



Camp Road Middle School  
January 10, 2022

## Cougar News

### Parler's Ponderings:

My random thoughts for the week:

1. We have five days remaining in the second nine weeks and first semester of school. Most of our teachers are flexible with allowing students to make up missing assignments so take advantage of that this week. Students then have a four day weekend, January 15-18, before returning for quarter 3 on Wednesday, January 19.
2. In this past Saturday's *Post and Courier* newspaper, it was reported this past week CCSD had 533 positive COVID-19 cases among students and staff as well as an additional 352 students and staff who were quarantined. Hence, in this newsletter I have included the updated DHEC guidelines and COVID-19 free testing sites. I will add that school nurses are now on "overload" dealing with COVID again while still responsible for providing the same quality of daily care as they have been for all students. Please be nice to them. They didn't make the rules and don't deserve mistreatment.

Have a great week and stay healthy

### NEWS FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE

Please remember that your child is late if they arrive at or after the 8:30 AM bell has rung. Do not drop them off without coming into the vestibule to sign them into school. If you have any questions please contact Devon Gamble, school data clerk, [devon\\_gamble@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:devon_gamble@charleston.k12.sc.us).

### TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Due to the overcrowding on Bus 307 and Bus 308, we will not be able to accept any bus passes for those two buses for the time being. If you have any questions regarding buses, please contact Mr. Glover ([brant\\_glover@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:brant_glover@charleston.k12.sc.us)) or Mr. Westergaard ([andreas\\_westergaard@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:andreas_westergaard@charleston.k12.sc.us)).

# DHEC shortens isolation to 5 days for positive COVID cases

COVID-19 ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE GUIDELINES	
UPDATED JANUARY 2022	
Positive COVID Individual	Close Contact of Positive Individual
<p><b>VACCINATED or UNVACCINATED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Must isolate at home for at least 5 days</b> since COVID symptoms began.</li><li>• <b>Earliest return to school is day 6</b> with students required to provide note from parent that symptoms have improved and no fever for past 24 hours (without medication).</li><li>• <b>Must wear mask days 6-10</b> (regardless of CCSD mask exemption).</li></ul>	<p><b>IF VACCINATED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>No quarantine is required if symptom-free.</b> DHEC recommends test on day 5; mask on days 1-10.</li></ul> <p><b>IF UNVACCINATED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Must quarantine away from school for 10 days WITHOUT a negative viral test.</b></li><li>• <b>Must quarantine away from school for 5 days WITH a negative viral test</b> (no home tests accepted, and must be taken no sooner than day 4) and no symptoms. Return to school on day 6, and must wear mask on days 6-10 (regardless of CCSD mask exemption).</li><li>• <b>Household contact:</b> Students or staff who are unable to separate from a household member with COVID must quarantine for an additional 5 days.</li></ul>

DHEC recently changed its guidance on COVID isolation and quarantine periods. Two highlights are:

- Positive individuals can return to school after **5 days of isolation** if symptoms have improved and they are fever-free for 24 hours.
- Close contacts can shorten their quarantine from **10 to 5 days** if they have a negative viral test result taken no earlier than day 4.

## COVID-19 FREE TESTING

Charleston County School District, through a grant from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, continues to offer free COVID-19 testing for all staff and students (*including CCSD charter school students and staff*) every day of the school week at multiple locations, and Saturdays.

PCR and Rapid Antigen Tests will be available. The tests are for asymptomatic and symptomatic CCSD students and staff.

A third-party vendor assigned by DHEC will conduct the tests. A consent form will need to be completed in advance of testing. Directions to download the testing app to complete the consent form can be found [here](#) or at <https://rrtesting.app/SCSchools>.

## GUIDANCE UPDATES

Parent workshop:  
Session 1- 2022  
**Tough Conversations**

Free VIRTUAL monthly workshops to help you better understand your child

January 20, 2022

Tonight's Topic:  
6:00 PM - Vape Talk for Parents

Presented by:  
Megan Austin - Smokefree SC Communications Coordinator  
MPH candidate  
and  
Dr. Lochrane Grant, Retired Pediatrician

To register go to  
[www.ZOOM.com](http://www.ZOOM.com) Join Meeting  
Meeting ID: 81375208321  
Passcode: 519165

Sponsored By:  
The Charleston County School District ABAP program  
Smokefree SC

For more info contact:  
Linda Allen at [linda\\_bollinger@charlestonk12.sc.us](mailto:linda_bollinger@charlestonk12.sc.us)

STUDENTS ARE THE HEART OF OUR WORK

Vape Talk

SMOKE FREE SC

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## Parent Workshop: Session 1 Tough Conversations

Monthly parenting workshops on "Tough Conversations" that focus on teen substance use and overall wellness. Please share this information with your staff and parents.

