



Carmel Valley Middle School

A Proud Member of the San Dieguito Union High School District

September 4th, 2020

Message from the Principal

Good afternoon Bobcats community,

It is hard to believe we are already two weeks into distance learning. The CVMS leadership team would like to know how your student is doing as we continue to look for ways to support them and improve our program. The community's input is crucial to our planning process, and we encourage you to provide feedback on the [CVMS Distance Learning Parent Engagement Form](#).

CVMS leadership will be reviewing this feedback in the coming weeks in preparation for the September 16th Virtual Back to School Night (BTSN). Our goal will be to identify and address common themes in a BTSN presentation with the opportunity for a synchronous (live) meeting with CVMS leadership to follow at a later date. Stay tuned for details.

Virtual Back to School Night on September 16th will be asynchronous. This means all BTSN content will be archived and available to families to view at their convenience, as no synchronous (live) participation will occur this evening. Details to follow next week.

While we consider phased reopening options for our schools, our academic learning platform continues to be distance learning through quarter one. The first small group of middle school students to be considered for on campus learning supports will be those who require special education instruction through the modified (moderate / severe / developmentally disabled) or seaside (social-emotional) programs. Families will remain informed as plans are developed and broader communication will follow when we expand our focus to additional student groups. Please know that safety is our number one priority and if we cannot make on-site activities safe, pursuant to the CDPH guidelines, we will not implement them.

I hope you find the school business and important

Upcoming Events

9/3 & 9/4	STAR Reading Assessment
9/16	Virtual Back To School Night

General News & Information

Need Headphones for Google Meets?

We've all noticed the benefits of using headphones while distance learning. The amazing CVMS PTSA would like to purchase headphones for students. If you are in need, please complete this [short survey](#).

School Meals

[Distance Learning School Meals Info \(Spanish\)](#)
[School Meal Pick Up Locations and Times](#)

Free and Reduced Lunch

The application deadline has been extended to October 7th, 2020. Families can apply [online](#) or download the application in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Attendance Reminder

Just like during regular on campus instruction, if your student will be absent from a class or the entire day please email cvattendance@sduhsd.net in advance.

CVMS Yearbook

This year's start looked a bit different than ones from the past, and we'd like to make sure we record this part of history. Please submit two photos: one from this school year's first day, and one from an elementary first day. Please include your child's first and last name, the grade/location of the photo, and email it all to angela.halpin@sduhsd.net by September 9th.

updates helpful in this week's newsletter. As we proceed into the first quarter with distance learning, our emphasis will remain on student connectedness, wellness, and social emotional learning. Over the next month, the goal of the previously mentioned [CVMS Distance Learning Parent Engagement Form](#), BTSN, and synchronous events is to engage with our community in a variety of ways to continue learning how CVMS can best support our students during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Chuck Adams
CVMS Interim Principal

Message from the Assistant Principal

It has been another busy, but successful week here at CVMS. Our first round of STAR Assessments will wrap up on Friday, September 4. I'd like to send a big shout out to every student who diligently tested, and to the Math, English and Special Education teachers for making it happen! Please be on the lookout for an email from me regarding make up testing next week on Tuesday (9/8) and Wednesday (9/9).

This week, CVMS also had our first "Single Period Wednesday" schedule. During these shortened periods, some teachers may choose to assign independent (asynchronous) work to ensure that students have enough time to complete their assignments. Even though there may be no live class meeting, the students are expected to complete the assigned work during that period to indicate that they were "present" and "engaged." Students who fail to complete the assigned tasks during the class period will be marked absent.

Adam Bishop
CVMS Interim Assistant Principal\

CVMS Spirit Wear Now On Sale!

Please visit the [ASB Webstore](#) where you'll find lots of awesome Bobcat gear and email patricia.pike@sduhsd.net to coordinate pickup.

Counseling Update

The new alphabetical breakdown for CVMS school counselors is as follows:

- Last Name A-F: Carsen Murt
- Last Name G-Z: Karen Infantino

Please email your counselor prior to September 29th to change your math or English placement. Changes will be granted on a space available basis. Parents please email your student's counselor directly if you need assistance or would like to request a meeting. Students should use the [counselor request form](#) which can also be found on the [CVMS counseling](#) page.

A quick reminder to have your students consistently check their **district** email. Students will only receive classroom, school and district communication to their district email and while we realize this may be new for students, we don't want them to miss any important information.

Finally, did you know the [CVMS website](#) can be translated into 18 languages? Be sure to check out the translate feature in the upper right corner on our home page or on any of the [district websites](#).

Your CVMS School Counselors,

Karen Infantino
Carsen Murt

PTSA News

While we are finalizing all the great programs we are planning for this year both the Principal and I think that participating in the Reflections program would be a great opportunity for our students to express themselves and connect with each other. Students can submit their interpretation of "I Matter Because..." by Dance, Literature (story/poem), Photography, Film, Music, Visual Arts and Special Arts.

For more information visit our [PTSA website](#). **The PTSA is still in need of a parent to chair this program, please contact the PTA President at rweale@gmail.com if interested**

We still need volunteers...

We are also missing 2 volunteers for the PTSA Board. One for Communications and the other to help coordinate Volunteers. If you are interested please email the PTSA President at rweale@gmail.com.

To join the PTSA and maybe make a donation please visit [our website](#).

Double the impact of your donation (or more!) through your employer and an employee corporate matching program. Please check with your employer for details..

We are in this together!

Repeated News

[Community Copy of CVMS Weekly News 8-28-20](#)
[CVMS Community Update August 20th, 2020](#)
[CVMS Distance Learning and Tips for Success](#)

Touchscreen Chromebooks for all Students

On Tuesday, August 18th, our Board of Trustees took action to purchase 13,000 Chromebooks in an effort to create equity and access for all students. Additionally, this will provide a common platform for both teachers and students to navigate distance learning.

Current Chromebook Troubleshooting

If you are experiencing [connectivity problems](#) with your District issued Chromebook (i.e. losing connection while in a Google Meet) shut it down completely then power it back on. This should automatically install the required updates to get you back up and running. You should fully shut down the Chromebook each evening to ensure updates are automatically installed. If this does not resolve the issue please email ian.richards@sduhsd.net.

RESOURCES

Social Emotional Supports

[Care Solace Local Counseling Referrals](#)
[Coping Strategies](#)
[Each Mind Matters - Mental Health Supports](#)
[Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services](#)

Technology & Instructional Resources

[Aeries Communications Troubleshooting](#)
[SDUHSD Tech Hub Page](#)
[The Essentials To Getting Started](#)
[SDUHSD Middle School Distance Learning Schedule](#)
[CVMS 1st Quarter Instructional Calendar](#)

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