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Carson Chronicle

Powder Puff Football - GAME ON!

Dates of Interest:

- January 16th - Winter Band Concert
- January 17th - Last Day of First Semester
- January 20th - No School
- March 14th - Spring Picture Day
- March 24th - 28th Spring Break - No School
- April 17th-18th - No School
- March 24th - National Take Your Child to Work Day

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By: Sophia Cuevas

Carson Middle School has a lot of great sports teams! One of the most popular teams is our boys football team, but last year a new football team was formed. The Girls Powder Puff Team!

Powder Puff is an 8th grade girls football team! They meet during activity periods every week where they

learn the rules of flag football.

On November 4 they went against the Ingomar and Marshall football teams on the NAI football field. Because there were three teams playing, there were three games, the first game was Marshall Middle (MMS) VS Ingomar Middle (IMS). The second game was Carson Middle (CMS) VS



Ingomar Middle (IMS), and the last game had the two winners from the first two rounds going against each other.

The first game we didn't play, but we all watched as Marshall destroyed Ingomar. The second game is where we got to put on the flags and hit the field. We were up against Ingomar. Olivia Elliot, a student who watched the game said, " Our team

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NA Golf Team Has Historic Season

By: Leo Schanbacher

The North Allegheny Boys Golf team just won the Pennsylvania state title for the first time in school history!

This was after the WPIAL title for the first time in 53 years. The golf team only had three losses the entire season, one against a team they

would see two more times. South Fayette beat the Tigers by just one stroke early in the season. Coach Niven said, everyone

knew they were a good team and are well coached. They also had home course advantage that day. It was the

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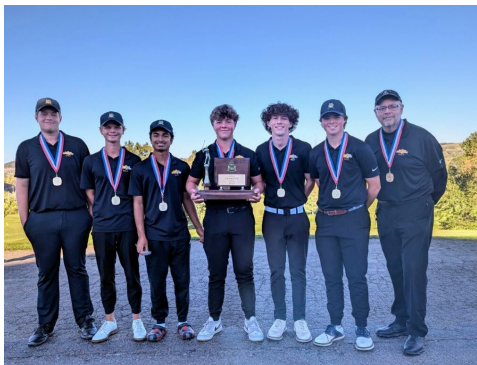
first time we had played that course and a few holes cost us the match.”

Later in the season, the Tigers made it to the second round of the playoffs and met South Fayette again, this time in the WPIAL finals. There were six teams participating and by the back nine, South Fayette and NA knew it was coming down to a rematch

each team, creating a team score. NA got their revenge, their first

WPIAL title since 1873, and was headed to Penn State to play for the PIAA state title.

Since South Fayette played so well, the PIAA decided to invite South Fayette to play for the title as well.



Medwick, were standing on the last hole doing the math and they realized at that moment NA was going to win the state title. NA beat South Fayette by four strokes. NA finished with a 2 under par score overall.

Because of this win, the team was invited in a champions breakfast at the Baierl Center, hosted by the NA administration. In January, the entire team will be honored at the school board meeting.

The team was also invited to tour the PA State Capitol by local House of Representative Arvind Venkat. The team also ordered championship rings as well.

Coach Niven said, “The talent level in Western PA is crazy good and our sec-

tion is always a giant pillow fight to see who will move into the playoffs. We have over 50 boys trying out each year, many who are CMS students, who are trying to make one of the three teams.” NA Boys golf has the varsity team and two JV teams. We are the only school in the area doing this and it’s because of coaching staff wanting to keep as many players in the program.

Golf has been gaining popularity, in 2023 an estimated 531 million rounds of golf were played in the United States. This championship is sure will help it grow in our district. I was lucky enough to interview Patrick Niven, one of the coaches, who is also a 7th Grade Science teacher here at CMS.

I asked about the season and what was the best score he has seen. “This year, all of the guys are very talented. One match against Knoch, held at North Park golf course, we posted a historic low team

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from earlier in the season. With hundreds of people and players surrounding the 18th green, NA beat South Fayette by just three strokes. By the way, a match is determined by six golfers for each team playing 18 holes, then the lowest five scores are added for

At Penn State, eight teams from around the state played the Penn State White course. In perfect playing conditions, NA once again had South Fayette as a challenger, as well as local favorite, State College high school. Coach Niven and JV Coach Mr.

