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**Winter Break - No School
Thursday, December 21—Monday, January 1**

Spotlight on Carlisle Middle School

by Mr. Elkin and Information by
Mrs. Dudley and Mrs. Mohr



Carlisle Middle School's PLTW (Project Lead The Way) and STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) programs serve all 6th through 8th grade students at Carlisle Middle School and are taught by Mrs. Mohr and Mrs. Dudley, respectively. Each class is taken for one quarter (9

weeks) back-to-back with each other and then rotates at the semester with physical education.

In Project Lead the Way, students are presented with a variety of authentic problems that embed science, technology, engineering, and mathematics concepts. Throughout the quarter, students collaborate with their teams to think critically and creatively. Each course has a specific focus on how the engineering design process can be used to solve problems.

6th Grade - Design and Modeling: The 6th Grade Course provides students with opportunities to use the design process to creatively solve problems. Throughout the quarter, students learn engineering and design skills. Students learn to make two - and three-dimensional representations of their designs using drawing techniques and Computer-Aided-Design software. They use the engineering design process to research, test, fabricate, and make modifications to their designs.

7th Grade - Automation and Robotics: The 7th Grade Course, Automation and Robots, allows students to trace development and influence of automation and robotics as they learn about mechanical systems, energy transfer, and computer control systems. Students use the VEX Robotics platform to design, build, and program real-world objects such as traffic lights, model cars, and robotic arms. Students use tools such as the engineering design process, VEX Robotics, and programming software to invent and innovate their projects.

8th Grade - Medical Detectives: During the 8th Grade Course, students explore the biomedical sciences through hands-on projects and labs that require the students to solve a variety of medical mysteries. Students investigate medical careers, vital signs, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases, as well as human body systems. Students research the human body as a compilation of body systems. Students conclude the quarter with a forensics unit in which they solve a crime scene using biomedical clues for their evidence. 8th Grade students dissecting a sheep brain as they learn about parts of the nervous system

6th Grade STEM: The 6th grade STEM students have been busy coding with Code.org. During the first few weeks of the quarter, students work with the problem solving process. They practice using the problem solving process throughout the first unit as they work through puzzles, real world scenarios, and challenges. One of their favorite activities from the first unit is when they get to design and build aluminum boats that they then test to see how many pennies their boat will hold. They learn how computers input, output, process, and store information during the first unit as well. Students then finish up the unit by developing an app that solves a problem of their choosing.



During the second unit, students learn how to code in HTML. Throughout the unit they work on debugging code and writing their own code. Students learn how to save images, upload them, and write the code for them so they appear on a webpage. By the end of the second unit, students create a personal website. Their websites have images uploaded and at least three pages that are hyperlinked.

This is the first year that we have offered this curriculum at CMS and the sixth grade students are doing great things with coding!

7th and 8th Grade STEM: The 7th and 8th grade STEM students work with the PITSCO Modules. We have 14 different module options that the students get to choose from. These options include: Computer Graphics and Animation, Engineering Bridges, Fitness and Health, Flight, Forensic Science, Immunology, Interior Design, Life Skills, Microwave Cooking, Plastics and Polymers, Practical Skills, Sewing and Design, Snack Nutrition, and Video Production. Students work collaboratively through these modules to create and manage projects, gather information, and use critical thinking skills. 7th and 8th grade students are able to get through three full module rotations a quarter.

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In the event of an unscheduled school closing, delay or early/late dismissal it is our goal to notify the community in an efficient and timely manner. We know our decision to close schools in poor weather has a big effect on families. We also believe students benefit both academically and socially by being in school. We will balance these factors with factors of student safety when it comes to decisions regarding school closing. Please take a few minutes to review the school closing procedures listed below. [Please visit our website for more information on the different types of weather closings.](#)

How is the public notified? You can check on weather related notices by: The homepage of our website (www.carlislecsd.org) will be updated with delay or cancellation information.

Email, Phone and Text notification from Carlisle School District via Infinite Campus Messenger:

In the event of a school cancellation or delay, Infinite Campus will be the primary communication tool used by the district. Families will receive communication in the form of a phone call, email, and, after opting in, a text message.

We ask that parents/guardians update their information on the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) under Contact Preferences. Please note, you must select text messaging to receive Text Alerts.

Checking Media Outlets for Weather Notices:

Television Stations:

WHO TV Channel 13 KCCI Channel 8 WOI Channel 5 KDSM FOX 17

Radio Stations:

1040 AM 100.3 FM 107.5 FM 106.3 FM 1460 AM 96.5 FM

Social/Internet Media:

[Des Moines Register Online](#) or [KCCI Online](#) or [WHO Online](#)

twitter: [@bryceamos](#) & [@Carlilse CSD](#)

Download: [13Now Smartphone App](#)

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR GuideOne ImaginEve!

We are still in need of volunteers to run the inflatables at Hy-Vee Hall on New Year's Eve. We need to supply 50 volunteers and currently only have half the needed volunteers signed up.

Parents - make it a family event with everyone 14 and up volunteering!

Students - make a plan with your friends to volunteer at ImaginEve and THEN celebrate the New Year!

Friends/Community Members—You don't have to be a parent to volunteer join the fun and help the CHS After Prom. Anyone over 14 years if age can volunteer.

The event is over and cleaned up by 9:30, with plenty of time for New Year's fun!

This event is ESSENTIAL to the success of Fun Night and After Prom.

Students can earn Silver Cord hours OR free admission to After Prom and EVERY student who volunteers and works the event will get PRIORITY PLACEMENT in line at Grand March! A parent can earn free After Prom admission for their student by volunteering, but the *students* have to work the event to earn Silver Cord or Grand March priority.



