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CMS Staff Saying Goodbye

By: Anonymous 7th grader

Dates of Interest:

- 6/6 - Last day of School
- 8/11 - First day of fall sports practice for middle school Cheerleading, Cross Country, Soccer, Football, Field Hockey, Girls Volleyball and Slow Pitch Softball.
- 8/21 - First day for 2025-2026 school year

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Mrs. Barbus, 7th grade Math teacher, Mrs. Bergen, Latin teacher, Mr. Degregorio, Physical Education, Mrs. Magee, paraprofessional, and Mr. Nestor, lead evening custodian, are all retiring this year after long careers in their positions. Mrs. Ludwig, 7th grade Science, is leaving North Allegheny for Commonwealth Charter schools, based in

Cranberry Township, teaching middle school science. Mr. Frasca, 8th grade ELA, is mov-



ing to Marshall Middle School to teach Social Studies. Ms. Beck, 6th grade Science, is moving to 7th grade Science to

take over Mrs. Ludwig's position. Mr. Albright, long term sub in for Mr. Krawchyk, will be moving to Physical Education to take over for Mr. Degregorio.

All of these people will be missed and will forever be remembered as kind and caring and would do anything for the students at CMS. Good luck to everyone as they move on to the next chapters of their lives.

8th Grade Ends Year at Kennywood!

By: Anonymous 8th grader

Ask any 8th grade CMS student about their school year and they will tell you that it was difficult. The classes are much

harder than in 6th and 7th grade.

There have been several events to remember throughout the school year, but the end of school trip to Ken-

nywood is talked about for months leading up to the trip. Obviously the main discussion was about which rides were going to be

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SHOULD ATHLETES GET LESS HOMEWORK?

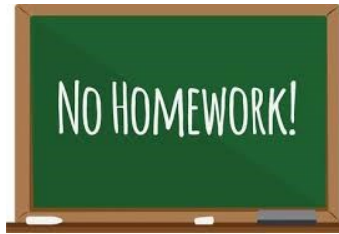
By: Anonymous 7th grader

Less homework for athletes? It might seem like a crazy idea, but it could be helpful. There are a lot of different opinions on this topic.

Busy, active, and overloaded are some words that could describe student athletes. While students come home from practices the last thing they want to think about is doing their homework. Especially after a long day at school and then going to their sports practice. It is even harder for a student to come home from

a game/ meet and then have to do homework. That homework done after their game would be done very late at night.

Also, would that extra work even help them learn the concept? Since it could be around 11:00 P.M. when the homework is being completed. At this point, the student would just be focused on getting the homework completed, rather than actually getting better at the concept.



On the other hand, students who do not play sports may have another opinion on the subject. For instance, a student may say that it

is the students choice to play sports, so everyone should still get the same amount of homework. They may also be against the idea of giving students different amounts of homework because, of some kids trying out for sports teams but not making the team.

On another note, an option could be to

give the kids who play sports a "study hall" while the other students have a regular gym class. This seems like the overall best option, because it would really help kids that have a game/ meet the same day as their gym class. For some students it can be frustrating to be in gym class when they have a game/ meet soon.

Less homework for athletes? Could it be absurd or helpful? It does not seem very fun to be doing homework at 11:00 P.M., but should the students all still have the same amount of homework?

SHELLS - TRULY A MOBILE HOME

By: Anonymous 6th Grader

Whether it's snails, barnacles, oysters, clams, turtles, crabs or mussels, shells are a huge part of many animals' lives. Shells are used as a home for their own-

ers and, most importantly, protect. If it weren't for shells, well, most of these shell bearing animals would not have survived. Basically, shells determine the factor of life and death.

Snails are the most common of these shell-bearing animals. The mantle, a tissue that protects the organs, forms the shell. However, when the snail grows, the shell does to. Snails



take calcium carbonate and other materials from water and food and use it to enlarge their shells. Land

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Kennywood

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the first ridden.

