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Band

Band is not just a program, but an exciting class that focuses on performance skills on various band instruments from the Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion instrument families. Emphasis is placed on the development of fundamental skills including posture, breathing, embouchure, fingerings, rhythm counting, music reading, tone, and critical listening. Students get to show off their skills through required in-school and evening concerts throughout the year.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: during class, select activity periods, afterschool rehearsals, and evening performances

Where: band room and auditorium stage

Cost: Students must have their own instrument and the instrumental supplies listed in the band handbook which can include reeds, valve oil, cleaning supplies, etc.

Sponsor: [Miss Geary](#)



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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Do you like to read? Do you like to talk about what you read? Or answer trivia questions about books? This is the place for you! Come talk about books with others like you!

Space will be limited based on the number of books available in the club.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

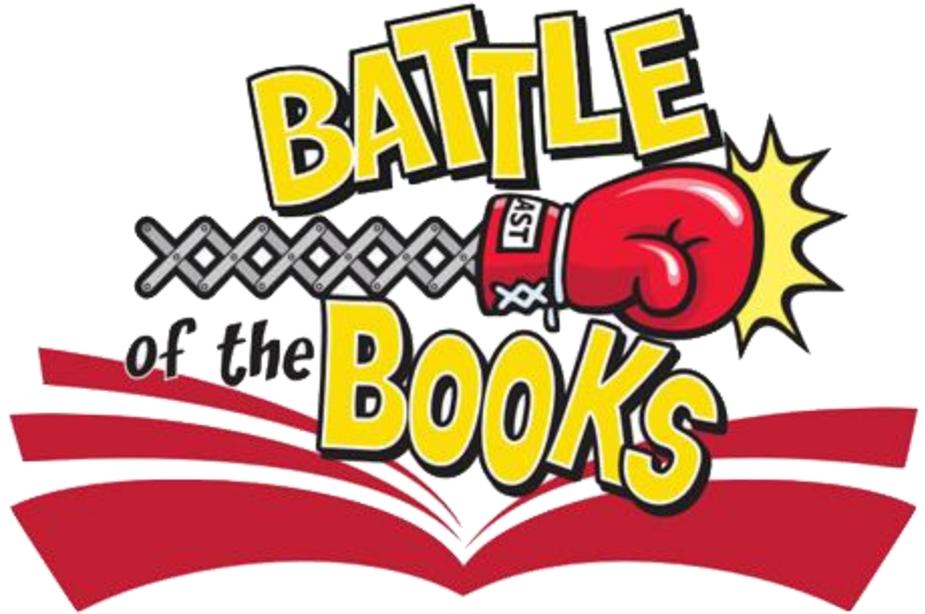
When: select activity periods from October through March

Where: CMS library

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Mrs. May](#)

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Books and Brushes

Do you enjoy reading? Do you enjoy drawing, sketching, or painting? If so, Books & Brushes might be the club for you! Miss Dapper created a club that combines your love of reading and creativity! You will be given a canvas to paint the cover of your favorite book!

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: bi-monthly during selected activity periods

Where: room 152

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Miss Dapper](#)

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Carson Chamber Singers

Carson Chamber Singers is a select choir designed to allow our very best singers to perform vocal music of the highest level. Acceptance by audition only. For additional information, please contact Mr. Woten.

Grades: 6 and 7

When: 7 am Tuesday mornings

Where: room 161

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Mr. Woten](#)

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A musical score for a choir, consisting of seven staves of music. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The music features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are dynamic markings such as 'm' (mezzo-forte) and 'p' (piano) scattered throughout. The score is numbered '8' at the top left. The music is arranged in a multi-staff format, likely representing different vocal parts or instruments.

Chamber Orchestra

The best string players at Carson come together for Chamber Orchestra to play AWESOME music! Chamber Orchestra is a select group of auditioned students currently participating in string orchestra. Chamber orchestra provides an opportunity for string players to perform more challenging repertoire from a variety of time periods.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8 grade students in string orchestra

When: To Be Determined

Where: room 159

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Mr. Goodrich](#)

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CHESS CLUB

Do you love chess? Do you want to compete against other Carson students who will make you an even better player? If you answered “yes” to either question, come join us during Wednesday Activity Periods! There is only room for 30 students to participate each Wednesday.

