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Mini Course Day!

Dates of Interest:

- 10/18 Mini Course Day
- 10/14 - 10/19 Homecoming & Spirit Week
- 10/19 Homecoming Game vs Pine Richland
- 10/25 End of 1st Nine Weeks
- 11/1 – 11/5 NO SCHOOL!
- 11/7 Picture Make-ups

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By: Emmett Beneviat

One important event coming up at Carson Middle School is Mini-Course Day on October 18! Most middle school students are looking forward to this very special day. If you're new here at CMS, you may not know what this day is or what's hap-

pening. Don't worry, this guide is for you!

Instead of regular classes, the day will be separated into 4 sessions. These 4 sessions are set aside for your mini-courses. A mini-course is

like a club, but during the school day and a bit longer. These could be about anything, from



Freedom Field Day to Carson Karaoke and even field trips to places like a Japanese restaurant or a hockey rink!

For each mini-course, you'll walk to its respective location, which should be stated on your schedule. Once you get there, your instructor will take attend-

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What was Hurricane Helene?

By: Alya Mittal

How catastrophic was it?

As of September 2024, Hurricane Helene is a Cate-

gory 4 hurricane that has passed through much of the Atlantic Ocean and has moved north-

westward toward the Cape Verde Islands. In the United States, six states have

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HELENE'S POWER

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been hit with devastation; these include Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. There have been almost 150 mass casualties and communities throughout the east coast have been destroyed. Power lines have crashed upon innocent families and floods have swamped homes. To say the least, this catastrophe is something we will be trying to recover from for many years to come.

How did this heartbreaking event begin?

This hurricane began brewing in the Atlantic Ocean, and con-

tinued to grow in size as it headed to the Gulf of Mexico. At the storm's peak, it was 350 miles in radius, or 350 miles from the eye. When the eye began churning, it was relatively small. What shook us all was how rapidly it grew- increasing in speed by a minimum of 30 knots in 24 hours. Normally, hurri-



canes in the Gulf of Mexico increase by 10-15 miles per hour, but, this time, it was increasing by double. From the start, Hurricane Helene has been a monster.

Where is this vicious hurricane heading?

The storm was first in the Atlantic Ocean, just

above Honduras and the coast of South America.

After that, it moved North into the Yucatan Channel and up toward the States. While it was traveling through the Gulf of Mexico, the storm moved from a Category 1 hurricane to a Category two hur-



ricane and finally to a Category 3. In Florida is where the storm really started to

become dominant. Right under the Apalachicola National Forest is where it transitioned to a Category 4 hurricane. This continued throughout Florida. Following this, Georgia and the other four states were hit. Thankfully, the severity of the hurricane began to decline

as it traveled up the east coast. Sources say that it will not hit Pennsylvania or New York as a hurricane, but we will most likely get rain from the storm.

What effects will this have on people's everyday lives? What effect do we have on hurricanes?

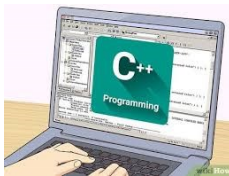
Anyone who has heard about previous hurricanes knows how it can affect an everyday person's life. For the people of Asheville, North Carolina, their lives will never be the same. Houses have been torn down, electricity has been gone for almost a week, there is an extreme scarcity of food and water, and limited cell-phone service. The Asheville airport reported 14 inches of rain over the span of three

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Mini Course Day

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ance and wait for everyone to get there. Then you'll start with your activity. These will go on for the entirety of your session, with one exception. During your third session, either at the beginning, middle, or end, you'll go to the cafeteria and eat lunch. Yes, you can still choose whether to buy or



pack a lunch. If you bring lunch, make sure to follow your home-room teacher's directions on where to keep it.

If you're wondering what to bring, then just check the catalog, located in Blackboard>Organizations>Mini-Course, then click on the link. Scroll

through until you get to your mini-course slide, then read the description. It will tell you if you need to bring an-

anything. Most likely, you'll need supplies, money for the fee, or anything else.

No cell phones and other devices will be allowed unless you get specific permission.

For your materials and any other items, just put them in a drawstring bag or something similar. You won't want to be lugging your backpack around all



day!

By now, you're probably getting pretty excited. (If you are, then I'm

doing a good job) Because this day is fun! It's also on a...drumroll please...Friday! You can just go home for the weekend and chill after a day full of fun.

Well, that's a guide for Mini-Course day! Just go and have some fun with your friends!

Hurricane

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days.

-In Busick, North Carolina, the total amount of rain was 31 inches.

Since the hurricane only hit low populated areas, the cost to repair the damages will not be much. This is good for citizens because it means that a big cut of our tax dollars won't be

spent on this event.