- January 20: Vape Talk for Parents

Additional information is [linked here](#).



Coaches for Character is proud to announce that it is expanding its "Unsung Hero" program to Charleston. Called The CHAMP Awards, it will be an annual event that honors 70 Charleston County students. Two students will be chosen from every eighth grade and twelfth grade. The award is designed to honor true "Unsung Heroes." The nomination process, managed by Charleston County school counselors, will focus on identifying and selecting students who often go unnoticed, even though they have accomplished wonderful things in their community, church, home, or school. Their selection is based on character, community service, academic effort, and overcoming odds. Please contact your counselor (Ciucci) for more information and click [here](#) to listen to the media promotion for this event

## NEWS FROM THE NURSE

**Flu vaccines** for students are scheduled for January 27, 2022. If you would like your child to get a flu vaccine or flu nasal spray at school:

1. Go to <http://www.scdhec.gov/slvconsent> using your smartphone, computer or tablet and enter "11001118" as your validation code.
2. Paper copies available: just ask your child to pick one up from the school clinic.

## PTO UPDATES FOR THE WEEK

### Spirit Wear Design Contest!

We are looking for a new design for our t-shirts, hoodies, beanies and other spirit wear! If you have an idea, submit your drawing on a regular sized sheet of paper to Mr. Brown by Monday January 11.

The image should be somewhat simple, not too detailed, and will be just one color once finalized and printed. Use our current designs as reference; those were designed by former Cougars too! Have an idea but need a little help? Ask our talented resident artist Mr. Brown for some guidance. Our Top 3 designers will receive a small prize and the overall winner will go down in history as a Cougar Super Fan!  
Good luck and have fun!

### Thank You!

Thank you parents for your gift cards and money donations to fund the "Cookie Cart" before Christmas for the CRMS faculty and staff. The morning was a pleasant surprise for the staff and truly appreciated.

## Recess Playground Update

We are finally starting to see some results for our fundraising efforts last year to provide recess playground equipment. Currently the **gaga pit** has been installed and was extremely popular this week. The poles for the **volleyball net** have been cemented in the ground and the net will be installed this coming week. Also this coming week, two **tetherball poles** will be mounted. In phase two, we hope to have the funding to install one or two concrete **four-square pads**. See pictures below.



## **MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS**

Camp Road Middle School has had a successful tennis program in the past years with enough interest for three teams each season. We hope that this same interest continues this season. It is now time to sign up for tennis. If your child is interested, please complete the attached link. We are in desperate need for a parent to serve as the head “coach” or parent organizer as well as other parents who would be interested in serving as a team “coach.” You don’t really coach because the coaching will be done by the resident tennis pro at Maybank Tennis Center. However, parent volunteers are needed in order for the school to provide this opportunity to our students. If you are interested in helping serve as the tennis organizer and/or helping to “coach” a team, please include that information when completing the form.

[Tennis Information Form](#)

## BAND UPDATE

The Cougar Band had 11 students who auditioned for SCBDA Region Band this past Saturday at Summerville High School. These students had to prepare an advanced audition including memorizing 8 scales, learning a difficult solo, memorizing 70 music terms, and preparing sight reading skills (they had to play a piece after looking at it for only 60 seconds).

Daniel Carreira  
Collin Hlavac  
Noah Houfek  
Samuel Johnson  
Mikey Kardell  
Leo Messina  
Kynisha Middleton  
Zavier Nutting  
Emma Steinmeyer  
Olivia Tebalt  
Isaac Webb

Tutor.com Available for All Students

[Tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com) is now being provided to all students through the SC State Library. It provides free tutoring for any grade or subject area along with test prep and other services and is accessible to students via Clever.

# Calendar

## January

January 11	Winter reading MAP testing
January 11	Spirit wear designs due to Mr. Brown, art teacher
January 13	Winter math MAP testing
January 14	End of Quarter 2 & Semester 1
January 17	MLK Holiday, schools and offices closed
January 18	Teacher workday, no students
January 19	First day of Quarter 3, students return
January 24-25	Report cards will be issued, TBD
January 27	Flu vaccines
January 27	Thrilling Thursday

## February

February 4	eLearning day, students work from home
February 18	Early release day at 1:30 PM
February 21	eLearning day, students work from home
February 22	Q 3 progress reports sent home
February 22	National School Bus Drivers' Appreciation Day

## March

March 22	End of Quarter 3
March 23	Teacher workday
March 24	First day of Quarter 4, students return
March 28	Report cards will be issued this week, TBD