Grades: 6, 7, and 8

When: Wednesday activity period

Where: room 206

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Mrs. Morris](#)

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Chorus – 6th and 7th Grade

Chorus is a performance-based class that focuses on vocal technique and musical performance skills. Student performance is highlighted through required in-school and evening concerts. Students are assessed through classroom participation, individual singing tests measuring mastery of vocal technique and knowledge of repertoire, written tests, rehearsal and concert attendance.

Grades: auditioned 6th and 7th grade students

When: during class, select activity periods, afterschool rehearsals, and evening performances

Where: chorus room

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Mr. Woten](#)

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CMS Buddies

Want to make new friends? Come join Carson Buddies. Carson Buddies finds meaningful ways for students to interact with peers at Carson Middle School with special needs. We encourage an inclusive environment for all students to meet new people and make new friends. Carson Buddies will meet twice a month to participate in fun activities like board games, time in the gym and arts and crafts. This club is limited to 20 students.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: select activity periods twice a month

Where: room 155

Cost: none

Sponsors: [Mrs. Famoso](#)

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COUNSELING OFFICE AIDES

The School Counseling Office Aide will assist the Counseling staff with a variety of office tasks and special projects that change throughout the year. Aides will stop by the office every morning to deliver hall passes during homeroom. They will also design and install the office bulletin board several times during the year. Please Note: students can only participate as a Counseling Office Aide for ONE year. Multi-year participation is not permitted.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8; The group is limited to 6 people. The first to sign up will be the first to be admitted.

When: during morning homeroom and occasionally during activity period

Where: Counseling Office

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Mrs. Frye](#)

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Guidance Office →

FANTASY FOOTBALL

The Carson Middle School Fantasy Football Club will meet weekly during the first semester of the 2022-2023 school. Meetings will occur during an activity period each week to discuss fantasy football strategy for the upcoming weekend. All ability and knowledge levels are welcome to attend. The first few meetings of the year will be an introduction to fantasy football basics. As the year progresses, we will spend each week helping each other optimize fantasy football line-ups and discuss waiver adds, drops, start/sit questions, and player rankings to help you win your league!

Grades: 6th grade to begin; possibly expanding into 7th and 8th grades at a later time

When: one activity period per week during football season

Where: to be determined.

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Dr. McGahee](#)

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FCS Club

The Food, Craft, and Sewing Club allows students to explore FCS concepts during Activity Period. Activities we have done in the past include cookie decorating, no-sew fleece throws, mug cakes, and tie-dye. Due to safety concerns and space restrictions, spots for this club are limited and we will only take 30 students. If you are interested in joining this club, please fill out the [FCS Club Interest Form](#) by September 20th. Club members will be randomly selected if more than 30 students sign up.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: 1-2 times per month during Activity Period

Where: room 151 or 153

Cost: \$10 participation fee covers basic expenses. Club members may be asked to purchase additional supplies for more elaborate projects.

Sponsors: [Mrs. Banks](#) and [Mrs. Penberthy](#)

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Intramural Basketball

Get ready to play some hoops! If you enjoy playing basketball for fun or have always wanted to give basketball a try, sign up to play after school basketball games with your homeroom.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: October to November on select days from 3:00-4:30. Join us for tournament style play that changes daily. Exact times will vary depending on CMS basketball team practice and game schedules.

Where: CMS gym

Cost: \$25 Intramural participation fee. For additional information about activity fees visit the [Participation Fee website](#).

Sponsor: [Mr. McCusker](#)

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Intramural Flag Football

Students will be organized into homeroom teams. Teams will play flag football once or twice a week.

Grades: 6th Grade boys and girls

When: September and October from 3:10-4:05

Where: CMS football field

Cost: \$25 Intramural participation fee. For additional information about activity fees visit the Participation Fee [website](#).

Sponsor: [Mr. Petro](#)

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Intramural Golf

Students will learn the basics for playing the sport of golf. Mr. Niven teaches the proper grip, stance, and swing at the nearby Pennsylvania Golf Academy.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: after school hours from April through mid May

Where: room 211

Cost: \$25 Intramural participation fee. For additional information about activity fees visit the Participation Fee [website](#). There will be an additional fee to cover the cost of golf balls and range time.

Sponsor: [Mr. Niven](#)

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Jazz Band

Do you play a band instrument or guitar, piano, or bass? If you do, you may audition in the fall to be part of the Carson Middle School Jazz Band! Members of the Jazz Band will rehearse and perform music that pertains to the jazz style of music. There are approximately 4-6 performances annually. Rehearsal and concert attendance is mandatory. Independent practice outside of school rehearsals is a must. Auditions will occur in late September or early October

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: October through June; Friday mornings before school from 7:00-8:00 am; Additional after school rehearsals are held Mondays immediately after school approximately three times a year and will be announced near the beginning of the year.