As citizens, we don't want to see our fellow citizens in danger and agony. Us, humans, have many effects on how the environment around us reacts. Due to the oceans warming up, hurricanes draw more heat energy, therefore creating stronger winds. With warmer air

comes moisture; this leads to heavier hurricane rainfall. Climate change can also cause hurricanes to rapidly intensify, or increase in speed faster than they normally do. In order to stop these things from happening, we can recycle, compost, use as minimum amount of plastic as possible and be

mindful of what products and brands we are supporting.

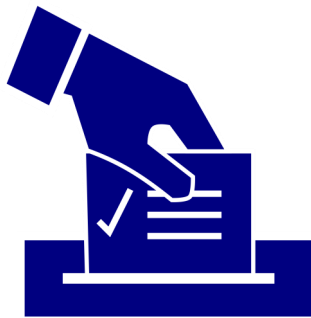
What to take away?

Even though our world goes through these terrible times, we somehow come back from all of it. If we can work together as a community and put our differences aside, we will always come back stronger than ever. For all the people who live next to these disaster stricken areas,

Girls Flag Football Gets Unanimous Vote

By: Leo Schanbacher

On Wednesday September 18th, the PIAA board of directors voted for girls flag football. The board votes were 32-0 as every member voted in support of girls flag football.



Many schools already had girls flag football teams, but it was until now that WPIAL will sponsor it. Girls flag football will have its first official season in the

spring of 2026 with its first PIAA championship held in spring 2027.

As flag football grows in general popularity, it has been especially popular with girls. Flag football has become more popular mainly due to its

safety and inclusivity. This decision is big because it gives girls the opportunity to play flag football for a PIAA sponsored team. This opportunity empowers female athletes



and creates more equality in the athletic world.

From this movement many more girls may be inspired to play this safer version of football.

When asked why they play, Hadley (Grade 6) who currently plays for the CFL (Carson Co-Ed Flag Football League) said "Because I think it's a cool sport and I've always wanted to play it." She also said that she thinks "it's great... girls are getting credit for a sport boys usually play."

Girls flag football

will not only grow love for the sport itself, but the NFL (National Football League) who sponsors flag football hopes to gain popularity with girls of all ages.



For the North Allegheny community, it will be good to see more athletes in their Tiger uniforms finding a fun and engaging sport.

From inclusivity to safety, flag football is becoming more popular and officially recognizing girls flag football seems to be a good decision for everyone.



Pittsburgh Renaissance Fair

By: Elise Marinelli

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be in medieval times? Do you have an awesome Old English accent and have been waiting to show it off? Or are you just looking for a day of fun with your family and friends?

Look no further than the Pittsburgh Renaissance Fair!

Before we begin talking about all the amazing things there, we must ask; what IS a Renaissance Fair? Well, a Renaissance Fair is an amusement park-like place in which you wander around collecting medieval artifacts, exploring medieval entertainment, playing medieval games, and eating medieval food. "I feel

like I was immersed enough to be convinced it was like a real place," Will Boyle, a fellow peer from CMS who also went to the Renaissance Fair, said. "It's just like Medieval Times."



While you are reading this, you might be thinking to yourself: Well, I know what a Renaissance Fair is, but what events did they have at the Renaissance Fair?

To answer your question, the Pittsburgh Renaissance Fair had a lot of different attractions. It had performances like dueling, jousting, comedy, theatrics, music, storytelling, artifacts, and lots of death defying



acts. There were also artisans, costumes, jewelry, bird whistles, puppets, glass, and other hand-crafted assortments!

"My favorite event was the Joust because it was enjoyable to watch the horses," Will Boyle explained.

So now you are almost prepared to go to the Pittsburgh Re-



naissance Fair! The last thing you need to know is what to bring, wear, and prepare for. For assistance, I asked

Will Boyle, "What would you say to people who would like to come?" He answered, "Bring comfy shoes; you're walking laps

around the fair. For example, the concerts are really immersive, and the food's great! Be prepared to have fun!"

If you have any questions, you can contact the Pittsburgh Renaissance Fair at pittsburghrennfest.com. The Pittsburgh Renaissance Fair

was a really great experience for me, and I'm really glad I

went. I hope the same is for you, and have fun at the Pittsburgh Renaissance Fair!

Recommended Fall Book Reads

By: Ashalina Arisha

Have you ever felt lost in your choice of books? Sometimes it feels like there's not many books that catch your interest. Other times it may seem like there is an abundance of books that you just can't decide. If you feel undecided or need a suggestion,



you've come to the right place. Here are ten Recommended Books/Book series.

