

Welcome CMS Tiger families to the 2022-23 school year.



This new school year is especially exciting to me since we will all be together for a full school year. As we come together to provide a year of valuable service to students, I want to share some important points of reference that make Commerce Middle School a successful learning environment:

1. Our theme this year is *CMS Tigers Earn Their Stripes*. We are rooted in learning and growing to create that culture of learning at CMS.
2. We provide an important service, and that service is to grow all of our students with hard work, sincerity, respect, and quality instruction for an inclusive and equitable environment.
3. We are strategic, and allow time to enhance what we have, as well as new implementations. Therefore, we plan for sustainability of what is successful.
4. We pride ourselves on being a safe campus by knowing exactly who is in our building at all times. We make sure to know and follow the Standard Response Protocols as needed.
5. In the Classroom, teachers use aligned management strategies to create a safe and warm learning environment.
6. CMS is fortunate to have quality curriculum and resources. This includes research based online programs, apps, and ongoing training from Professional Development, Staff Development, and each other.
7. Students have the opportunity to academically challenge themselves by participating in grade leveled challenges, school wide challenges, and competing in UIL events.
8. We are building the Whole Child through Field Trips, Assemblies, Guidance Lessons, GT, a Talent Show, Choir, NJHS, News Crew, Sports, Clubs, Dances, Principal's Council, ACE, Food for Kids in need, etc.
9. Being creative and purposeful with our budget, fundraising, and with ESSER funds allowed by our CISD School Board, we are fulfilling student needs.
10. We are blessed with our PTO parents and volunteers who provide and/or support many social events and activities for our families and staff.
11. The CMS Mission is to create a safe and engaging learning environment to inspire students, while fostering a relationship between staff, students, parents, and community.
12. Our vision at CMS is to grow together with positive collaboration, communication, and perseverance. This takes frequent communication amongst all stakeholders. We work together to foster a meaningful climate to enhance and accomplish our goals.

As you can see, CMS has all the correct components to ensure that we are Resilient, no matter what. However, we can't be a successful learning culture without all of us working together. Commerce Middle School is a family, and we look forward to the upcoming school year.

Thank you for all you do everyday to support your child's education,

Lisa Palazzetti, CMS Principal & Tony Henry, Dean of Students
Go Tigers!



Commerce Middle School

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Bell Schedule 2022-2023

	Schedule	Pep Rally\Assemblies
Greeting Bell	7:45	7:45
Period 1	7:50 - 8:40	7:50-8:30
Period 2	8:44 - 9:34	8:34-9:19
Period 3	9:38 - 10:28	9:23 - 10:08
Period 4	10:32 - 11:22	10:12 - 10:57
Period 5 Imbedded Lunches	11:26 - 12:52	11:01 - 12:31
6th Grade: Lunch	11:22-11:52	11:01 - 11:31
7th Grade: Lunch	11:52-12:22	11:31 - 12:01
8th Grade: Lunch	12:22-12:52	12:01 - 12:31
Period 6	12:56 - 1:46	12:35 - 1:20
Period 7	1:50 - 2:40	1:24 - 2:09
Period 8	2:44- 3:35	2:13 - 2:58

Pep Rally/Assembly 3:02 - 3:35



No cell phones, airpods, Bluetooth headphones, or smart watches are allowed to be in use at Commerce Middle School during the school day. Cell phones must remain home or be turned off and stored in the student's backpack during the entirety of the school day.

CMS
Student Dress Code

Pants must fit appropriately around the waist with no sagging

CMS prohibits crocs, flip-flops, sleeveless shirts, spaghetti straps, pajama pants, volleyball tights, hats, caps, and sunglasses

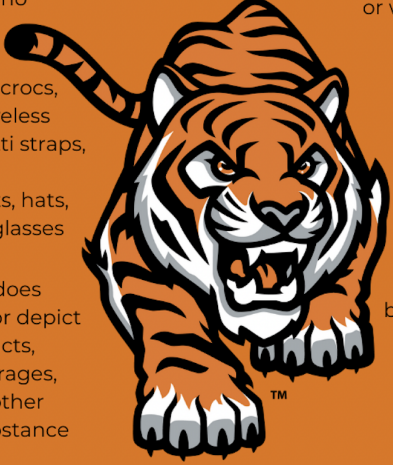
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- Students are not allowed to wear hoods on their heads anywhere in the school building.

No lockers at CMS. Students will carry their backpacks from class to class.

Chromebooks stay overnight charging at CMS this school year.

Tutoring will be on Wednesdays, starting in September. You will be notified if your child requires tutoring at any time during the school year.



Parking and entrance during school day for front office

- Front office parking is in the front of the front office entrance (directly on Culver St.)

Arrival and Dismissal for car-riders

- Car-rider drop off and pick up will be in the main parking lot on the west side of the school building.
- During arrival, students will walk down the front sidewalk, and enter the building through the front entrance.
- NO CARS WILL BE ALLOWED TO DROP OFF AT THE BUS DROP OFF!
- PLEASE DO NOT DROP STUDENTS OFF IN THE ROAD!

Parking and entrance during evening events

- Sporting events, pep rallies, and any other event held in the gym will require parking in the main parking lot. Please park in designated parking spots; do not park in lanes.
- Events held in the school building (Meet the Teacher, Open House, 8th Grade Graduation, etc.) will require parking in the main parking lot, but visitors will enter through the front entrance of the building (bus entrance).

Communication from CMS:

- District Webpage: <https://www.commerceisd.org>
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- Parent Square by Principal, Teachers, District
- Monthly Newsletter from Principal via Parent Square
- Social Media on Facebook: Commerce Middle School
- Social Media on Twitter: @CommerceMS
- Phone calls - Please answer OR call us back, and we will do the same
- Emails - Please respond if needed, and we will do the same

Student Code of Conduct and our Student Handbook can be found on the District and CMS Web Pages.

