

# Welcome to Casimir!!



5th Grade Parent Night - 2021



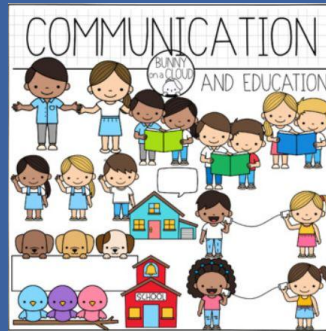
# Super-Casimir Team

- ❖ Principal - James Ashikawa [Ashikawa.james@tUSD.org](mailto:Ashikawa.james@tUSD.org)
- ❖ Assistant Principal - John Sweet [sweet.john@tUSD.org](mailto:sweet.john@tUSD.org)
- ❖ Secretary - Sharon Knox
- ❖ Attendance Clerk - Jessica Esqueda
- ❖ Counselor - Stephanie Hunnell
- ❖ Therapist - Taylor Thatcher





# Communication



- Website - [casimir.tusd.org](http://casimir.tusd.org)
- PTSA - Quarterly Association Meetings
- eBlasts
- PowerSchool
- Facebook page: @CasimirMiddle
- Weekly Friday Cougar Newsletter
- [teacherlastname.teacherfirstname@tusd.org](mailto:teacherlastname.teacherfirstname@tusd.org)



## Early College Parent Info Night!

For 8th Grade Families



# CASIMIR WEEKLY COUGAR UPDATES

APRIL 15, 2022

PARENTS/ GUARDIANS, PLEASE ENJOY THE  
LATEST AMAZING CASIMIR NEWS!

NEWSLETTER

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** to **Jeanette Berga**. She was recognized this week with a personal visit by Mayor Pat Fury for being selected to participate in the City of Torrance 2022 Students and Government Day (April 26th). She had an amazing essay-application! Woo-Hooo!!

CASIMIR MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Casimir Weekly Cougar Updates

March 4, 2022

Parents/ Guardians, please enjoy the latest AMAZING Casimir news!

Newsletter

# School Schedule: “This Yr”

- Campus Opens - 7:45 am
- Class Starts - 8:08 **[8:40am]**
- School Day Ends - 2:57
- Late Start Tuesdays
  - Cafeteria opens at 7:45 am with supervision
  - First Bell Rings - 9:10 am
  - Class Starts - 9:23 am
- Schedules pending updates for 2022-23 and will be communicated as soon as they are finalized





# Break and Lunch

- Nutrition Break - 15 minutes
- Lunch Break - 45 minutes
- Red Cart
  - Cash = Cookies
- Lunch Accounts - <https://family.titank12.com/?identifier=Q5ZWXH>
- No Postmates or other delivery services
- Parents will need to leave lunches on the cart provided which is located just inside the main gate



# Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

- Student Behavior Expectations Taught In Class
- Model Behavior
- Teach/ ReTeach/ Reinforce Expected Behaviors
- "Cougar Code"
  - Be Safe
  - Be Responsible
  - Be Respectful
  - Be Successful



## Q2 Lunch with the Principal Winner!

Congratulations to our Q2 Lunch with the Principal Winner, Tamara Gordillo! Here is a great picture of Tamara and Mr. Ashikawa!







# Tutorial/ Intervention



- Additional Time & Support available for all students
- No New Teaching
- Teachers assess students to see who needs additional help with a specific standard
- Not a punishment, used to help students be successful
- Intervention to support student success
- Four days / week = Math/ Sci/ ELA/ SS



# Attendance Policy



- Bring in excuse notes/ emails to Ms. Jessica in the main office - student name/ date/ date of abs/ reason/ parent(guardian) name & relationship/ phone #/ If sending an email, it must be on PowerSchool contact list.
- Use PowerSchool to monitor your child's attendance (tardies and absences) There is an option for you to receive a notice if your child is marked absent
- Contact will be made by Casimir for excessive absences.
- Excused Absences: Medical/ Dental/ Funeral/ Court
- [Esqueda.jessica@tusd.org](mailto:Esqueda.jessica@tusd.org)



# Traffic Safety



- High Traffic from 7:45am - 8:00am, 2:55pm - 3:10pm
  - Plan Accordingly
  - Drive Slow
  - Pull all the way forward
  - Pull to the curb (for the safety of students and TPD tickets for double parking)
- Please respect Neighbors
- Respect Bus Zones





SCHOOL  
CLUB

# School Clubs/ Activities



CLUBS  
and  
Activities

- Sports Clubs - PE Teacher(s)
- Intervention Classes - various teachers
- Ping Pong Club - Mr. Rose
- Math Counts - Mr. Merrihew
- Robotics - Mr. Thompson
- Student Council - Mrs. Keys and, Mrs. Jones
- Speech and Debate - Ms. Stoll
- Girls Who Code - Mrs. Moretti
- CJSF - Mr. Donde and Mr. Merrihew
- eSports - Mr. George



This classroom is a cell  
phone free zone!



