

Principal Message for February 14, 2025

Greetings Carroll Families,

Happy Valentine's Day! Please take a moment to complete the Lighthouse Certification survey below - we want to hear from you! Please remind your student that purses, handbags, and bookbags must remain in their lockers at all times. As always, thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Questions or concerns? Please email your child's teacher. Parents can request access to PowerSchool here: bit.ly/PSaccess.

Lighthouse Certification Family Survey

Carroll Middle School is applying for "Lighthouse Certification" with Franklin Covey. This certification would indicate that Carroll MS has achieved a level of high-achieving implementation. We have been working hard teaching students the 7 Habits, building leadership capacity among students, and self-advocacy. Your voice is important to us. Please participate in the survey [linked here](#). It will not take long. Thank you for helping us continue to improve at Carroll.

In-House Parent Feedback

We want your feedback on how CMMS can engage families more. Please take 2 minutes to fill out this [5 question survey](#). Thank you!

Athletics

Spring sports tryouts start on Monday Feb. 24th. If you are interested in playing girls softball, boys soccer, girls track, or boys track you need to get all your paperwork turned into DragonFly and approved before you are allowed to participate.

Connect With Us!

Want to stay up-to-date on all the things happening at CMMS? Follow us on:



Facebook: [Carroll Magnet Middle School - Leadership in Technology Magnet](#)



Instagram: [@carrollmagnetmiddlecougars](#)

Week At A Glance (WAAG)

Please click [this link](#) to find your student's team/teachers to see the Big Rocks for the upcoming week and to help your child be proactive in their learning.

WCPSS Family Academy

The Family Academy provides families with necessary academic tools to support the success of their child's education and unite schools, parents/guardians, families, and community organizations as equal partners. Visit the [family academy website](#) or find them on [Facebook](#).



Be Involved!

Your PTO board needs people willing to serve on the board next year! More information will be coming about the different positions, responsibilities, requirements, etc. If you would like to be more involved but don't know how, please reach out to cmmscougars.pto@gmail.com!

Beautification Day

The PTO will be picking up trash around the school and sweeping/blowing the sidewalks to clear them of mulch on February 23rd. A Sign-Up Genius will be coming out next week if you are interested in signing up. Please consider joining us as we beautify Carroll!!!

Have you joined the PTO?

Click on the link below to join PTO for \$10. It only takes a second to join. [Find the link here!](#)

School Attendance

We are hoping to reduce the rate of absenteeism! Please ensure you provide your student with a note if they are absent due to being sick or in the event of a family emergency. Please submit the note to Ms. Rich in Student Services upon their return. The note does not have to be a doctor's note.

Students who are experiencing the following symptoms should stay home using the guidance below:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher (Remain home until fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication)
- Diarrhea (Remain home until free of symptoms for 12 hours)
- Nausea and Vomiting (Remain home until free of symptoms for 12 hours)
- Severe headache
- Red, watery eyes with yellow discharge
- Undiagnosed rash
- Inability to attend learning activities
- Change in student's typical medical status

Bus Route Updates

Route 20 and Route 10 were combined on **Route 17**. New pick up and drop off times are below:

Lynn Road & Paces Arbor Circle (Doorside) - 6:21A / 2:45P
Bent Creek Drive & Longstreet Drive - 6:23A / 2:47P
Longstreet Drive & Stuart Drive (Closest to Bent Creek) - 6:23A / 2:47P
Longstreet Drive & Summerglenn Drive - 6:24A / 2:48P
Old Lead Mine Road & Prince George Lane - 6:30A / 2:53P
Six Forks Road & Royle Anne Lane (Doorside) - 6:35A / 2:59P
Loft Lane & Rangeley Drive - 6:39A / 2:41P
North Hills Drive & Hillock (1900 Block) - 6:46A / 2:29P
North Hills Drive & Hillock (2200 Block) - 6:47A / 2:30P
Litchfield Downs Lane & Stannard Trail - 6:50A / 2:33P
Biddestone Court & Oldtowne Road - 6:53A / 2:36P



Carroll Needs Volunteers!



One of Student Lighthouse Club's service learning projects is RESTROOM MAKEOVERS! Students in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th will be updating the staff restrooms as well as student restrooms. Where do we need help?!? PAINTING STUDENT RESTROOMS!

We need parents and students on February 17th (WCPSS Workday - no school) to help repaint ALL the student restrooms. Come for all day, a few hours, or just one hour but we need your help!

If you have roller brushes, paint supplies, or can volunteer your time, it would be greatly appreciated! Questions? Please reach out to Ms. Pitchford at cpitchford@wcpss.net

To help, sign up [HERE!](#)

8th Grade Families

Parents and guardians are encouraged to begin touring high schools. For more information, click [here](#).

8th Graders will be taught a High School Registration Lesson the week of February 24th during Social Studies. You are encouraged to review course options with your student.

8th Grade students and families should attend High School Night on Wednesday, February 26th at 5:30pm. Please review the [flyer](#) for more information.

Stay up to date with upcoming High School events and learn information about your students' respective high school, please review the [High School Information Folder](#).

Please visit our school website [here](#) for more information. If you have an immediate need please contact me directly at tzarzecki@wcpss.net.

Yours,

Tina Zarzecki
Work Hard. Be Kind.