Powder Puff

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was doing really well because we got a couple touchdowns and we tackled a lot of people.” After all our successful plays, we beat Ingomar! The third game was now set, CMS vs MMS. Marshall won one game and we won the second

game. It all came down to this!

Marshall put up a fight and played really well. The scoring was going back and forth, each team wanting the win and the title for the top powder puff team within NA. Mrs. Hudec, the Powder Puff team’s treasurer said, “At



the last second it was thrown, but it was dropped in the end zone.” Sadly we lost against Marshall, but we beat Ingomar and made it to the finals.

Mr. Trocchio, the Powder Puff team coach said, “I think we did well on defense and offense

and I am very proud of the girls and hope to see them playing at the high school.”

Sadly this was there first and last game because Powder Puff is a fall sport, but Mr. Trocchio said that a lot of girls want to play in the spring. So what do you think? Do you think they should play a spring game and if they do, would you go to the game?

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score, 15 under par. One golfer, shot 5 under par, 31, another posted a 4 under par, then a pair of two under pars, as well as a pair of even pars. It was incredible to watch.”

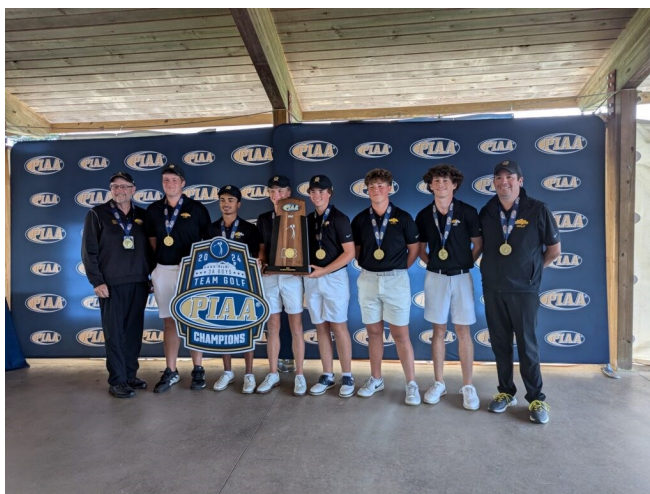


I asked Coach Niven if he had played golf and why he wanted to

coach. “I play now more than I did in middle and high school. I love the game because its something you can start at a very young age, and continue until a very old age. Not too many people over the age of 50 are playing baseball or

football. Usually it’s people in those sports who start playing golf.”

I asked what advice he had for someone who wanted to make the golf team in 9th



grade? He said, “take lessons, learn the rules, and hit as many golf balls, the correct way, as possible until you get the results you want.” “Give this some thought. We had just won the state title, and while waiting for the girls state title

competition to finish, my entire team picked up their golf clubs and started chipping and putting with members of the Penn State Golf team. Keep challenging yourself and good things will happen.”

CMS Clubs—Which One is Right for You?

By: Connor Jaczesko

Hey CMS! Are you looking for a club to join during school? Well I have a couple of clubs for you that are popular with CMS.

1. Chess Club

Do you like to play chess? If you do, come on down to room 103 with Mrs. Morris as your

instructor. Watch out for the check-mates! For 7th and 8th graders.

2. Speech and Debate

Do you like to talk to audiences? Do you have lots of opinions?

If you're interested, visit the CMS clubs catalog and click the link on interested students. You will go



to the CMS library on select days at school. Ready, Set, Debate!

3. German Club

Hallo! Would you like to learn more German?

If you want to then head down to room 126

and Frau Macari will teach you. Wir sehen uns dort! Please note only for 7th and 8th graders.

4. Old School Games

Does playing games with your friends sound fun? Then join Old School Games. The best part is no electronics! Ms. Kiray and Mrs. Oates will help you get your game on! For 6th graders only.

You can check out the CMS club catalog for more information, and more clubs!

