

CSMS Cat Chat



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Welcome to Carl Stuart Middle School!

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PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

September 23 and 24, 2015

4:00-7:00 p.m.

LET'S ALL STAY INFORMED

Use the Conway Public Schools app, CSMS Facebook, or the CSMS Website for the latest updates!

Parents need school supplies too.

(Luckily, it's just a single download away.)



Download the free Conway Public Schools app today for access to your school's news, calendars, push notifications, and much more!



PARENT/TEACHER

CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held September 23rd and 24th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. All core subject teachers will be located in the CSMS cafeteria. Non-core teachers will be available to meet with you in their classrooms.

CSMS WATCH D.O.G.S

WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is a one-of-a-kind, school-based father involvement program that works to support education and safety.

What are the goals of a WATCH D.O.G.S. program?

- 1) To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.
- 2) To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

Who are WatchDOGS and how does WATCH D.O.G.S. work?

WatchDOGS are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer for at least one day each year at an official WATCH D.O.G.S. school.

Go to <http://vols.pt/UpK8rX> to sign up.



*****BOOK FAIR SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 1*****



Mrs. Bates Pre-AP Literacy Memoirs

Bone breaking cheerleader on the loose. ~ Ellie Reed
I'm talkative but a deep thinker. ~ John Sutton
A shortcut to life doesn't exist. ~ Raegan Bush
Gearing up, lacing cleats, game time! ~ Blain Parks
Serve 'em up, slam 'em down! ~ Braelyn Pridmore
Life is good at the lake. ~ Lyndee Scaife

Catching fish, shooting deer, busting ducks! ~ Kaden Hight
Reading quietly while the music plays. ~ Lydia Quinn
The best is yet to come. ~ Allison Myers
I've got the need for speed. ~ Trent Stamps
Born in Michigan, meaning I'm nuts. ~ Lexi Kennedy
I will be a bumblebee. ~ Laysia Wright

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RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated the week of **October 26th-30th**! This week is set aside to educate students on the importance of maintaining a drug and bullying free school and life. Students will be able to show their support by dressing up for each theme day that week:

Dress Up Days:

Monday: "REdy" to live a drug free life (Wear Red)

Tuesday: Hats off to being bully and drug free (Wear hats)

Wednesday: Friends don't let friends bully or do drugs (Dress like a friend)

Thursday: My future is bright. No drugs in sight! (Dress in college gear or Dress up as your future career)

Friday: "PAWsitively" Drug Free (Wear Wampus cat gear)

In addition to theme dress days we will be selling candy grams and operating a photo booth during lunch shifts. We need volunteers to help during lunch shifts (11:00-1:00)! Please email Mrs. Priest (priestl@conwayschools.net) or Coach Lea (leaj@conwayschools.net) if you can help us out! There are many other activities that students will participate in during Red Ribbon Week so be sure to ask your student what they learned each day when they get home!

THE CSMS PORTAPORTAL

Your student can access the CSMS portaportal where they will have access to many websites their teachers will be using. Just go to **www.portaportal.com**. Type **csmsstudent** in the guest access box. Included are poetry, math & grammar games, authors, what to read next and series, science experiments, and sites for research.

GREEN SCHOOL PROJECT

The Green School Project helps schools across the country with fundraising by helping recycle used printer cartridges and cell phones, so send them to school too. We will receive some cash incentives for each one! All money raised is given to the science department to help science labs.

HELP US EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

Now is the time to gather up all those Box Tops, Labels for Education and Tyson Labels for Schools you've been saving and put them together to send to our school! Even if you only have a few, it's important to send them in! Remember, each Box Top and Label for Education is worth 10¢ to our school and Tyson labels are 24¢. That adds up fast when every family participates! Last year the money raised was used for Strive for 25 incentive trips. We will have a reward this year for the grade that brings in the most Box Tops. The last day to turn in Box Tops this fall is Wednesday, October 29th.



Homework Help Center

Monday-Friday 7:40-8:00 a.m.— room 121

Do you need help with homework or organization? Do you need time on Lexia, Reflex, or Tenmarks? If so, then you should join us in the Homework Help Center! We will work hard to help you reach your academic goals!



PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

Available for check out in our Parent Resource Center, you will find many books, pamphlets, video's, etc., that will reinforce your parenting skills. There is also some information available for Spanish speakers.