With many of the students saying they are excited to ride the newly opened Steel Curtain. The ride has been closed for a year so it could receive repairs. Second on the list was the



Lightning Bolt. I asked why this ride and not another and

one student said the sound of the wooden roller coaster, along with just a lap bar holding you in a very fast and bumpy



ride made for a scary ride. Other students talked about the spinning Black Widow, which made a few of the students not feel so well the last time they rode it. Other mentioned the Aero 360, Phantom's Revenge, The Racers and even the Raging Rapids.

Some students are looking forward to walking around with friends and enjoying

some potato patch fries, ice cream, a slow ride on the Turnpike, spinning around on the merry-go-round, or walking through Noah's Ark.

In the end, most students will end up sleeping on the way home after a day full of excitement and laughs with their friends bringing their middle school days to an end.



E —BOOKS

By: Anonymous 7th grader

As the age of e-books comes, more and more favor e-books instead of printed books. We must preserve the printed books that have existed for centuries.



According to the Book Industry Study Group, 25% of e-book owners will buy less e-books, 15% say they buy no printed books, and 9% say they will not buy printed books even if

it is not available on an e-book. Because of e-books, printed books have lost sales. For example, Borders, a nationwide chain of bookstores, was forced to close down due to loss of sales. Barnes and Nobles, another famous

bookstore, increased sales of books by only 4%. However, NOOK books increased sales by 38%.

Also, e-books have negative effects on the environment. According to BISG (Book Industry Study Group),



an apple iPad owner or similar e-reader owner will have to offset 100 books in order to even out the carbon footprint. Daniel Goleman, an expert, conclude that "With respect to fossil fuels, water use and mineral consumption, the impact of one e-reader payback equals roughly 40 to 50 books" 10.

In terms of health impacts Norriss and Goleman conclude that in terms of impacts on human health, 1 E-book has 70 times impact of 1 printed

book, with the primary impact being particulate matter from energy use and production.



For these reasons, people should not use e-books. E-books will cause thousands to lose jobs. Furthermore, e-books have negative effects on the environment. Preserve hundreds of year's worth of tradition by refusing to use e-books. Save the regular bound books!

Video Games

By: Anonymous 6th Grader

Video games can be violent, have crude language, and can be inappropriate, and some think they can justify the reason for that, like some video games teach you lesson such as, "don't judge a book by its cover", "be your-self", and "treat others the same way you want to be



treated". Some games also help the player by using entertainment, friendship, fantasy, science, and comedy to open their worlds. Did you know that video games expand the mind and create a more creative mind? But video games can make

someone unsocial and shy. Companies such as Microsoft, Sony, Mojang, and Rockstar Games have made a lot of popular games such as Mine-craft, Grand Theft Auto 1-2-3-4-5, Happy Wars, Kinect Adventures, Skyrim, ETC. Our brain tells us what



buttons to press, strategies, hints, secrets, or ideas. If you are stuck on a mission, objective, or level your eyes will look around the screen for clues, which could be a way of problem solving in real life.

Video games can

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Why are foods genetically modified?

By: Anonymous 7th grader

Genetically modified food is a very controversial topic in the world of agriculture and science. Many people are questioning whether or not it is safe to consume. The FDA claims that it is safe, but genetically modified (GM) food is illegal in 12 different European countries including France and Germany. This is a very confusing issue to many people.



Some scientists fear that the genetically modified genes could become irretrievably integrated into the ecosystem, which could potentially harm the environment. Also, organic farmers have found contaminated crops, which could mean that the altered genes have already started growing in un-



charted areas in nature. This is a serious problem

that could possibly harm animals in their natural habitat.

On the other hand, GM food is said to be capable of ending world hunger due to the fact that the GM crops produce more food that can last longer on store shelves. This is obviously one of the worst problems that is hoped to be solved someday soon. GM foods and

crops give many people hope to the end of world hunger. As you can see, genetically modified food has both positives and negatives. It can potentially harm the environment, but can possibly end world hunger.

Whether you support GM food production or not is up to you, but the issues and controversies on this topic are definitely worth considering and debating.

The Top TWENTY Fun Facts

By: Anonymous 6th Grader

As taken from National Geographic Society publications.

Want to learn something new? Read these crazy-but-true facts!

