



The Cougar Update

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Greek Shields

While studying Ancient Greece, students in Mr. Focht's middle school World History class studied the purpose and designs of the hoplite shield. Each shield had unique designs, and soldiers learned to march and operate in a phalanx formation. They would interlock their shields to protect the soldiers next to them creating one unified wall of bronze. The World History students made their own personal shields from cardboard. They spent time designing, painting, and forming their shields. Sometimes the best learning is "hands-on" and putting yourself "behind the shield" of those you are learning about. **The students conducted a demonstration of interlocking their shields in a phalanx formation** last Thursday in the parking lot behind the school. Fortunately, no enemies were seen in the area.



Jr. Cougar Carnival

There are just two weeks to go until our Jr. Cougar Winter Carnival slated for Saturday, February 5, 2022 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. LOTS of fun activities, games and food are being planned!

The purpose of our Carnival is to give our younger students, their families and friends, a morning of festivity apart from daily school life. This is a great time during a winter morning for the children to use up extra energy, and an opportunity for adults to fellowship and meet new parents.

Carnival admission is free. Tickets WILL BE SOLD* for activities, games, bounce house and our famous CAKE WALK. Tickets are 50 cents each. **Cash or checks ONLY are accepted as payment.** If you have a postcard voucher, it is worth 4 tickets and will be redeemable at the ticket counter. Students may have opportunities to earn tickets in their classes. Pre-packaged snack items, along with water, juice boxes and chocolate milks will be sold in the Chill Out Zone (kitchen and music room). *This is not a fund raiser, but there are costs incurred that need to be covered.

Are you willing to help out at the Carnival? A Sign-Up Genius will be sent out soon, with time slot opportunities for those who are still in need of filling volunteer hours.

Thanks for your help!

A huge thank you to all of the families, students, teachers, and staff who helped to make our snow day video possible! Mrs. Herr and Mr. Ellis hope the video brought you a smile on yesterday's chilly, snowy day. If you missed it in Mr. Parris's email, you can still view the video [HERE](#).

Whether you and your students enjoyed a day off or a virtual day of instruction, we hope the video inspires you to think of all the little ways you are thankful for "snow days." :)



Pastor Appreciation

This year's **Pastor Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, February 10.** Invitations have been sent from Mr. Greenly to all churches represented in our school. What is even better than

an invite from Mr. Greenly is a personal invitation from you to your own pastors and church workers.

Please extend an invitation to those in leadership at your church! Why not ask them in person the next time you see them?

They can RSVP by emailing Mr. Greenly by Friday, February 4.

Wellness Team

Have you started following our Wellness Team on Instagram @ccs_wellnessteam?

The team will be posting motivational content, healthy recipes, challenges to win gift cards, workouts, and ways to improve our overall wellness.



The team also has a new logo! >>>>>

Open Houses

We hosted two open houses in the last two weeks, and had 9 families visit our school! We have more open houses coming up in the near future, including one next week for preschool families.

Continue to invite friends to come check us out! They can find the dates and register to attend on [our website](#) under the "Events" tab.

Thanks for sharing your love of CCS!

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Upcoming Events at CCS:

Events are subject to change.

- **January 26**, Preschool Admissions Open House
- **February 2**, MS/HS Admissions Open House
- **February 5**, ES Winter Carnival
- **February 9**, ES Admissions Open House
- **February 10**, Pastors Luncheon
- **February 16**, Preschool Admissions Open House
- **February 21**, No School, Presidents Day
- **February 22**, Instrumental Recital
- **March 3**, 2nd Trimester Ends

Character Trait:

~ Loyalty ~

Future "Snow Days"

Parents of middle school and high school students should **carefully read the email sent out earlier this week by Mr. Hepler regarding virtual instructional days** which will occur if we need to cancel school again (for weather or any other reason) during this school year.

Contact Mr. Hepler with any questions.

Quarter Wars

HS STUCO will be bringing back the "Quarter Wars." This is a faculty/student lip sync battle. The "battle" will be happening at the beginning of third trimester but plans are being put in place now for this big, all-school event. Students at all levels, stay tuned!