student to get used to procedures. Parents are welcome, *but not required*, to meet with me, Bryan Coleman, in the Media Center for Q & A time from 8:30-9:00 AM on this date. For more information, please see

the attached Camp Cario document. All students grade 6-8 report on Tuesday, August 11th, for the first official school day of the year.

NEW TO CARIO UPPERCLASSMEN (7/8th GRADES) ORIENTATION:

Any 7th or 8th grade student who is new to Cario is invited to come to a Cario Orientation on Thursday, August 6th from 1:30-3:00 PM in the Media Center. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. These new upperclassmen will get an overview of Cario and some resources to make this transition to a new school a little easier.

FALL OPEN HOUSES:

6th Grade Open House: Wednesday, August 19th from 5:30-7:30 PM
 7th Grade Open House: Thursday, August 20th from 5:30-7:30 PM
 8th Grade Open House: Thursday, August 20th from 5:30-7:30 PM

STUDENT ENTRY/EXIT AND TRAFFIC PATTERNS:

Students will enter the building through the media center doors in front of the school for car riders and through the 600 hallway by the gym parking lot for bus riders. The main office entrance will be reserved for those coming in late or for parents/community members. Please see the attached diagram for traffic flow around Cario for buses and cars. **NO students should ever be dropped off at CMS before 8:00 AM. Also, NO students should be dropped off or picked up outside these designated areas.** The best time for student drop-off is between 8:00-8:15 AM in front of the school. **Per district policy, the front office will not allow student sign-outs from 3:00-3:30 PM daily. Please make arrangements to pick up your children prior to 3:00 PM should they need to leave early.** If you need First Student bus route or bus pick-up information, please visit the transportation section of CCSD's main site.

EARLY DROP OFF:

We will be offering a limited capacity early drop-off this year. Space is limited and there is a \$50/month fee so that we can staff this program. Please use [this form](#) to register, knowing that space is limited. Priority will be given to CCSD staff who work in local schools, and those that were in the program last year.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Orders can be placed directly through [1st Day School Supplies](#) until July 1st, with home delivery. If you prefer to purchase your student's school supplies locally, please refer to the attached [supply list](#) for the items needed for the upcoming school year.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Please follow our REAL social media accounts for up-to-date news, events, and celebrations.

Facebook:: <https://www.facebook.com/cariomiddleschool/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/cario.comets/>

PTSO: Please consider supporting our fabulous PTSO

Website: carioptso.membershiptoolkit.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2075043742696543>

Finally, for the most up-to-date information and announcements, please visit Cario's website <https://www.ccsdschools.com/cario>

We are excited for the upcoming school year and look forward to partnering with you to support the success of your child.

Sincerely,

Bryan T. Coleman, Principal