Click [HERE](#) to sign up today!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Carlisle CHS boys' and girls' Track & Field programs are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Track and Field camp & competitions on April 15th and April 22nd for 3rd-6th graders.

Girls will have camp & competitions from 3:00 p.m.—4:30p.m. and boys session will run from 4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Look for more information to be released in January!

Middle School Shuttle Bus Change:

Starting January 2, 2018, students that ride Shuttle Bus #5 from the Main Campus to the Middle School Campus at the end of the day, will need to ride on Bus #6. For questions contact: Jason Bradshaw 515-989-5315 or Zenda Adams 515-989-5301

CHS Upcoming Events:

- **Athletic Hall of Fame: Friday, January 19, during our home basketball games vs. Perry. Recognition of inductees will be between varsity games at approximately 7:10 p.m.**
- **Wrestling Senior Night: Saturday, January 20, at the CYA Wrestling Tournament (approximately 3:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.)**
- **Lil Cheer Night: Friday, February 9 during the halftime of the girls game. Please note the date change.**
- **Basketball Senior Night: Friday, February 9, during our home games vs. Carroll. Both girls and boys senior players will be recognized between the varsity games at approximately 7:15 p.m.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

Only 1 more week to order yearbooks for \$25.00. January 1 they go up to \$30.00. Order online at www.jostensyearbooks.com.

HELP I am in desperate need of pictures for girls basketball, wrestling and any band or choir concerts. If you have any pictures you are willing to share, please email them to me at kim.driscoll@carlislecsd.org.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The Booster Club is also planning to host a Chili Tailgate during the girls and boys basketball games on Friday, January 19. Please contact Lori Landgren at dotsgalleryframe@yahoo.com or 515-991-7880 if you would like to make a pot of chili rolls or cinnamon rolls to sell that night.

Carlisle Athletic Hall Of Fame

We are pleased to inform you that the following men have been selected as a 2018 Carlisle High School Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee. Carlisle has a strong history and tradition of excellence, and we are pleased to recognize them for your outstanding contribution to this tradition.

The CHS Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2018:

- Brian Keeney—Athlete State Champion Track
- Robert Spencer—Coach State Champion (Distance Medley) Track
- Bill Betterton—Athlete State Champion Track

Our Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place on Friday, January 19, 2018 at Carlisle's home varsity basketball games against Raccoon River Conference foe Perry. We will hold the ceremony between the boys and girls basketball games at approximately 7:10 p.m.



CHS Winter Walking



Carlisle Schools will again be allowing community members access to the High School hallways for winter walking. The doors will be open in the Commons with access to the hallways Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. beginning Monday, December 12.

If you are new to winter walking we ask that patrons stop by the Administrative Office (430 School St) to register for the walking list. You will be provided a "Winter Walker" tag which will allow you access to the hallways during the designated hours. If you still have your tag from last year, you may use it again this year. We are very appreciative of the community support we receive and are excited about this opportunity to help our patrons with their fitness efforts.

LUNCH MENU

DAY	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	ALA CARTE
Monday, January 1		New Year's Day No School	
Tuesday, January 2	Pancake & Sausage on a Stick	Hot Dog French Fries Fresh Carrots Mandarin Oranges Applesauce	Breadstick
Wednesday, January 3	Breakfast Pizza	Cheese Pizza Romaine Lettuce Corn Banana Strawberries	Crispito
Thursday, January 4	Egg and Sausage	Ham & Cheese Sandwich Baked Beans Steamed Carrots Mixed Fruit Peaches Cookie	Garlic Cheese Bread
Friday, January 5	Donut	<u>K-3</u> French Toast Sticks Hash Browns Yogurt <u>4-12</u> Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Carrot / Celery Sticks <u>All Grades</u> Pears/Apple Juice	Pizza

*For community happenings, please click the
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Hartford Hometown Pride

Carlisle Girls Softball Registration

Carlisle Recreation—Adult Coed Volleyball

Carlisle Soccer Club Registration Information

Coerver Soccer Winter Clinics

Iowa Youth Choir

APEX Winter Clinics

Central College Baseball Camps

Medicap Flu Shots

VISION GOALS

- 1 Provide a comprehensive educational experience that prepares students to thrive in their chosen pathway after graduation.
- 2 Cultivate a positive culture, committed to a safer learning environment, based on mutual respect among all district stakeholders.
- 3 Promote partnerships with parents and community to extend and enrich learning experiences within and beyond the classroom.
- 4 All members of the learning community commit to collaborative practices that ensure continuous improvement and progress.

“Vision 2020 provides students with the most critical competencies to successfully lead in their post-secondary pathway.”

THINK CRITICALLY & SOLVE COMPLEX PROBLEMS

Students apply tools and strategies learned from core subjects to formulate and solve problems. Tools include data analysis, statistical reasoning, scientific inquiry, nonlinear thinking and persistence.

COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY

Students clearly organize their data, findings and thoughts in both written and oral communication.

DEVELOP ACADEMIC MINDSETS

Students form a deep commitment to learning as a lifelong process- develop academic perseverance- search for solutions to overcome obstacles.

COMPETENCIES

MASTER CORE ACADEMIC CONTENT

Students understanding of knowledge in an academic area and ability to transfer knowledge to other situations.

WORK COLLABORATIVELY

Students cooperate to identify and create solutions to academic, social, vocational and personal challenges. The skills required for teamwork- social skills ranging from active listening of other points of view to conflict resolution- more effective in reaching a shared goal.

LEARN HOW TO LEARN

Students monitor and direct their own learning.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The key performance indicators for each goal will be progress monitored at the building and district level. A year-end district report card will provide progress on goals.