



# The Comet's Tale

*Preparing resourceful, positive, service-oriented leaders of tomorrow!*

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAR 6 – 9:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sewee Field Trips

**MAR 7-11:** PTSO Jersey Mike's Spirit Week

**MAR 12:** Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night, 6pm, Gym

**MAR 14:** Early Release Day & End of Quarter 3

**MAR 14:** Band Symphonic Camp (7<sup>th</sup> grade 1:30-4:30, Symphonic Band 5-8pm)

**MAR 15:** Orchestra Concert Festival @Ft. Dorchester

**MAR 15-18:** All State Band Clinic, Furman University, Greenville, SC

**MAR 20:** REPORT CARDS

**MAR 20:** Chorus Festival Concert, 7pm, Gym

**MAR 22:** Lifetouch Spring Photos @Media Center

**MAR 22:** Band Pre-Festival Concert, 7<sup>th</sup> grade & Symphonic Band, 7pm, Gym

**MAR 24:** Drama SCSTA Festival @White Knoll Middle School, West Columbia, SC

**MAR 28:** Band – SC CPA @School of the Arts

**MAR 29:** Wando Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Day

**MAR 30:** Teacher Workday – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

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<http://cario.ccsdschools.com/>

Cario PTSO Website:

<https://sites.google.com/charleston.k12.sc.us/cario-ptso>

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## Hello Cario Parents, Community, Faculty, and Students:

We are quickly moving through this spring semester, and third quarter will end March 14. Cario received some very exciting news last week. **See the national STEM award announcement for Cario later in this newsletter!**

Also, remember that this is **Jersey Mike's Spirit Week**: see Cario's website for the coupon links to make one or more meals this week a little easier for your family. Also, see **Wando's Curriculum Fair** information at the end.

I hope you saw on Cario's Twitter and Facebook page where one of Mrs. Gomez's classes did a video lesson with a Chinese teacher in Beijing, China – very exciting. We are hoping to continue this weekly partnership.

I will be offering **Cario Conversations** meetings on the following dates for in-coming parents, current parents, or community members who would like more information about Cario. The dates are: March 21, April 10, April 30, and May 16. Call our Front Desk with any questions or to sign up for one of these 2 hour sessions. **Please share this information with in-coming Cario parents.**

Read all of this very full newsletter to see some of what is coming and to celebrate just some of the wonderful accomplishments of our students!

Thank you for your support of all we do,  
Sharon Randall, Principal

## \*IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS\*



### **TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR ORDERING YOUR YEARBOOK!!**

To be guaranteed a copy, order yours today!! You can order online at [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) or if you want to pay by cash or check, email Miss Murphy [shannon\\_murphy@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:shannon_murphy@charleston.k12.sc.us) or visit the front office for an order form.

**UPCOMING SATURDAY**

**SCHOLARS DATES:**

**MARCH 10**

**April 14**

**April 21**

**April 28**

**\*\*Only 1 date remains before the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter! \*\***

*Saturday Scholars takes place in the Media Center from 9-12.*

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Mr. Crosby and Mrs. Garver recently took their classes to attend the Mount Pleasant Historical Society meeting.

**WHAT'S NEW TO KNOW HERE AT CARIO?**

**Cario's Boys Basketball** DOMINATED the court this year! The **8<sup>th</sup> grade boys** defeated C.E. Williams 57-43 in the semi-finals of the Trident Basketball League, and had the team's highest point total for the year lead by Cooper Knight with 16 points, McClain Stoklosa and Rico Harrell both with 12 points. The boys then went to work once more and crushed Daniel Island for a 40-28 win and the title of Trident Basketball CHAMPS!

**CONGRATULATIONS COMETS--WHAT A WAY TO END YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL CAREERS!**



***A Special  
Shout Out to  
Will Hill, this  
year's M.V.P.!  
  
Way to go,  
Will!***

Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> grader **Bella Feinzig** for winning third place in this year's Patriots Pen Essay Contest!



**Victor Hendrix** shows off his "sweet" DNA replica in Mrs. Voelkel's 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science class.