It is possible to buy watermelons shaped like pyramids in Japan.
Ten million bricks were used to build the Empire State Building
Peanut butter can be (and has been) converted into a diamond.

Made in 1906, the first bubble gum was called Blibber-Blubber.

A blue whale's heart can weigh up to 2,000 pounds.

Used French fry oil can fuel some cars.
Air is almost 90% of the "ingredients" in snow.

Honey will never spoil.

A cross between a female donkey and a male zebra is known as a zedonk.

When attacked, some ants can

make themselves explode.

A lobster's teeth can be found in its stomach.

Every second, your eyes move about 80 times.

A 6,000-gallon milkshake- enough to fill more than 100 bathtubs, was made by a restaurant owner.

In the past 5 minutes, Earth traveled more than 5,000 miles.

A chocolate bar that was a hundred years old sold for nearly \$700

When a hot sidewalk reaches

158° F, you can fry an egg on it.

Caterpillars have more muscles than humans do.

You can burn about 11 calories an hour by chewing gum.

A "crash" is the name sometimes given to a group of rhinos.

99% of people can't lick their own elbows. (But 90% of people who read this will try to!)

Summer Camps Around Town

By: Chatgpt

Summer camps in the Pittsburgh area offer a diverse range of programs designed to engage children in fun, educational, and enriching experiences. Whether your child is interested in science, art, outdoor adventures, or sports, there's a camp tailored to their interests and age group. These

camps not only provide a break from the traditional school year but also foster personal growth, creativity, and new friendships.

For budding scientists and tech enthusiasts, the Carnegie Science Center presents a variety of camps for ages 4-14. Campers can

delve into topics like robotics, video game design, virtual reality, and space exploration. Additionally, the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and MuseumLab offer hands-on camps focusing on art, nature, ceramics, and game design, utilizing their expansive campus and specialized tools.

For those who prefer outdoor activities, the Pittsburgh

Parks Conservancy provides nature-based camps in Frick Park. Programs like Kinder Camp and Nature Explorers encourage children to engage with the environment through activities such as hiking, planting, and wildlife observation. Similarly, Venture Outdoors hosts camps in North and South Parks, where kids can participate in hiking, geocach-

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SHELLS

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snails, some fresh-water snails and water snails, also use their shells as a



protection against the sun, and, most importantly, from drying out.

There are over hundreds of shell bearing animals or even plants, such as coconuts, in the world. Oysters, clams, turtles, crabs, mussels, barnacles, snails,

nautilus, crayfish, lobster, scorpion, or even your basic sea-shell are just a few of these amazing creatures.

Come to think about it, shells are part of many of these creatures' lives as much as they are in ours. I mean, honestly. Every time it rains, you see a snail. Every time you go to the beach you see sea-



shells, crabs, mussels, clams, oysters and barnacles. Shells were even used in the olden days as currency. Look around and you will see that shells are everywhere.

Video Games

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also involve emotions. They could display how the character feels or his/her reaction to something. Rockstar for example, made Grand Theft Auto V and added a lot of emotion and expression to the characters.

Emotions such as anger, hatred, love, frustration, confusion, and jealousy. Pixelated games such as Minecraft use creativity, adventure,



ture, wildlife, and beautiful landscapes. Skyrim for example uses the same concept as Minecraft but more history-medieval warfare. Happy Wars is a

game for kids at the age of 10-15. Happy Wars is a cartoon like game that is medieval warfare and

humor. Some games correspond to television or real life, games such as Heavy



Rain, The Walking Dead, The Wolf

Among Us, and all sports related games. Heavy Rain is about a family who loses a son named Jason and is an noir thriller based upon a true story. With all games, it's important to know what is real and what is fake, to know what should and shouldn't be done in real life,

and to know that just because others are playing it, doesn't mean you need to or should. If something makes you feel uncomfortable or does things that you disagree with, walk away and find something else

to do. In the same regard, you could

learn something that could be applied to real life.

Thank you for reading my opinion on video games.



It's Already May!?!?

By: Anonymous 8th Grader

I sit around the class and can't believe that the calendar shows "MAY" already! It seems as if the school year just started.

