

July 21, 2021

Cario Parents and Guardians:

The summer break is moving along quickly, and plans are coming together to ensure a great school year. Although Cario continues to be one of the largest middle schools in South Carolina, we are also one of the highest-achieving schools, which could only be accomplished through the combined efforts of our faculty and staff, students, parents, and community supporters.

Being Cario's returning principal is quite an honor, and I am excited about working with all of you and our students. Know that your student(s) will be attending a school filled with faculty and staff who are enthusiastic and focused on creating award-winning, student-centered programs in and out of the classroom. This year will bring many opportunities to share ideas on Cario's future direction. We hope that all of you will join our PTSO. And, there are ways to connect through our School Improvement Council and extra-curricular activities.

For those who do not know me, I have worked in school administration for the past fourteen years, including as an Assistant Principal at Wando High School under the leadership of Mrs. Lucy G. Beckham for six years (2007-2013). I was previously principal here at Cario Middle for five school years (2013-2018). I taught English for a little over fourteen years in grades 6-12, earning National Board Certification. My degrees include a B.A. and a Master's plus 30 in English, a Master's in Special Education from Furman, and certification in middle and high school administration from the Citadel. Curriculum/Instruction and Exceptional Education are two areas that I enjoy immensely. Along with all of the usual administrative work that goes with this position, I look forward to hearing your ideas. We will work together to achieve common goals to benefit our students, including reinstating clubs and other opportunities that were put on hold by the COVID-19 pandemic.

You will receive a detailed packet with much more information and specific directions the week of August 2nd. For now, I wanted to introduce myself and give you some big picture important dates:

Our FACT AND FEE DAYS are August 9 and 10.

Parents will have the option to do this online or in-person.

Once the Fact and Fee process is completed, you will receive your child's class schedule for the year.



Thomas C. Cario Middle School

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CAMP CARIO:

Camp Cario is for rising sixth graders and is on Thursday, August 12th, from 8:30-11:00 a.m. Only 6th graders will attend classes on August 12th as part of their orientation to Cario Middle School.

The first official day for all students is Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Again, details about these activities, directions, and much more will be shared through a packet you will receive the week of August 2.

We will keep the most up-to-date information posted on Cario's website at <http://cario.ccsdschools.com> Please visit this site often looking for new announcements and information. Speaking of our school's website, I am so excited to share that Thomas C. Cario Middle School received state recognition this summer for both our student news show (CTV) and for our school's website. Read the press release here: [SCNSPRA Media Awards](#)

Enjoy this summer with your family.
Thank you,

Sharon Randall
Principal
Thomas C. Cario Middle School