The **Cario 6<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball** team battled the flu and injuries to mount an undefeated regular season. They played their semi-final game the same day as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys, facing an athletic and quick C.E. Williams team, but the Comets won a close game 22-18! Briggs Sullivan returned from a knee injury to lead the team in scoring with 7 points. He shot 50% from the field and 75% at the free throw line. Kaimani Murdock and Garrett Coombs followed with 6 points each. The boys then faced Moultrie in the Championship game, and unfortunately were defeated at the buzzer 16-15. But the Coaches and we here at Cario are very proud of the team effort and sportsmanship these student athletes have displayed this year.



**Cario Art** students are claiming prizes left and right!! The Master Class field trip was a huge success! This was hosted by SEWE at Charles Towne Landing for Duck Stamp Jr. winners. Congratulations go to:



**Abi O'Donnell** - Best in Show



**Grace Zuo** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place



Cario's PLTW

Gateway Teachers:

Michael Carr

Kellie Passarello



**Caroline Sharpe**— 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



**Carly Sabados** – Honorable Mention

**Abi O'Donnell** and **Emma Tiberian** were also finalists in the Conservation Message portion of the contest. WAY TO GO, GIRLS!

Cario is proud to announce that 8<sup>th</sup> grade Advanced Art student **Abi O'Donnell** received a Gold Key award in this year's Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition for her painting "Blue Teal." Seventh grader **Leaton Nuttall** also received an Honorable Mention. Congratulations to both young ladies and best of luck to Abi during Nationals!



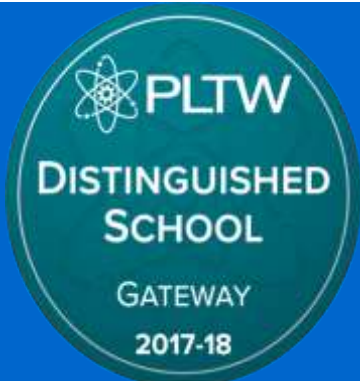
👏 Congratulations to the following **Drama** students that have been invited to join International Jr. Thespian Troupe 89433 at Cario! They were formally inducted on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in the Media Center. Way to go, thespians!

Brooke Benkoski  
Marianna Folz  
Houston Hackett  
Emily Carano  
Ariana Jones  
Alexandra O'Reilly

Ryan Rodriguez  
Kyle Bessho  
Aidan Young  
Natalie Doyle  
Dora Lewis  
Cooper Stapleton

Cario also welcomes Ms. Ashley Baker who is interning with Mrs. McLeod during her second semester as a student at The College of Charleston. Ms. Baker is completing the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Theatre degree.

👏 Thanks to the **Cario PTSO** and an allowance from CCSD, we have received over 240 new books so far this year with another 140 on order and due to arrive soon. These include biographies, classics,



additions to existing series, and award winners as well as some of the most highly recommended new books for 2017/18. Thank you once again, PTSO!!

Under the direction of Ms. Brown, **6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Visual Artists** recently completed their portrait entries for the Art Fields Jr. contest and they...are...AMAZING!

**Cario Named Distinguished School for STEM and Career Learning!**

Last week, Cario was recognized as a national Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Gateway™ Distinguished School. CMS is one of just 110 middle schools in the country, and only one of five in South Carolina, to receive this honor in 2018.

"This recognition validates what incredible access our students have to nationally-approved STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum at Cario. We are honored to be recognized as being a PLTW Distinguished School in STEM and in using PLTW Gateway™." (S.E. Randall)

The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. Cario offers all ten PLTW Gateway units, **the maximum**, to their students: *App Creators; Automation and Robotics; Computer Science for Innovators and Makers; Design and Modeling; Energy and the Environment; Flight and Space; Green Architecture; Magic of Electrons; Medical Detectives; and, Science of Technology.*

Students develop STEM knowledge through PLTW programs, as well as in-demand, transportable skills that they will use both in school and for the rest of their lives.