Where: band room

Cost: Students must have their own instrument and pay the \$25 NASD Activity Fee. For additional information about activity fees visit the Participation Fee [website](#).

Sponsor: [Miss Geary](#)

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Melty Bead Society

Do you love designing melty bead creations? Are you a fan of pixel-based art? If so, you should consider joining the Carson Melty Bead Society! We meet after school on select Tuesdays in the Spring to work on individual and group melty bead projects. Join us!

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

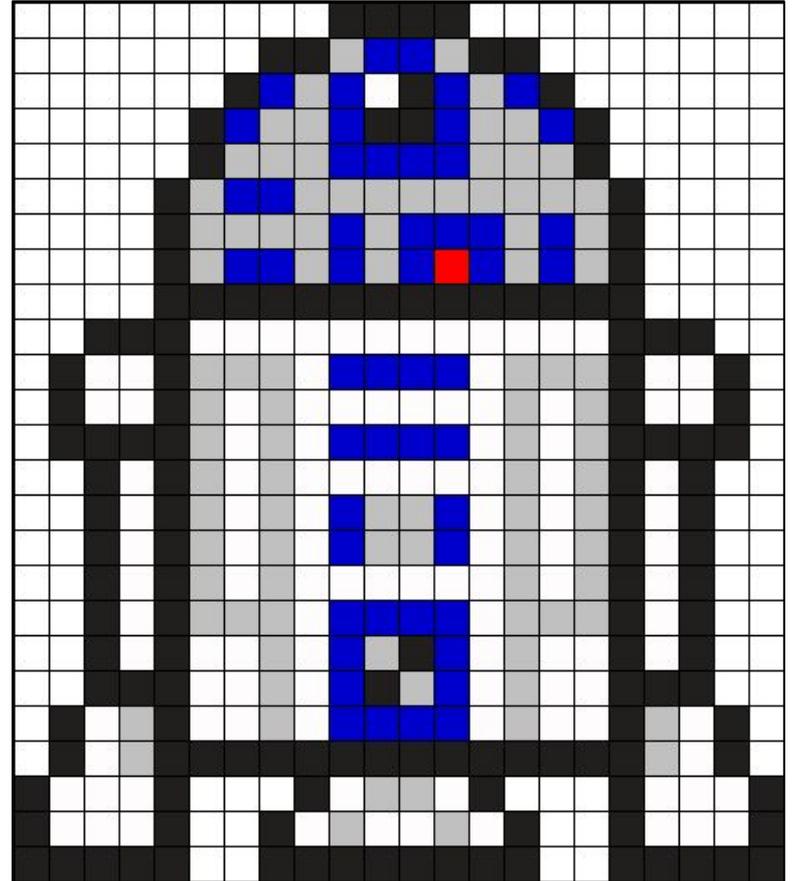
When: starting in the spring

Where: Art Studio 136 @ CMS

Cost: \$5 participation fee. The fee will be used to purchase unique perler bead colors and extra templates for the students to make larger bead creations.

Sponsor: [Mr. Medwick](#)

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Mountain Bike Club

Do you love to ride mountain bikes? Have you ever wondered what it takes to ride a mountain bike? In this fun club students will ride mountain bikes during activity periods. Riders will have the opportunity to improve their mountain biking skills and learn more about this lifetime activity.

Grade: 6, 7 and 8

When: September - November

Where: CMS gym

Cost: \$10

Sponsors: [Mr. Krawchyk](#) and [Mr. McCusker](#)

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National Academic League

Do you like trivia games? NAL is a national recognized team that competes locally against other middle schools. This is a fun, exciting, fast paced team that works together solving word puzzles and other scenarios. Come and join the fun!

Grades: 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who score the minimum on a screening test

When: Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school beginning in December.