1. Front Desk series by Kelly Yang (Realistic Fiction) Ten year old Chinese immigrant Mia Tang manages the front desk of a motel that her parents work at, and encounters the challenges and difficulties of motel business



and being an immigrant ten year old kid. She faces injustices of her community and makes a commitment to mold it to be a better place.

2. Iceberg by Jennifer Nielsen (Historical Fiction) After the death of her father, Hazel Rothbury is traveling all alone from her home in

England aboard the "unsinkable ship" the Titanic. She must travel to the US to work in a factory so that she can earn money to support her family. Suspicions from her clever mind arise when she takes an interest in the ship's mechanics. She might be the only one realizing the danger everyone is in.



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Facts About Lionel Messi

By: Connor Jacesko

Lionel Messi is one of the best soccer players in the world. Here are a few facts about the great soccer player.

He has eight balloons ,Or trophies (the best talent)

He won his first and only World Cup in 2021

His nickname is/was the flea.

He has won 4 Champions League titles with Barcelona.

He was the youngest Argentinian

to play in the World Cup in 2006.

He has won 2 World Cup golden balls for leading scorer.

He is the only player to lead in scoring while



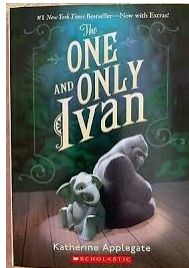
having a growth hormone deficiency as a child.

Those were some facts about Messi. I hope you know more about him after reading this article.

Reading!

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3. **The One and Only Ivan** (Fiction) The One and Only Ivan tells the remarkable true story of Ivan from his perspective, a gorilla kept in captivity at a busy shopping mall. This captivating tale explores the power of friendship, freedom, and hope, reminding us of the beauty of compassion and the importance of standing up for each other and what is right.



(Fantasy) The popular and remarkable novels are set in a world with the Greek gods in the 21st century. The series follows Percy Jackson, a young demigod who must prevent the Titans, led by Kronos, from destroying the world.

5. **The Radium Girls** Young Readers Edition by Kate H. Moore (Nonfiction) In the excitement of the Radium discovery in the early twentieth century, hundreds of young women spend their days hard at work painting watch dials with glow-in-the-dark radium paint. The painters consider themselves lucky, their enjoyment feeling everlasting-until they start suffering from a mysterious illness.

6. **Lies My**

Memory Told Me by Sacha Wunsch (Mystery) Nova's parents had invented the EM (enhanced memory) that has taken the whole world by storm. It helps you learn skills without the hard work. You can transfer memories from one person to another without having any consequences, and feel the thrill and adrenaline rush without endangering yourself, or so everyone thought. Nova meets Kade, someone so familiar, yet so foreign. And she can't help but feel that she's forgotten something.

7. **The Hunger Games** series by Suzanne Collins (Science Fiction) The Hunger Games is an annual gladiatorial contest in which one boy and one girl from each of Panem's twelve districts must fight to the death. Only

one can survive. It was created supposedly to remind the districts of the cost of war and to terrify the districts into submission. Katniss's little sister, Prim gets chosen, but she heroically takes her place, along with a boy named Peeta.

8. **Smile** by Raina Telgemeier graphic novel (Autobiography) Eleven-year-old



Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after a trip-and-fall mishap, she injures her

two front teeth, and what follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, corrective surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached.

*I hope you check out some of these selections. Thank you for **reading!**



4. **The Percy Jackson** series by Rick Riordan

The Art of Martial Arts

By: Chetan Yariagadda

Hey, do you want to get fit and learn self-defense through martial arts? Here is some information.

Martial Arts have been around for ages and they're all about getting fit, being disciplined, and learning to defend yourself. When you do martial arts, you have to



be respectful and humble, which can help you in your everyday life too. It's a great workout that makes you strong, and bendy, and helps you move better. Plus, you learn how to defend yourself, which is pretty awesome. People worldwide do martial



arts, and it's just a cool way to stay fit, be disciplined, and learn to protect yourself, no matter who you are!

"Hey, I've been loving my Martial Arts classes and I think you'd enjoy

it too! I go to Wexford Martial Arts, and they have a trial period. I'm pretty sure other schools offer trial periods too. It's a great way to see if it's your thing without committing to a full month. Give it a shot and see if it's a good fit for you!"

Interested in learning more? Click on the link to find a Martial Arts class near you! [Martial Arts Page](#)

Final Moments of the Titanic

By: Ella Marks

In March, 1909 they started to build a ship. They said it would never sink, but they stood corrected.

In 1908, The RMS Olympic and sister ship, Titanic, was announced to be

built. They started on March 31, 1909. Word started to go around that the Titanic was unsinkable. Nowadays, it would seem weird to think a 50,000 ton ship

can't sink. On March 31, 1912 work on



the Titanic was finished. People were thrilled to hear the news!

