



# Carmel Valley Middle School

A Proud Member of the San Dieguito Union High School District

December 2, 2022

## Message from the Principal

Dear Bobcat Families,

I hope that everyone had a restful Thanksgiving break. The next three weeks will be a blur as you will find we will get to the end of the semester in the blink of an eye! On that note, please know that students and staff will be busy closing out the semester with final projects and exams and many activities from now until the last day of school this month (Dec. 22) - please note that Thursday, Dec. 22nd is a [Minimum Day](#).

Our next school dance party will be next week on Thursday, December 8. We ask that students bundle up for this dance as the weather will likely be cold during this dance! Of course, the cold weather is also great incentive for the students to dance the night away, which they typically do during this dance!

Please save the dates for our upcoming [Holiday Concerts](#). We hope to see you all there!

Have a great weekend, everyone! Go Bobcats!!

Vicki Kim  
Principal

## Assistant Principal's Message

### Academic Honesty

As we near the end of the semester, please review with your student(s) the SDUHSD Academic Honesty Policy as outlined in the CVMS Handbook on page 12. Cheating and plagiarism have been the most frequent occurrences of academic concern this

## Upcoming Events

12/8	"Snowball Dance Party" 5-7pm
12/12	Late Start Monday
12/13 - 12/14	Winter Holiday Concerts
12/14-12/21	Winter Wonder Grams on sale
12/19-12/22	Festive Holiday Gear
12/22	Minimum Day 12:25 pm Release

## ASB News & Student Activities

### Snowball Dance Dec. 8th 5-7pm

Tickets are on sale now for \$10.00 at the finance window! We will have music, food and lots of fun! You won't want to miss it! No tickets will be sold at the door.

### Winter Wonder Grams

WWG will be on sale starting 12/14 for \$1.00 in front of the finance window at lunch. Grams will be delivered on Dec. 22 to students in 4th period class.

### Festival Holiday Gear Week 12/19-12/22

Students and staff are invited to wear their favorite festive holiday gear all week to get in the holiday spirit!

**Yearbooks: We only have 40 remaining to sell!!!** Buy yours today before it's too late -all sales are online through the attached link at [Jostens](#). Prices will increase on December 24.

**Photo Submission-** We are looking for photos of your Bobcat for our Hopes and Dreams page. Do you have a photo that showcases your student doing something that is a hope or dream for their future self? Contribute yearbook photos [here!](#) You can also email me photos at [cvyearbook@sduhsd.net](mailto:cvyearbook@sduhsd.net).

semester. We want to promote good decision making and ensure our students complete their own work as the grading period closes on December 22.

### **Tardy Policy**

A reminder about the CVMS tardy policy as written in the CVMS Handbook:

"Students will arrive in class on-time, which means seated and prepared by the 2nd bell."

Tardiness distracts students and teachers, having a negative impact on the classroom learning environment. The consequence for repeated tardiness is detention, parent contact and a possible referral to the School Attendance Review Board.

Thank you for your support in delivering the message to your student about the importance of getting to class on time.

### **E-Bike/E-Scooter Tags**

E-TRANSPORTS MUST HAVE TAGS BY DECEMBER 12!

All students that attended our E-bike safety presentation can now stop by the administration building to pick up their green CVMS bike tag. Tags have a registration number that will be associated with your students e-bike or scooter. Student Bikes will be checked beginning Please see Mr. Neal and/or Mrs. Pike in the admin building.

*Nathan Molina*

Assistant Principal

### **Counseling Update**

Our December Career Speaker Series is right around the corner on December 8th. Registration is now open for students via the learning commons google classroom. Students can choose to hear Thomas Higdon, Senior Motion Designer/Producer from the Creative Arts Department of the San Diego Padres or Tanya Ditschun, Director of Food Science and Technology from the Firmenich Flavor Company. There are plenty of available seats, but students must sign up to attend. Please encourage your student to sign up.

D/F progress grades are now updated on AERIES and can be viewed in the grades tab.

**8th Grade Student Recognition**- Parents of 8th graders - You may purchase a Yearbook Recognition Ad for your graduating Bobcat and it will appear in this year's yearbook. Guidelines and ordering details are found [here](#).

### **PTSA News**

#### **CVMS Holiday Gift Drive**

The CVMS PTSA is partnering with the Boys & Girls Club of San Dieguito to fulfill holiday wishes for children in our community. We have filled all the spots for the kids' wishes!

If you would still like to support this drive, we're also gathering donated gift cards to local grocery stores, which also can be dropped off in the front office. Suggested denomination is \$25. [Click here](#) to sign up.

Questions? Email Ruby Evans at [rubyevans11@gmail.com](mailto:rubyevans11@gmail.com).

#### **Volunteers Needed for the Snow Ball Dance:**

ASB needs your help to serve food and drinks during the school dance. Volunteers please sign in at the front office and meet the ASB team at the Bobcat Grill. Please be prompt at 4:45pm and you will be done at 7pm. [Click here](#) to sign up.

