

# CVMS

February 16, 2024

# NEWSLETTER

## From the Principal

Good afternoon, Bobcat Families!

As we move into an extended weekend, there are so many good things to report..

Our Student Council engaged with CVMS administration and counselors to discuss strategies to improve campus life and build a more positive school culture. I continue to be inspired by the level of self-awareness, personal reflection, and courage of our student leaders.

On Thursday, we conducted our regularly scheduled emergency drills, and each drill went very smoothly. Our Bobcats took the drill seriously and were efficient and orderly throughout.

Finally, I am sad to report that our staff volleyball team was CRUSHED by our Bobcat Volleyball Tournament winners. Our veteran presence was just no match for their youthful skill and energy.

Have a great weekend. Go Bobcats! Grrrrr...

Adam Bishop  
Interim Principal

## Upcoming Events

2/19 - 20 NO SCHOOL  
President's Days

2/21 Single Period Day

2/21 Virtual ISPE Q&A

2/22 8th Grade Panorama  
Photo during PAW

2/26 Late Start

2/26 Site Council 3-4 p.m.

2/27 ML Learner Parent Meeting  
6:00 p.m. at CVMS

2/28 Bobcat Brag Party - PAW

2/28 7th Grade Elective Fair at  
Lunch

Every Tues/Thurs:  
Academic Power Hour (tutoring) in the  
Learning Commons



## Donate to CVMS

Thank you to everyone who has already donated. If you haven't please consider donating to Carmel Valley Middle School! Every dollar helps support programs on campus!

[cvmsptsa.square.site/fundraiser](https://cvmsptsa.square.site/fundraiser)



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# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Some reminders regarding student attendance:

## ATTENDANCE/HOMEWORK

Daily attendance is an essential part of your student's education. When your student is absent a parent or guardian should call the school *each day of their absence*, NOT when they return to school. If a call is not made, students must bring a note. We need to know why your student was not at school.

**THE ONLY VALID EXCUSES PER STATE LAW ARE LISTED BELOW. ANY OTHER IS CONSIDERED UNEXCUSED:**

- \*Illness
- \*Medical appointments
- \*Religious holidays
- \*Mandated court appearance
- \*Death in the immediate family

**REMEMBER**– A student's absence must be cleared by a parent or guardian within 48 hours by way of (1) telephone verification (2) a note or (3) an email to the Attendance Secretary.

Email: [cvattendance@sduhsd.net](mailto:cvattendance@sduhsd.net)

Phone 858-481-8221 x 3011

Sincerely,  
Nathan Molina  
Assistant Principal

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The high school selection window has now closed. Families can expect welcome notification emails with school specific information and registration timelines on the afternoon of February 26th.

Progress reports for students who are currently earning "D" or "F" grades are available to view in AERIES. Please use the "Grades" tab and not the "Gradebook" tab that you may be used to using.

CVMS hosted its third annual elective fair for our incoming sixth graders on Tuesday. We were happy to welcome so many future Bobcats and their families and so enjoyed their enthusiasm and positive energy. Many thanks to our elective teachers for giving up their time to share about their classes. We are also grateful to the many current CVMS students who worked alongside their teachers to explain their elective from a student perspective.

With high school selection over and registration on the horizon, this is often the time of year we see our eighth graders struggle with having one foot in high school and one foot in middle school. Some students see a slight drop in academic performance and motivation as students are just ready to be done with middle school. For others, it can be a change in friends or friend groups as students may feel that they need to hang out more with people who are going to "their" high school. Students may also be a little nervous about leaving middle school and delving into the unknown of high school. All of these feelings are very valid and need to be acknowledged. Listening to student concerns is a great way to help them transition into high school. Remember back just a few short years when they were first coming to CVMS and the myriad of thoughts, questions and mixed feelings that went with it. We also need to remind students that middle school isn't done quite yet and that both their head and their hearts need to be firmly planted here at CVMS for just a bit longer.



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# ASB & GENERAL NEWS



## ASB Events.

### Volleyball Results

We finished up the Volleyball Tournament this week! Congratulations to team 12, 1st annual CVMS Volleyball Champions, Raegan, Chase, Maya, Hana, Hailey, and Addi! Team 12 went on to play the staff team (Mr. Loeffler, Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Hennigan, Mr. Boyles, Ms. Strefurt, and Mrs. Vermilyea) on Thursday. Team 12 defeated the staff team 18-10. We have some very talented athletes! Congratulations team 12!!

**The 24-25 ISPE Application** is now open on the [SDUHSD ISPE website](#). The next Student/Parent Virtual ISPE Q&A Session will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, so please encourage parents/students to join should they have any questions.