Where: CMS Library

Cost: \$25 Participation Fee; For additional information about activity fees visit the Participation Fee [website](#); Additional \$20 CMS NAL fee that covers transportation and game supplies

Sponsor: [Mrs. Morris](#)

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Newspaper

The Carson Chronicles, a student newspaper, reflects the ideas of the students, staff, and community of CMS. The Carson Chronicles gives the opportunity for students to take pictures, interview, and write stories that are found in four editions that are published and distributed to the students of CMS throughout the school year. The electronic version of the paper will be published on the school website for people outside of CMS to read.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: two activity periods per month from mid September through May

Where: room 211

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Mr. Niven](#)

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Old School Games

Welcoming all 6th graders who love to play “Old School” games-board games, dice games, card games...games that do not involve electronics. We have games such as Risk, Life, Uno, Catan, Headbands, Mancala...play ours or bring your own!

The first 25 students who sign up will be admitted to the club. Sign up QR codes will be around the 6th grade hallway. Listen to morning announcements for club information.

Grade: 6

When: two Thursdays a month during activity periods

Where: room 227

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Mrs. Oates](#)

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Orchestra

Orchestra consists of any student with experience playing a stringed instrument (violin, viola, cello, bass). The orchestra performs literature of varying styles and time periods throughout the school year. Students must practice and prepare literature at home and perform in annual concerts during the school day and outside of school.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: select activity periods

Where: orchestra room

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Mr. Goodrich](#)

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Science Bowl

A Science & Math knowledge quiz bowl. Students will spend two days a month preparing for the one Saturday in March competition held at CCAC South campus going against teams from the tri-state region.

Grades: 6, 7, and 8

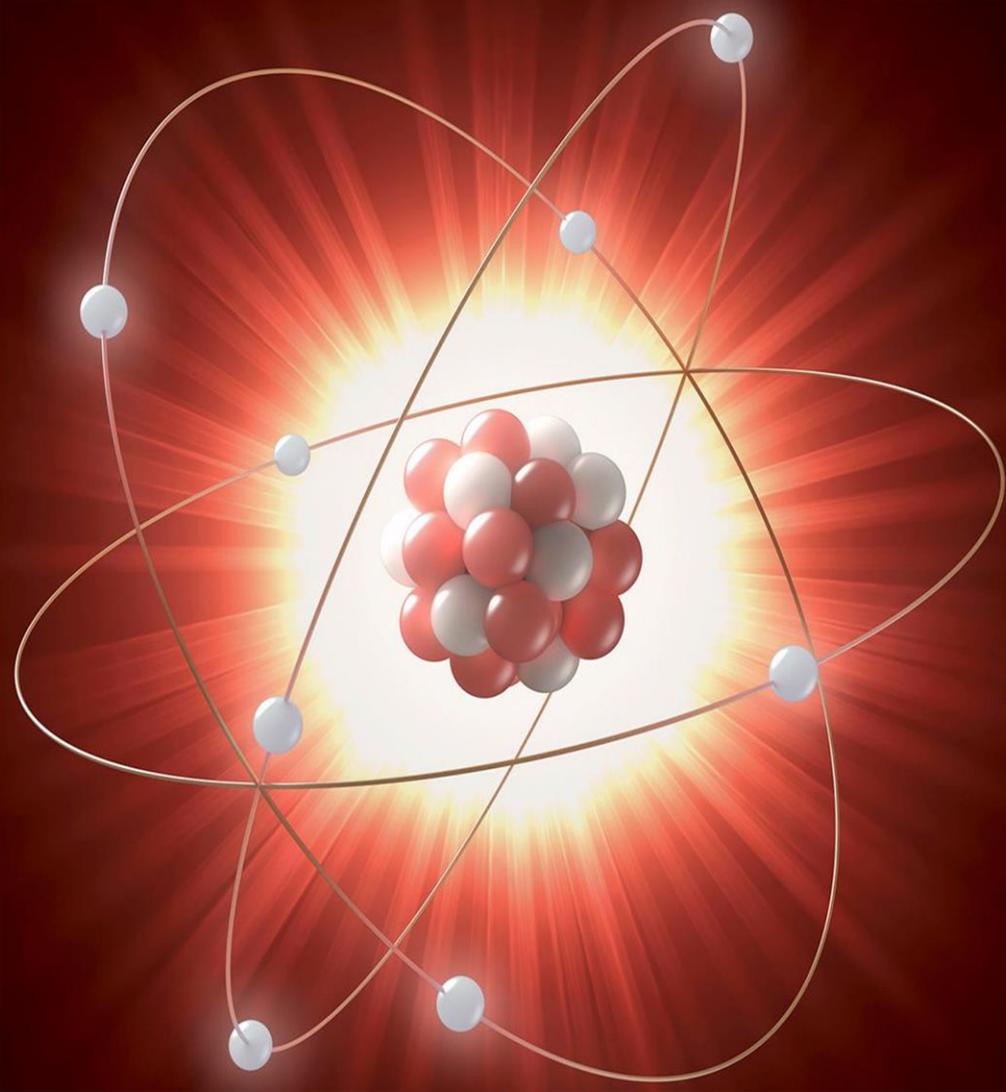
When: two days after school from mid October through mid March

