



Carmel Valley Middle School

A Proud Member of the San Dieguito Union High School District

December 16, 2018

Message from the Principal

Dear Bobcat Families,


It is hard to believe that we are entering into our last week before Winter Break! What a great feeling it is to be able to go into a two-week break feeling so confident and positive about our school community, wonderful staff, and AMAZING students!

We are doing great things on campus, both in classrooms and out...and speaking of doing great things on campus, I wanted to send a friendly reminder that our wellness challenge for this week is to "connect with your peers" by staying off your phones on Thursday! We heard that some of our students have a "no phones Thursday" rule among their friends, and thought that it was a great idea to try to implement schoolwide! We will gently encourage students to be off their phones on Thursday, but will not penalize anyone for having (or choosing) to use their phones. The idea is to connect (face to face) with peers. Next week's challenge, even though we are on holiday, is to connect with family and friends by spending some quality time with them. We hope that you are able to enjoy these challenges as well :)

Mark your 2019 calendars with these two events coming up in January!

We will have a National Blue Ribbon Ceremony Celebration on Tuesday, January 15th at 12:05 p.m. We will begin with a short ceremony and presentation of the award and will continue to

Upcoming Events

Mon 12/17	Even Day - Periods 0.2.4.6 w/PAW
Tues 12/18	Odd Day - Periods 0.1.3.5
Weds 12/19	Even Day - Periods 0.2.4.6 Bobcat Brag Party during PAW
Thurs 12/20	Odd Day - Periods 0.1.3.5
Fri 12/21	*MINIMUM DAY* <i>Winter Wonder Grams Delivered!</i>
12/24-01/04	 WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL Happy Holidays!
Mon 1/7	LATE START
Tues 1/8	Odd Day - Periods 0.1.3.5
Weds 1/9	Even Day - Periods 0.2.4.6
Thurs 1/10	Odd Day - Periods 0.1.3.5 <i>High School & Beyond 6:00 pm</i>
Fri 1/11	Even Day - Periods 0.2.4.6

ASB News & Student Activities

Holiday Grams will be on sale Dec. 12th - 20th at lunch for \$1.00. All grams will be delivered on Friday, Dec. 21st during 4th period.

The Week of Dec. 17th - 21 will be "**Festive Holiday Wear Week**"! Students can show their holiday spirit by wearing fun hats, sweaters or onesies!!

Junior Optimist Club - The Optimist Club of Del Mar - Solana Beach is hosting its annual **Essay Writing Contest**. Previous winners have been CVMS students!

celebrate with our students through the two lunch periods (Assembly Block Day Schedule) with music from our DJ and other fun activities.

The postponed dance party has been rescheduled to Thursday, January 17th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. All previously purchased tickets can be used for this dance party, and we will be selling more tickets in January. Thank you for your patience as we worked on finding a new date!

Remember, Friday is a minimum day with an early release (12:35 end time for period 6). Our next newsletter will be next year on January 5, 2019 ;). Wishing all of our Bobcats a warm, loving, joyous, and peaceful holiday break!

Have a great week,

Vicki Kim
Principal
GO Bobcats!!

General News & Info

LOST AND FOUND

Many student lunch bags and other items have been found around campus and have been placed in the lost and found bin outside the Administration Office. Please have your student check the lost and found for any missing items before **Friday, December 21st**. All remaining items will be removed from the lost and found bin over the winter break and no longer available for pick up. To make it easier for your student to find their lunch bag and water bottle when lost, please write their name on them.

MINIMUM DAY Friday, December 21st

The schedule for the week of 12/17 through 12/21 will be different since we have a Minimum Day on Friday. Please see the schedule above as well as special events going on. Monday will be an Even Day and Friday will be a Minimum Day. **Also, if your student rides the bus, please note that the buses will not pick up students from school until approximately 1:15 pm on Friday.** If you can make arrangements to pick up your student from school or have them find a ride home this day, please do so.

Yearbook

The Yearbook Staff has discovered that there are some discrepancies in the school portraits. Some photos have incorrect names attached to photos. Photos of portraits have been displayed in the windows of room 309 & 905 for two weeks. Please remind your child to double check their photo and name.

Please notify Mrs. McVay by email at debbie.mcvay@sduhsd.net or in person, if any of the following are issues with school portraits:

- Incorrect spelling of name**
- Incorrect photo**
- Wrong name attached to the photo**
- No photo at all**
- **More than one photo-which one should go into the yearbook?**
- If you don't want your child's photo in the yearbook, please email me at debbie.mcvay@sduhsd.net**

School yearbook photos will continue to be displayed in the windows of 309 & 905. Please remind your student to double check their photo and the spelling of their name. Any changes should be brought to the attention of Mrs. McVay at school or emailed at: debbie.mcvay@sduhsd.net

Photos will be finalized with the yearbook publisher on Friday, December 21, 2018. Please understand it is impossible to make changes to portraits after 12/21.

The yearbook class is looking for photos of the following:

- Bobcat sports teams
- Summer vacation (student name & place.)
- Pets (must be with student)
- ISPE photo
- Upcoming winter vacation travels

PTSA News

Building Connections

Thank you to the PTSA volunteers who helped students create cards for friends, family, and people in the community last Friday at lunch to support December's theme of **connectedness**.