Attractions Around Pittsburgh

By: Chetan Yarlagadda

Discovering Pittsburgh: Top Attractions and Activities

Pittsburgh, also called the Steel City, has changed a lot over the years. It's now a lively place filled with culture, history, and outdoor fun. Located where three rivers meet, this city in Pennsylvania has lots to offer for both locals and visitors. Whether you love art, history, sports, or nature, Pittsburgh has something for you.

Here's a guide to some cool attractions and activities in this vibrant city.

1. Point State Park

Right downtown, Point State Park is a nice green space at the meeting point of the Allegheny, Ohio, and Monongahela rivers. The park has great views of the city, walking paths, and a big fountain that makes for awesome photos. People go here for picnics, strolls, and outdoor events, es-

pecially in summer. You can also check out the Fort Pitt Museum, which tells the story of the French and Indian War.

2. The Carnegie Museums

If you love art and science, don't miss the Carnegie Museums, which include the Carnegie Museum of Art and the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.

These museums have huge collections and changing exhibits that entertain visitors of all ages. There are fun events like workshops and special exhibits, making it a popular spot for school trips and family outings.



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3. *Pittsburgh's Cultural District*

The Cultural District is the city's art scene. It's home to places like the Benedum Center, Heinz Hall, and the August Wilson African American Cultural Center, featuring theater, dance, opera, and live music. People come here for shows and concerts, creating an exciting atmosphere year-round. There are also art galleries and great dining options in the area.

4. *Mount Washington*

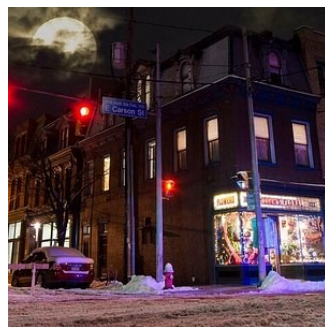
For amazing views of Pittsburgh, Mount Washington is the place to go. You can take the historic Duquesne Incline for a fun ride with great sights of the city. The lookout is perfect for sunsets and pictures, making it a romantic spot. There are also lots of dining options in the neighborhood to enjoy.

5. *Heinz Field and PNC Park*

Sports are a big deal in Pittsburgh. The city has two famous sports venues: Heinz Field, home to the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pitt Panthers, and PNC Park, where the Pittsburgh Pirates play. On game days, the atmosphere is electric, with fans showing their team spirit. Going to a game is a must-do for many Pittsburghers, and both parks offer stunning views, especially at twilight.

6. *The Strip District*

If you're into food and local culture, don't miss the Strip District. This lively neighborhood has markets, specialty food shops, and restaurants that showcase Pittsburgh's food scene. You can try fresh produce at the farmers' market, enjoy artisanal cheese, and grab a bite at one of the many cafes. It's also a



great spot to find unique gifts and souvenirs.

7. *Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens*

Nature lovers will enjoy the beauty of Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Schenley Park. The conservatory has stunning seasonal flower displays, beautiful gardens, and many tropical and exotic plants. There are educational programs and fun events, making it a friendly place for families. Many visit for peaceful walks, taking photos, and connecting with nature.

8. *Robinson Township and South Side*

For shopping and nightlife, check out Robinson Township and the South Side. The South Side has a buzzing nightlife scene full of bars and live music, while Robinson Township has shopping centers



with various retail options. These areas attract younger crowds looking for evening fun and families seeking weekend activities.

Conclusion

With its rich history, diverse culture, and lots of outdoor spaces, Pittsburgh has many attractions for different interests. People love gathering in parks, enjoying the arts, celebrating sports, and tasting local food. Whether it's a casual day at museums, a fun game, or taking in the views from Mount Washington, there's always something to do in this amazing city. So, pack your bags and get ready to explore the unique charm of Pittsburgh!

Want to learn more? Click Here [Link](#)

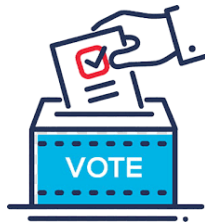
Should Kids Vote?

By: Elise Marinelli

On Wednesday, November 6th, Donald Trump was re-elected as the United States 47th president. He won over Vice President Kamala Harris by a vote of 700, 897 to 650, 212. But a question remains: would this change if kids could vote? “Yes,” says Sophia Cuevas, a fellow student at CMS, “because kids would probably vote based on the candidates’ personality and what they enjoy instead of

what they will do for the country.” “For example, kids would probably say, “Candidate 1 likes Taylor Swift, so I’m going to vote for them.” This is why Sophia Cuevas thinks kids shouldn’t vote.

