CARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL — Parent Coffee











NASD Mission

The MISSION of the North Allegheny School District is to prepare all students for success in a changing world.



UPDATES FROM COMMITTEES

<u>SPLC</u> - CMS Representatives

- Mrs. Katie Burbick
- Mrs. Kim Aggazio

<u>SAC</u>- CMS Representatives

- Mrs. Krissy Guttendorf
- Mrs. Kimberly Stuart-Disque
- <u>UBO</u>- CMS Representative
 - Mrs. Sarah Ricci

<u>NA PAGE/GAC</u>- CMS Representative

– Mrs. Angela Woods



CMS CURRENT BUILDING ENROLLMENT (AS OF OCT. 5, 2020)

In-Person NACA **Students Students** GRADE **160 67** 152 67 7 8 172 **52** Total 484 186



CMS 2020-21 NEW CARSON STUDENTS! As of Oct. 5, 2020



WELCOME TO CMS 2020-2021!

- **Jenna Fraser** Acting Assistant Principal CMS & NAI
- Donna Affolder Front Office Administrative Asst. LTS
- Tammy May CMS Library Secretary
- Melissa Johnston CMS Librarian
- Kelly Stephans Special Education Assistant
- Elizabeth Shollenberger Full-Time Building Substitute
- Rachel Lapp F & C S Teacher
 - Kelly Ubinger Speech & Language Therapist LTS
 - Shaifali Kapil- Special Education Assistant
- Kayla Forrester- Special Education Assistant

CMS School Counselors

- Mr. Chance Petro (A-L)
 - 6th 8th grade
 - cpetro@northallegheny.org
- Mrs. Courtney Vadnais (M-Z)

 6th 8th grade
 cvadnais@northallegheny.org



CMS Counseling Department Updates

Courtney Vadnais



We Are Happy to Be Back!

- Mr. Petro and Mrs. Vadnais have begun to meet with our sixth grade students and new students to NA/CMS.
- Students are reporting they are happy to be back in the building and are quickly learning the building layout and technology demands.
- Students report the things they like most about CMS are seeing their friends after a long break, the freedom, teachers, and the school lunches!
- Students do not report having any issues wearing their masks in school. They say, "It's fine & we're just happy to be back!"

We Are Happy to Be Back!

- Counselors are not seeing an increase in anxiety from previous years.
- Although social distancing is occurring during lunches the students are still able to socialize with their friends.
- Many after school clubs will start in late fall for students to meet friends with similar interests. This is the best way for students to make new friends!



- New 8th Grade Teams
- Hallway Movement
- Lunches
- Masks & Safety Precautions
- Making it work
- Teaching in-person and on Blackboard Collaborate

New! 8th Grade Teams

Team 1 Team 2 **Bernie Fontana** John Frasca **Brandy Hugus Alex Liberatore April Michalski Heather Richards** Liz Miller Will Saunders 3

Hallway Movement







• Lunches

















CMS Information

- CMS Website
 - Morning Announcements
 - Headlines
 - Staff Contact/Directory



CMS Weekly Newsletter
 Weekly updates and information

Curricular Updates for CMS

- CMS Science Liaison
 Mr. Pat Niven
- CMS ELA Liaison

 Mrs. Lauren Bosetti
- CMS Math Liaison

 Mrs. Liz Arvay





English Language Arts Curriculum

- Transitioning into a new curriculum
- StudySync
- Annotation and close reading
- VocabularyWriting
 - Speaking and Listening



What are we doing in class? Reading and writing Blackboard Collaborate Breakout Groups Nearpod Kahoot **Quizlet Live** StudySync Blasts • Mentimeter

STUDY HARD

Exploring apps...Book creator, iMovie, etc.