I will soon say goodbye to many friends that I only see in school because summer schedules seem to pull us in different directions. I will miss the chats by the lockers, during lunch, and on the bus rides to and from school. Although texting and email will definitely help when keeping in touch, it's not the same as talking to the person in front of you. Hearing someone call your

name or laugh at a joke is way different than hearing a beep from the phone.

I do enjoy summer. I like swimming, sleeping in, late nights, trips to the beach or flying to a vacation spot. I like seeing my cousins, who I haven't seen since last summer,



I will also miss seeing my teachers. Don't get me wrong, I don't like all of the homework and tests, but most of my classes are fun.

and getting caught up with has happened in their lives for the last 12 months.

When we head to the beach this year and walk in the door of the beach house we rent with our family, my Aunts will hug me so hard that I can't breathe, I will hear her say, "I can't believe it's been a year! How big you have gotten!" I will be sad when we have to leave and head home. Usually that trip marks the end of summer break and the count down to school.

My parents enjoy counting down on the calendar the number of days remaining until we go back to school. We go to stores to buy new clothes and shoes for that dreaded first day. When that day arrives, I always say, "Next year, Already?"



So here we stand, both proud and free, Beneath the shade of the old school tree.

We wave goodbye with hearts sincere—Until we meet another year.

The End of School

By: Anonymous 8th Grader

The halls grow quiet, summer near,
The books are closed,
the skies are clear.
The chalkboard fades
its final mark,

And laughter lingers
through the park.

No more alarms at
morning light,
No hurried steps or
homework night.
The backpacks rest,
their job now done,

As children race toward
the sun.

The lessons taught,
the friendships made,
In memory's light will
never fade. A chapter
closed, so sweet, so
bright, With dreams to
carry through the
night.

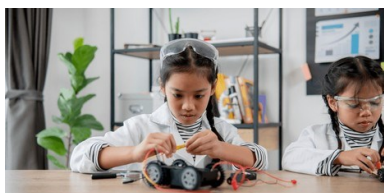
Summer Camps Around Town



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ing, and ecological exploration .

Art enthusiasts can explore their creativity at the Pittsburgh Center for Arts & Media, which offers camps like Architecture Academy and Darkroom Photog-



raphy Workshop for ages 6–17. These programs provide hands-on experiences in various art

forms, guided by experienced instructors. Additionally, Assemble in Garfield

offers STEAM-focused camps where children can engage in science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities, often featuring guest experts and community involvement .

With over 70 camps listed in local guides like Kidsburgh, there are a wealth of options to choose

from. Whether seeking academic enrichment, artistic expression, or outdoor adventure, Pittsburgh's summer camps provide opportunities for children to learn, grow, and have fun during the summer months.

FUN STUFF!

AT THE BEACH!

H N C V L C K W R I Y S E F A E E O A I
Z N P S N E E D B F C V I B R I H Y N S
E S S E A O N E D I T L J B E I A A L U
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WORD LIST

SUN	PELICAN	WAVES
SEASHELL	OCEAN	SAND
CRAB	FISH	TIDE

Fun in the Sun

S R O O D T U O D
Z B T G N I K I H T G
C C A M P G R O U N D N Z
V V Z C R O Q U E T A J I E W
P Z C W B A R B E C U E O V F T S
P J R O T I U Q S O M T Z I S C E
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W R F P F S T P O U F E A W N I A
T A W B E B O A B H L V A F F N S
H V R A L O E B K E T R G R E
F E E I N A C L E M F F R
Y S U T A R R E V Q T
D Y T P H D G M H

Six of the words in the word list are spelled incorrectly. Circle them and write them correctly in the blanks. Then find all 24 correct spellings in the puzzle. The words may appear in any direction.

BAIT
BARBECUE
CAMPGROUND
COASTLINE
CROQUET
DIVEING
DUNE BUGGYS
FISHING POLL

FRESH FRIUT
HIKING
HOTDOGS
MOSQUITO
OUTDOORS
PICNIC TABEL
POOL
RESORT

SAND DUNES
SURFBOARD
SWIMING
TACKLE BOX
TENT
TRAVEL
WATER
WAVES

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