People all over the world were so excited to go on an adventure on this magnificent ship. Little did they know, half of them would lose their lives.

On April 10, of the same year, the passengers started to board the luxurious ship. The passengers were eager

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Loss of the Titanic

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to explore this magnificent ship since they all paid a lot of money to be able to say they got to take the maiden voyage on the Titanic. A third class ticket cost seven pounds- which translates to about thirty-five dollars back then. In today's dollars the cost for a third class ticket would be \$1,135! That's a lot of money! First class tickets were 30 pounds- translated to \$150. In today's money it would be \$4,867! Imagine paying that much money for a trip across the ocean.

On April 14, seven different iceberg warnings were received by the crew of the Titanic. Of course, they ig-

nored them because they said, "the Titanic is unsinkable!" and "She's special!" They didn't think the icebergs were in the same area they were traveling.

They also wanted to surprise the passengers by going over the boat speed limit (which is a thing) to get there a day early. The iceberg warnings read like this.

Ice warning
10:55 p.m from
Californian
Ice report:
We are stopped
and surrounded
by ice.

You would think someone would be like, "Let's not go that way!" But, we can only guess what the crew and captain were thinking when they got those warnings. Once the Titanic was struck, 14

feet of water got into the front part of the boat. The captain called for help immediately and they started to get the lifeboats ready. Later they find out that the lifeboats can only hold half of the estimated passengers. In those days, they immediately let the women and children go first in the life boats.

On April 15 @12:25 a.m., the Carpathia picked up the distress call and was about 58 miles away from the disaster. At 12:45 the first lifeboat was safely lowered. Although it could hold 65 people, the lifeboats were not filled to capacity.. At this time the first distress rocket was fired. There were eight rockets fired that night. 2:05 a.m the last lifeboat left the ship. There were still over 1,500 passengers left on

board the Titanic. At 2:17 the last radio message was sent. The captain announced, "Every man for himself!" Meaning they had a choice to jump and die, or wait for the Carpathia. At 2:20 a.m the Titanic was completely underwater. The Carpathia was still on its way and reached the survivors at 4:10 a.m. 705 survi-



vors were rescued by the Carpathia.

In total 1,514 people perished from the legendary ship. People have stories posted online about their experiences that are so incredibly interesting you don't want to stop reading.

If you want to know more about some of their story's, I recommend Encyclopedia Titanica.

Concerts Around Pittsburgh

by Sophia Cuevas

Have you ever seen your favorite artist or band in person? Have you ever just wanted to jump and sing to your favorite songs?

Then you're in luck because starting on September 12 the rock band "In the Moment" is kicking off this year of music here in Pittsburgh!

Our first major singer is a rapper from Nashville Texas it's Jelly Roll! Jelly Roll is going to be rolling into Pittsburgh to perform his new album "Beautifully Broken" here in PPG Paints Arena. This is going to be BIG! Even Jelly Roll said, "It's going to be the biggest tour of my life". The first eight songs on the tour playlist are: "Beautifully Bro-

ken", "Impossible", "Crazy About You", "I Can Do This", "Somebody Loves You", "God Help Me", "I am Not Alone", and "Human". You may be wondering when



Jelly Roll is coming? The answer is that he is

coming on October 5th! I can't wait for this party to start at PPG Paints Arena!

Our next singer started off as an actor for Disney Channel but now she is a pop phenomenon, Sabrina Carpenter! She has traveled far and wide on her Short n' Sweet the Tour but on October 9th she is coming here and performing at the

Wells Fargo Center! Her most popular song from her Short n' Sweet album, "Espresso", got 4th place for 2024s songs of the summer. Short n' Sweet is Sabrina's 6th concert. If Short n' Sweet is anything like her Emails I Can't Send the



tour this is going to be an amazing tour!

Most people call our next singer "The Queen of Christmas" but her real name is Mariah Carey! Mariah Carey will

be performing her Christmas Time Tour at Acrisure Stadium on November 13. Mariah is known for her whistle notes that go above the scale, specifically the note G#7. Her off the charts song, "All I want For Christmas Is You", will be performed. Even though she will be here in the middle of November, what a great way to get in the Christmas spirit with Mariah Carey

I Hope you found a concert in this article that you might enjoy! Hope to see you bust a move with all your favorite artists and bands. I only listed three musicians but there are so many others coming to Pittsburgh like Justin Timberlake, Billie Eilish, and Lainey Wilson!



Fall Word Search

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APPLE
ACORN
CORN
SWEATER

JACKET
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HARVEST
SQUASH

BROWN
YELLOW
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HALLOWEEN Maze Puzzle