+x÷

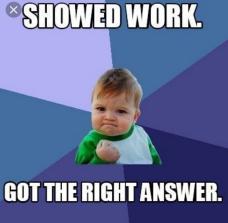
Math at CMS



Curriculum *Big Ideas* (Year 5 for NASD)

Resources being used in 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade:

- <u>Big Ideas Math website</u> Homework assignments It does an item analysis and connects a video to the concept(s) that students are learning.
- <u>Classkick App</u> Allows Teachers to see work being done completed "Live" and Teachers are able to give feedback
- <u>Google Forms</u> Assignments and Quizzes
- <u>Videos of lessons</u>
- Students should reference Teacher's Class Agenda in Blackboard





classkic

Science @ CMS

8th Grade Science @ CMS

Earth and Space Science

- Textbooks can be found on the ipad. Hard copies are available
- Current Unit: Chemistry Matter
- Labs will be occurring in class Next up will be the Periodic Table lab

This program offers students an opportunity to explore the disciplines of Astronomy, Geology, and Meteorology. Life on Earth is tied by amazing interrelationships to the oceans, minerals and rocks, the process of weathering and erosion, and the supply of natural resources.





CMS Student Council Updates



CMS Student Council Updates

- Student Council Officers for 2020-2021
 - Hannah Yang President
 - Carson Corona Vice President
 - Sadie Kim Publicity Director
 - Hallie Dong Treasurer
 - Ethan Zadnik Secretary

CMS Co-Sponsors

- Mrs. Banks
- Mr. Frasca



What Have We Done So Far?

- Welcome Back to School gift for all CMS teachers and staff members ! (new masks with NA Tiger)
- Participated in many interviews over the summer when candidates taught lessons virtually
- Purchased and donated a hand sanitizing station to CMS
- Organized and promoted annual CMS fundraiser and donation drive
- Set dates for upcoming Student Council events

What's Coming Up?

- During 1st nine weeks, we will have homeroom representative sign ups:
 - Interested students can get forms from Mr. Frasca -Room 139
 - Need representatives in grades 6-8
 - Students can sign up from October 19-30th.

• New Student Breakfast:

- In cafeteria during October
- Opportunity to meet new students and officers
- Date(s)will be announced soon

What's Coming Up?

- Spirit Week for NASD Homecoming Week!
 - Monday Wear your best mask! (Cohort 1)
 - Tuesday Black and Gold day! (Cohort 1)
 - Thursday Wear your best mask (Cohort 2)
 - Friday Black and Gold Day (Cohort 2)
- <u>New Student Breakfast</u>
 - In cafeteria during October
 - Meet officers and new friends! Date(s) TBD.

CMS Fundraiser & Donation Drive

• CMS fundraiser with Magical Holidays ends Friday, October 9th!

- Thank you to the officers for making videos, announcements, and publicizing our online fundraiser.
- To help us out with the online sale, it's as simple as 1, 2, 3!
 - 1. Register at <u>www.ShopFund.com</u>
 - 2. Share custom support links with family & friends via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, email, text, and more.
 - 3. Student Goal: Get 5 Online Supporters!
- Prefer to make donation to CMS? Click <u>here</u>!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO SUPPORT THE CMS STUDENTS!

CMS Instructional Technology Integrator

Ms. Jordan Cotten





Important Dates to Know

- <u>You can still order school pictures online</u>: Go to www.mylifetouch.com. When you get to the website to order the pictures, use the CMS Picture ID Code: EVTXFMQ94
- *<u>October 6th</u> You will receive an email form for you to select if having your child attend CMS five days a week or enrolling your child in NACA
- <u>October 9th</u> Last day for you/your child to submit an electronic order form to purchase a #Bethekindkid t-shirt



 *<u>October 11th</u>- Last day to submit your electronic form regarding your child's second nine-week choice

Important Dates to Know

- <u>October 12th</u> Cohort 1 Students- money for #Bethekindkid t-shirts due to today
- <u>October 15th</u> Cohort 2 Students- money for #Bethekindkid t-shirts due to today
- <u>November 11th</u> First nine-week grading period ends
- <u>November 16th</u> Second nine-week grading period starts
- <u>November 17th</u> CMS Picture Re-take Day

We are all in this together, and we will make it the best year for our students!



Thank You for Attending Today's CMS Parent Coffee!

During challenging times, a little laughter can go a long way...