The Julia Robinson Math Festival is back!

Coffee with the Principal January 16 - with the High School Principals!

Join us for Coffee with the Principals at 8:45 am on January 16 to hear more about high school from the Torrey Pines Principal, Robert Coppo and the Canyon Crest Principal, Brett Killeen. They will present information on high school in general as well as differences between the two schools. This is a great opportunity for 8th grade parents. We hope to see you there!

Attendance News

With the holidays just around the corner, please remember if your student will be absent from school, leaving early or arriving late, please notify our Attendance Office IN ADVANCE by email or phone. To report an absence please be prepared with:

- Student's name (with spelling) and Student ID #
- Your name and relationship to student
- The reason for absence
- The date of the absence
- A contact phone number

When emailing, please specify in the subject line "Absence" and include the above listed information. For absences related to illness, please contact the attendance office for each day your student is absent. For personal business absences, such as travel, one email is sufficient with the reason and dates your student is absent.

Email: cvattendance@sduhsd.net

Phone: 858.481.8221 x3011

If you are picking up your student early, please be prepared to show your ID.

Counseling News

High School & Beyond Presentation

January 10 6:00 pm for 8th grade parents

When we return from Winter Break, the counselors will host a Parent Information session for 8th grade parents at 6:00 pm in the PAC. This session will explain basic information you will need to know when your child goes to high school. This information is helpful no matter which school your student will choose after middle school. All 8th grade parents are invited to attend! 8th grade students will receive this information via their classes as well.

This fun, non-competitive event features problem-solving and fun math and logic games for late elementary-high school students.

Friday, Jan 11, 5-8 pm, PAC. [More information here.](#)

End of year giving. Did you know contributions to the CVMS PTSA are tax-deductible? Support our vital programs with a donation before Dec 31 at cvmsptsa.com.

CVMS Music Notes

Our CVMS Band will be doing a National Anthem Performance for San Diego Gulls Game & Fundraiser Feb. 6th - Don't miss it!!

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in the front office. A portion of the proceeds are going back to our music programs. For more information, please [click here](#).

Farmers Insurance Open - Discounted Golf Tickets Available! January 23-27, 2019

Torrey Pines Golf Course

Discounted (any) 1 day tickets for \$35 each (regularly \$65 each) available now! There is only a limited number of tickets available, so act now. Sales benefit our CVMS Music Program – we get \$25 for every ticket sold to buy instruments, sheet music, music stands and support trips!

Please go to the following link to purchase tickets:

<https://www.cvmsmb.org/product-page/discounted-farmers-open-tickets> .For any questions please email Kathia Zamora at President@cvmsmb.org.

Donate to CVMS Music Program today

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our amazing music program at CVMS so far this school year! Your support enables students to have a robust music program like no other!

Corporate Matching

Many companies in the area offer a corporate match for its employees' charitable contributions. Please consider inquiring whether your company may provide a corporate match to your tax-deductible 501c contribution to CVMS Music Boosters. For any questions please email Neetu Agarwal at: treasurer@cvmsmb.org.

Private school recommendations: If you are an 8th grade parent and your student is needing references for a private school as a 9th grader, please direct any transcript and administrator/counselor requests to Tracy Ngo, our Counseling Secretary. If you are using an on-line recommendation system, please email Tracy at Tracy.Ngo@sduhsd.net so that she can be aware of any schools that will be sending requests/recommendations to her and can begin to assemble needed information. Please be sure that you have signed the exchange of information included as part of the application so that we are able to send transcripts. Any teacher recommendation requests can be sent directly to the individual teacher. Please be sure to allow enough time for a thoughtful recommendation to be completed. Please know that transcripts will not be sent out until the end of the first semester so that first semester 8th grade grades are included.

Moving? If you are planning to move at the end of the semester, we wish you well and are glad you were able to be part of our Bobcat Family. Please be sure to notify Tracy Ngo as early as possible prior to your student's last day of attendance for a smooth transition from CVMS.

The Counseling Office Staff sends our best wishes for a wonderful vacation and the happiest of new years.

Wellness News

We are happy to announce that the Wellness Committee is challenging students for the month of December to get connected with their school community. It's important to connect because getting to know new students is a great way to make real meaningful connections. Here are the challenges each week:

Week 1 - Connect with your school community by saying Hello to five new people - one a day.

Week 2 - Connect with your community by showing love and caring for others (PTSA is providing a holiday card for students on 12/14)

Week 3 - "No phones Thursday"

Week 4 - (During the holidays) Connect with your family and friends by spending some quality time with them.

Thanks for making meaningful connections with your students.

[NEED A HOLIDAY GIFT FOR YOUR STUDENT?](#)

CONSIDER PURCHASING A CVMS

REVERSIBLE PULLOVER or ZIP-UP SWEATSHIRT FOR \$35.00

These can be purchased through the [ASB Webstore](#) or in the front office!

RESOURCES & LINKS

[CVMS Website](#)

[CVMS Bell Schedule](#)

[SDUHSD Website](#)

[CVMS Calendar](#)

[CVMS PTSA](#)

[CVMS Special Education Resources](#)

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