You will find information on:

- Tobacco Use
- Alcohol Use
- Drugs Use
- Eating Disorders
- Parenting Skills
- Dealing with Difficult Children
- Helping Your Child Succeed
- Teaching Your Child Responsible Behavior



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CSMS QUIZ BOWL TRYOUTS—SEPTEMBER 30 FROM 3:30-4:00

Quiz Bowl is a game of questions and answers on topics of human knowledge including history, literature, math, and science. Participants benefit from exposure to a broad range of school and cultural subjects, increased memorization and an improved ability to cooperate and work in teams. The game is typically played with a lockout buzzer system between two teams, most commonly consisting of four or five players each. A moderator reads questions to the teams. The players attempt to buzz in first with the correct answer and score points for their team.

Quiz Bowl is open to students in grades 5-7. If you are interested, stop by Mrs. Corey's room (Room 150) for more information and to pick up a permission slip. Permission slips must be returned prior to the tryout date.

Students must sign up and return the permission slip prior to tryouts.

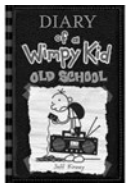
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MATH NIGHT

Come out on Thursday, October 29th to participate in this event. All parents and students of CSMS are invited to attend. More information will be sent out at a later time.

You won't want to miss this!!

Diary of a Wimpy Kid:

Cut along dotted line



Old School

Pre-Order Form

Please fill out this form completely. Books pre-ordered at the Book Fair will be shipped directly to CSMS beginning November 2 for distribution.

Student Name: _____ Reading Teacher _____ Period _____

	Price	Quantity	Total
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School	\$8.99		

Send your form and money in an envelope marked DWK Book Preorder to Mrs. Rehm in the Media Center.
Make checks payable to Carl Stuart Middle School.

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PARENT LUNCH PROCEDURES

If you drop off a lunch for your student, and they know you are dropping it off, we will not call them up. They need to know to come by the office on their way to the cafeteria to pick it up. In order for you to eat lunch in the cafeteria, you **MUST** check in at the office, have your license scanned and have a badge printed off and wear on your top chest/shoulder, visible. If you don't have one on, you will be asked to go back to the office and get one. If you don't have a license to scan you will not be allowed to go anywhere in the school.

HAVE YOUR STUDENT PREPARED TO GO HOME

If you are changing your students way to get home, you must call by 2:30. We cannot guarantee we can get a message to them if you call after 3:00 p.m.

CHECKING OUT AT THE END OF DAY

Checking your student out is necessary at times. But please, if you are only checking them out at the end of the day because you don't want to wait in line, we would appreciate it if you would not do this. It interrupts classes at the end of the day and creates more chaos for the office and traffic. Thank you for your cooperation.

CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES

CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES-AR ACT 37: As of October 1, 2011, a driver of a motor vehicle shall not use a handheld wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle when passing a school building or school zone during school hours when children are present and outside the building unless making an emergency call to fire, police or other emergency personnel. Use of a "Handheld wireless telephone" means a wireless interactive communication device with which a user engages in communication using at least one (1) hand. Hands-free devices are acceptable under ACT 37. More info visit <http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2011/2011R/Acts/Act37.pdf>

PTO REQUESTS YOUR HELP

Dear Parents,

Please help us feed our teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences, September 23rd & 24th. Please find our Sign Up Genius page to sign up to help. We need you and thank you for your help!



HOW DO I KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON AT CSMS?

Child's Planner-Please check daily to see what is happening in your child's classes. In the real world, most adults keep planners or calendars of some kind. Assist us in training your child to keep his/her planner updated.

Conway Public Schools app-This app gives you access to calendars, school news, sports schedules, and a lot more!

CSMS Website-Upcoming events and announcements will be posted on the school's website. <http://cs.conwayschools.org/>

E-School's Home Access Center-Grades will be updated for each class every two weeks.

Teacher Blogs-You can access teacher blogs from the Faculty link on the CSMS webpage. These contain daily assignments and upcoming test dates.

ParentLink-Important messages/reminders will be delivered by our automated phone system. If you are not receiving these calls when you know other parents are, please contact Mrs. West in our office to make certain we have your correct phone number in the computer.

Notes Home and POWS-Teachers may send notes home for minor infractions of school rules or POWS for not completing an assignment. These require a parent signature. Be sure you are checking your student's backpack, binders, and planner daily.

Facebook-CSMS has a Facebook page and is great at quickly getting notices/reminders posted. You can become a fan from the

P A R E N T R E M I N D E R S

- Please come in with your student at all times during the day to sign them in when late, or checking them in or out. **Please don't drop them off without signing them in.**
- We accept excuses for doctor, dentist, funeral and mental health. You may also call in to let us know that your student will be out for the day. Please, have your student bring doctors excuses to the office, not their teacher.