Where: CMS

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Mr. Niven](#)

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Speech and Debate

Do you like to argue? Do you like to talk to an audience? Are making speeches something that's fun? OR Would you like to improve your public speaking skills? Then this is the club for you! Students will gain experience in a chosen method of public speaking while working with experienced high school speech and debate students. Come and learn about the junior edition of the largest club at the high school.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: select days after school

Where: CMS

Cost: none; Students will have the option to join the National Junior Forensic League for \$10.

Sponsors: [Mrs. Morris](#) and [Mr. Zunski](#)

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Spelling Bee

Any student that is interested in trying out for the school wide spelling bee is allowed. Students will need to sign up in the main office and take a pre-test. Based off the results the students that qualified will participate in a school wide bee in the auditorium.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: A preliminary round will be held in January during activity period for all interested students. Those who qualify will take part in an all-school Spelling Bee in February. The school champion will go on to compete in a regional competition.

Where: Activity Period

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Mrs. Morris](#)

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STAGE PRODUCTION CREW

Students are trained in all aspects of stage production including sound, lighting, and prop management for the talent show, concerts, and assemblies.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: select days during the school year;
after school in January and February

Where: CMS stage

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Mr. Goodrich](#)

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Student Council

We are the voice of the school! We help plan and fund events that make our school great! We need leaders from all grades.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: one activity period each month

Where: room 152

Cost: none

Sponsors: [Miss Dapper](#) and [Mrs. Miller](#)

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Talent Show

Tryouts and a series of practices lead to an entertaining event filled with the many talents of the CMS students. The talent show features various acts including singers, dancers, musicians, magicians, and more! Talent Show participants perform once in an evening show for parents and once in school for their peers.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: Rehearsal and show times will be announced.

Where: auditorium

Cost: \$25 participation fee; Students also provide their own props and costumes. For additional information about activity fees visit the Participation Fee [website](#).

Sponsor: [Mrs. Schluep](#)

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Technology Student Association

Do you love technology? Do you like to create things and work with your friends? If so, TSA is for you! You will have the opportunity to compete against students your age from all over the state in a variety of Tech Ed. related events like, Manufacturing, Robotics, Video Game Design, Graphic Design and Prepared Speech. And that is not it, there is more! Be a part of TSA to develop leadership skills and make new friends. Visit the National TSA [website](#) for additional information.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: select activity periods and some mornings before school

Where: Tech Ed rooms

Cost: TBD at this time. If you choose to compete at the state level, additional fees are required to attend.

Sponsors: [Mr. Niven](#)

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WALKAHOLICS

Do you like to walk? Do you like to talk to your friends? Join the Walkaholics! We will walk outside, get fresh air, get our steps in, and chat with friends! Grab your friends and get walking with us!

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: During Activity Period when weather permits. Announcements will be made when we will hold sessions.

Where: room 118B

Cost: none

Sponsors: [Mrs. Ewing](#), [Mrs. Garvin](#), [Mrs. Hefner](#), [Miss Kearney](#) and [Mrs. Perry](#)

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WILD WALL TAPE MURALS

Students will have the opportunity to use scale, proportion, space, balance, and one point perspective techniques to develop to develop murals made of brightly colored tape on the walls of CMS for everyone to see.

Grades: 6

When: select activity periods from October through May

Where: room 118B

Cost: \$5 for supplies

Sponsors: [Mrs. Doyle](#)

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YEARBOOK

This is a book of memories of your time here at CMS, your best friends, and your favorite teachers! The CMS yearbook has all of that and much more. Students who volunteer to work on this project take pictures, design, and layout all of the pages in yearbook. Be a part of this fun, memorable project! Yearbook. Weekly meetings starting at 7:30 am will be held for designing. After school time will be need dedicated to taking pictures of groups and sports teams.

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

When: weekly 7:30 am meetings and after school from mid September through mid April

Where: room 213 and Library Computer Lab

Cost: none

Sponsor: [Mrs. Brusoski](#)

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