#### **CVMS Holiday Cookie Exchange - December**

**15:** The PTSA will host a holiday cookie exchange for CVMS staff. Volunteers are needed to donate homemade or store bought holiday cookies. [Click here](#) to sign up.

#### **PTSA Board for the 2023-2024 school year:**

This year, the PTSA Executive Board majority consists of parents of 8th grade students. In order to build informed potential members for next year's board, we invite 7th grade parents to learn more about any of our board positions by "shadowing" our current board members for a few weeks this fall or winter. You would not be committed to taking that position next year. You are simply learning about the available positions and how that role on the PTSA works together with all the other roles. You could even try "shadowing" more than one position. You are not expected to attend this year's board meetings, though attending \*one\* is encouraged. If you are interested, please reach out to President Leila Currah at [cvms.president@gmail.com](mailto:cvms.president@gmail.com), or feel free to approach any board member directly to ask about their role.

Please note that if your student received a "D" or "F" notice, they are in danger of not passing a class.

If you are moving out of the CVMS area for the next semester, please email Tracy Ngo at [Tracy.Ngo@sduhsd.net](mailto:Tracy.Ngo@sduhsd.net) so she can help with a smooth transition to your next school.

Please note teachers or staff do not write letters of recommendation or complete rating scales for private schools. If you need help obtaining transcripts or other records, please contact our registrar Tracy Ngo.

## General News & Info

**Health Note:** Cold and flu season is here!

Help keep your child and family healthy with these few tips:

- \*get a flu vaccine each year
- \*cover your mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, or if no tissue, use upper part of sleeve
- \*wash your hands with warm soapy water often OR use hand sanitizer if no water/soap is available
- \*wipe doorknobs and surfaces with household disinfectant as flu virus can live on surfaces for 24 hours
- \***STAY HOME** when you are sick and if you have a temperature over 100 degrees. You must be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication before returning to school.

## Music Boosters

**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](#).

**Upcoming Music events** Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Winter Concerts!

5:00 PM Student Arrival  
5:30 PM Doors Open  
6:00 PM Concert Begins

### CVMS Orchestras, Tuesday December 13th

- Bobcat Orchestra
- Symphony Club
- Chamber Orchestra

### CVMS Bands, Wednesday, December 14th

- Bobcat Band
- Jazz Band
- Advanced Band

### Donate to CVMS Music Program and help us

**reach our \$20,000 Goal!** The Music Boosters rely on parent donations to ensure that the art of music is available to all CVMS students for years to come.

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! [Click here!](#)

### Shop at Ralphs and give to the CVMS Music

**Boosters:** Ralph's is Giving Back to Our Communities! It's Easy... just shop, swipe your card & earn! For more info [click here](#).

**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 Tamila Leychkis: [treasurer@cvmsmb.org](mailto:treasurer@cvmsmb.org).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the CVMS Music Program, contact Mr. Patterson at [alexander.patterson@sduhsd.net](mailto:alexander.patterson@sduhsd.net) or if you have questions about the CVMS Music Boosters and how to volunteer, contact Marisela Abasta at [president@cvmsmb.org](mailto:president@cvmsmb.org)

## Repeated News

**STEM Donations** - Our CVMS STEM classes are looking for building sets. If you have any old Legos, Tinker Toys, Kinex, wooden blocks or other building type sets that you do not need anymore please consider donating it to CVMS STEM classes. We appreciate all your support!

**Student Medications** - Students who take continuing prescribed or over the counter medication during school hours will need an [Authorization to Administer Medication form](#) filled out and signed by a parent and doctor. Turn in completed forms and medications to the Health Office. Please note that a new form is required for each new school year.

**Students may NOT carry any medication on campus** (with the exception of asthma inhalers and Epipens, provided the required forms are on file with the Health Office).

### ILL OR INJURED STUDENTS

If a student becomes ill or injured during the day, it is important they ask their teacher for a pass to the Health Office to check out from there. **Students should NOT make arrangements to go home by calling or texting their parent(s) from class.** If it is determined that they need to go home, a parent, guardian, or emergency contact will be notified. Keep your student home for 24 hours after the following conditions: fever has subsided (without fever reducing medications), vomiting has stopped, or starting antibiotics, including those for eye and skin infections. **For more information, contact CVMS Health Technician Susan Vieira, at 858-481-8221 x3014 or email her at: [cv.healthoffice@sduhsd.net](mailto:cv.healthoffice@sduhsd.net)**

### CVMS Attendance

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 the 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](mailto:cvattendance@sduhsd.net)

Phone: 858.481.8221 x3011

### Appointments During School

If your student is leaving early with an off-campus pass, please provide the same info as above. Please state the reason, time, and if they are returning. After you have done this, please ask your student to pick up their off-campus pass from the front office before school, passing period, and lunch.

If your student is going to be picked up early from school by one of your emergency contacts, please inform the front office via phone or email ahead of time.

## RESOURCES & LINKS

[CVMS Website](#)

[CVMS Bell Schedule](#)

[SDUHSD Website](#)

[CVMS Calendar](#)

[CVMS PTSA](#)

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