"It is a great honor to recognize Cario Middle School for their commitment to students," said Vince Bertram, President and CEO of PLTW. "They are a model for what a school should look like [when it comes to access to STEM], and they should be very proud of ensuring students have the knowledge and skills to be career ready and successful on any career path they choose."



Addison Junkins, 7<sup>th</sup>



Bella Immelman, 7<sup>th</sup>



Breeden Hall, 6<sup>th</sup>



Carly Sabados, 7<sup>th</sup>



Carolyn Dang, 6<sup>th</sup>



Cassidy Copenhaver, 6<sup>th</sup>



DonJanay Jenkins, 7<sup>th</sup>



Emma Tiberian, 7<sup>th</sup>



Faith Liu, 7<sup>th</sup>



Grace Zuo, 6<sup>th</sup>



Julia Zimmerman, 7<sup>th</sup>



Katia Busch, 6<sup>th</sup>





Keila Kohyama, 7<sup>th</sup>



Leaton Nuttall, 7<sup>th</sup>



Maria Remon, 7<sup>th</sup>



Rowan Pottieger, 6<sup>th</sup>



Sadie Bowlin, 7<sup>th</sup>



Sarah Sharif, 7<sup>th</sup>



Trevor Wyrick, 6<sup>th</sup>

**Article by Sunshine Kerr: *Honor choir***

Honor choir rehearsals were held from February 21-24 in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Brunson held auditions for honor choir in December. If someone gets into honor choir they are automatically invited to the all-county chorus. Students from ten southeastern states compete in honor choir. Fourteen students were chosen from our school. The songs honor choir are required to learn are *Sesere Eye* by Matthew Doyle, *Sing to Me* by Andrea Ramsey, *The Dream Keeper* by Henry Leck, *Kuwa Furaha* by Jim Papoulis, *Klee Wyck* by Brian Tate and *Lightning* by Greg Gilpin. Every two years Honor Choir competitions relocates to a different state. The auditions were held in November, and the results came in December. The list of people in honor choir is Sunshine Kerr, Viona Su, Katelyn Irizarry, Robert Moore, Grayson Garner, Trinity Carper, Kylie Cino, Kinsley Cortis, Leah Creaturo, Rj Dewitt, Rayna Hohm, Maddie Marino, Liam Traynor and Annajaye Walters.

**Article by Jordan Imburgia: *Yearbook***

The 2018 yearbook will be having an upgrade from previous years. There has been a new, full-year 8<sup>th</sup> grade Related Arts class added at Cario that is devoted to creating the yearbook. The leader of the yearbook class is Ms. Murphy, and her class has been coming up with some ideas on how the yearbook will emerge. Ms. Murphy has gathered multiple students to help her with this process. If you want to see all of these new looks, buy the yearbook before sales end. Go Comets!

**Article by Sarah Sharib: *First Lego League***

First Lego League was the ultimate place to go for students who planned on building robots. These robots are not the type that you would see with the villain in a superhero movie, but the kind of robot that's built to solve them. The students who competed went in prepared for a challenge question about a problem in the real world, and put themselves to the test designing a robot to solve the problem. This year they had to fix problems about hydrodynamics. Solving things like solutions to plastic water bottles being overused, and solutions to water polluting. The teams did this by going through a 4-step process that included designing, researching, core values, and building the robot. The teams competed at their regionals. Although the rest of the season for them will be planning for next year's competition, we wish them luck with upcoming competitions, such as the next season's program. We are ecstatic to see what they will create next.

**NOTE: If you help with a club, class, sport, or have any other Cario-related information to include in future *Comet's Tale* Newsletters, email text AND/OR pictures to: [cariomiddleschoolnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cariomiddleschoolnewsletter@gmail.com)**

**We would not want to leave out ANY Cario-related celebrations or information – so THANK YOU for your help getting the information submitted!**



Cooper Knight showing how to SWISH the ball!





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## Wando High School

**Please Drop In**

**Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

**Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p. m.**

**Place: Main Street - Wando**

# Curriculum Fair

Rising ninth and tenth grade students and parents are invited to attend the Wando Curriculum Fair where Wando teachers and counselors will be available to answer questions regarding the registration process and course offerings.

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