[Talking with Children about Grief and Loss](#) - February 21st from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at San Dieguito Academy - Mustang Commons 800 Santa Fe Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024

**Yearbooks!!** We only have 130 remaining to sell - go to [Jostens.com](#) to buy yours today!

Yearbook wants your photos! We would love your Valentines and/or Boys and Girls Club sports photos! Please submit photos [here](#). You can also email them to [cvyearbook@sduhsd.net](mailto:cvyearbook@sduhsd.net)



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# PTSA NEWS



Parents of 8th grade students, some of you may have already attended the high school tours with your students in preparation for next year. Here is a link with the high school selection and enrollment information & deadlines:

<https://www.sduhsd.net/Parents--Students/Student-Resources/High-School-Selection/index.html>

The CVMS PTSA Membership Drive has started! By joining the CVMS PTSA, your dues support our school and students. PTSA members can vote on the PTSA budget and PTSA Board Officers. Memberships are \$25 per person. Joining the PTSA does not mean you are obligated to volunteer or make other commitments at our school. To sign up for a PTSA Membership visit: [PTSA Membership](#).

Shop to Support - In addition to our annual fundraiser that is coming up, there are other easy ways you can support CVMS every day. Shop these retailers and the CVMS PTSA receives donations when you make a purchase.

Ralphs Community Contribution Program – link your Ralphs card account and they will send a donation every time you swipe your card. [Click here](#) for instructions.

# CVMS MUSIC BOOSTERS



The Carmel Valley Middle School band will perform the National Anthem at the SD Gulls game on Friday, March 22nd. The game starts at 7 - doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and 20% of the proceeds will be returned to the CVMS music program. Click [here](#) to get your tickets today.

We look forward to seeing you at our Elective Fair, Tuesday February 13th at 3:30 with a special Music Showcase at 4:30 in the Performing Arts Center

Volunteers: The CVMS Music Boosters are always looking for volunteers to assist in making instrumental music available to all CVMS students for years to come. If you are interested, please take a moment to complete this [volunteer form](#).

Please consider a tax deductible [donation](#) to our Music Department! Your generosity ensures a robust music program like no other for this year and beyond!



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# RESOURCES AND LINKS

[CVMS Website](#)  
[CVMS Calendar](#)  
[CVMS PTSA](#)

[CVMS Bell Schedule](#)  
[SDUHSD Website](#)

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## REPEATED NEWS

**PE & Spiritwear:** PE clothing & spiritwear items are still on sale at the Finance Window or through the CVMS webstore [link](#). New reversible sweatshirts in new colors are available.

### **Carmel Valley Library Information**

February [Youth Buzz](#)

[2024 Winter Reading challenge](#)

Job Opportunity at CVMS: We have a job opportunity for a part-time Campus Supervisor at Carmel Valley Middle School. The hours are 11:06 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Please visit the job posting for more information:

[Click here](#)



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# Message from the Superintendent's Office

Good Afternoon SDUHSD Community,

As we begin the second half of the school year, I extend my sincere appreciation for your unwavering support and involvement in our educational community. I am pleased to share that the SDUHSD District Office modernization project has reached completion. Our district office, located at 710 Encinitas Boulevard, is now open for operations from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

At our board meeting this week, we received an annual update from Pacific Trails Middle School and an overview presentation of the SDUHSD student performance data as summarized on the California Dashboard. Overall, we have a lot to celebrate.

- Our students continue to have high levels of academic achievement.
- Our high schools have very high graduation rates, and our middle schools have seen a decline in chronic absenteeism.

As we move forward and use the Dashboard to inform our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), we are going to be paying close attention to specialized student groups.

## Additional Board Meeting Highlights

**Aquatics Facility at Torrey Pines:** The Board stated its intent to build an aquatics facility at Torrey Pines High School and directed the Superintendent to collaborate with staff and the community to present details about how to fund and accomplish this project.

**Governance Handbook:** This is a document that is agreed upon by the Superintendent and all five members of the Board of Education which outlines how the team will work together. Approval of this handbook, a first for SDUHSD, is a reflection of the governance team's commitment to working effectively in a way that best benefits all students.

As Superintendent, together with the Governing Board, we are united in providing a high-quality education for each and every student to demonstrate academic growth and optimize individual potential.

Additional information on all items from this week's Board agenda can be found on the district website or directly [here](#).

We appreciate your ongoing support of SDUHSD students and look forward to a successful second half of the school year together.

Sincerely,

Anne Staffieri, Ed.D.