While Sophia and many others believe kids shouldn’t have a say in the election, others think differently. “Kids should vote because if you want people to vote, why not bring in kids too? Most of the population is kids,” says Elizabeth Verdini, another student at CMS. But



when talking about if kids should vote, it’s not exactly black and white.

As I was asking around to gather more formation, another different point of view was expressed by Will Boyle, who I have interviewed in a previous article. “I think kids at least 16+ years old [should vote],” they said, “because they have an actual understanding of the world and what’s actually happening.” So, should kids vote? Well, there are so many different perspectives it’s hard to and an actual answer.

I personally believe

that while some kids are responsible enough to vote, others would just do what their parents do, and others would not do any research at all and just pick. So I say, while some kids would be able to, all of them in general could not handle it. Their brains aren’t fully developed. So I think kids shouldn’t vote, but what about you?

Should kids vote?

Would you vote if you could?



Farmers Almanac— Is it Accurate?

The Farmers’ Almanac has been the go to resource for any-one, but mainly farm-ers, for over 200 years. The book is published each year since 1818 and gives weather predictions for the

upcoming calendar year. This is quite a feat since the current weathermen have a difficult time predicting the weekend weather a few days ahead of time. Besides the weather, the book gives information

on gardening, food, horoscopes, astrology, and many other topics. Weather predicting to-day uses all kinds of computers and radars to show movement and amounts of rain or

snow. How does the Farmers’ Almanac 80-85% accurately predict a year in advance weather? They use a mathematical and astro-



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Gobble For Cans

Before Thanksgiving, the students and staff at Carson Middle School collected over 4500 boxed and canned



goods that will go to those in the area that need it during the holidays.

Mrs. Arvay's homeroom was the winning home-

room, collecting the most items. The winning homeroom received an ice cream party and got to design the domino event held in the gym. Mrs. Arvay's homeroom lined all of the boxes up in a design around the gym and once the first box was pushed by Chloe Raco, the

rest of them fell like dominos.



Everyone in the school packed the gym for this event.

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nomical formula that incorporates many different things like moon phases and tidal action. This formula is highly protected and only one or two people know it. It is passed along from person to person responsible for predicting the next years weather. The book is extremely helpful to those that like to do things outside and want to know ahead of time what the weather might be like. There are a few websites that try to do the same thing, like



www.dryday.com to name just one. With an accuracy of 80-85%, I would definitely take a chance on believing what the book has to say. Here is the long term weather for our area taken from the 2024 Farmers' Almanac. Plan ahead!

December 2024:

20th - 23rd

- Lingering snow.

24th - 27th

- Rain

28th - 31st

- Year ends on a blustery, colder note, with frequent snow showers.

January 2025:

- Nor'easter brings heavy rains, strong winds, coastal flooding. Wet, windy Mummars Parade.

4th-7th

- Tranquil weather

8th-11th

- Fast-moving clipper system delivers a few inches of snow to western & northern NY, central & northern New England; wet snow & rain showers farther south.



FUN PAGE!!



WINTER WORD SEARCH



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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 1. Snow | 5. Shovel | 9. Slippery | 13. Scarf |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold | 10. Slide | 14. Hat |
| 3. Winter | 7. Freezing | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating | 16. Mittens |



Winter Sudoku

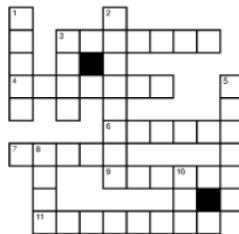


Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters S N O W F L A K E. Don't guess - use logic

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Winter Crossword



Across

- A winter activity on ice.
- A winter person.
- What ponds do in winter.
- This keeps your neck warm.
- A winter activity on snow.
- First month of winter.



Down

- This covers your window.
- These keep your ears warm.
- This covers the ground.
- You can ride this.
- Winter weather.
- This covers ponds and lakes.



Snowflake Maze