## Cell Phone Policy

BELL TO BELL



NO CELL PHONES

# Cell Phones - Expectations

- Earbuds/Airpods are not permitted During Class
- Students may use phones during Break and Lunch in the Phone Zone (*Subject to change*)
- Cannot take pictures or video at school. EVER.
- If you need to get in touch with your child during the school day, please call the office
- School is not responsible if lost/stolen/broken
- Cell Phone Policy - Signed by student and parent





# Cell Phones/ Earbuds/Airpods - Consequences



- Use in class = Phone confiscated and sent to office
  - 1st offense - Student conference with Mr. Sweet
  - 2nd offense - Parent conference with Mr. Sweet
  - 3rd offense - Cell phone not allowed on campus.
- CyberBullying = Phone confiscated and sent to office
  - 1st offense - Cell phone not allowed on campus

# CyberBullying/Internet Safety

- Contact Mr. Ashikawa or Mr. Sweet ASAP
- SSARS: Say Something Anonymous Reporting
- Please monitor your child's social media daily!
- Behavioral Assemblies twice a year
- PBIS Expectations taught in class
- Commonsensemedia.org
- Partner with SRO presentations





# TUSD Dress Code



- Halter tops, off-the-shoulder or low cut tops, bare midriffs, skirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited.
- Swimwear, pajamas, nightgowns and oversized clothing are not appropriate school wear.
- Shoes must be worn at all times: safety in PE, Shop, Sci - No slippers, Crocs, sandals
- Students expected to dress in a manner that is conducive to proper learning environment, and does not distract others from learning.
- If it is determined that a student's attire is distracting or inappropriate, the student will be expected to put additional clothing on if available (sweater, jacket, etc), or change into appropriate clothing.



# PowerSchool



- Receive real-time push notifications with updates about grades, scores, attendance, assignments, teacher comments, daily bulletins, schedules, and fee transactions.
- Access all of your children in one portal
- View grades, assignments, attendance, GPA, and more
- View announcements from schools
- App for iPhones/iOS, tablets, and Google/Android devices

## SCHOOL VISITOR

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Name:

Destination:

Date:

Time In:

# Visiting Campus

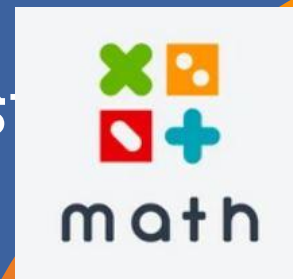
- You are welcome on campus!
- Classroom Observations must be scheduled in advance
- Make sure to bring official ID when visiting school
- Always check in at office and get a visitor's sticker





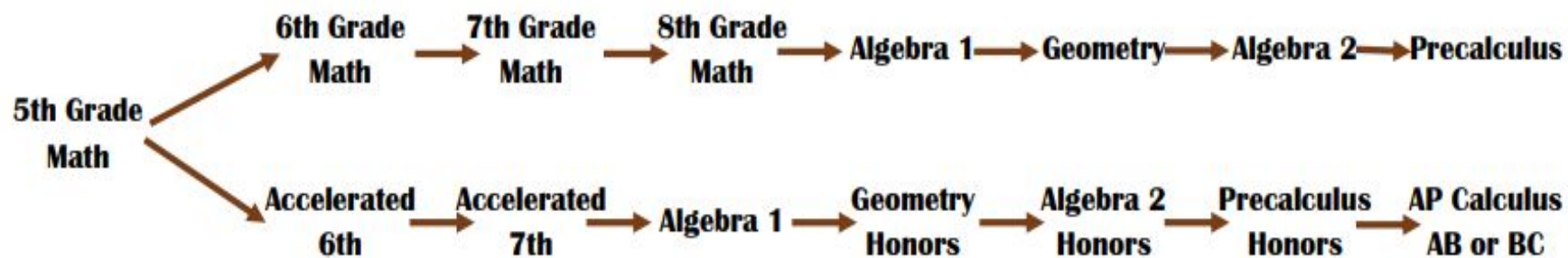
# OPEN ACCESS:

Parents/Students may opt for either the Math 6 or Accelerated 6th Pathway when entering 6th Grade. The decision should be made based on the desired pathway, mathematical readiness, and personal characteristics of the student.





**Grade**      **5**      **6**      **7**      **8**      **9**      **10**      **11**      **12**



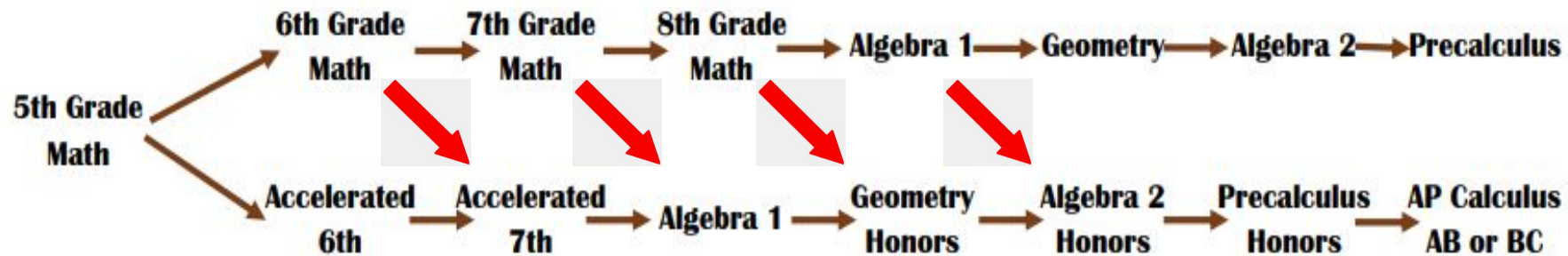


# In-N-Out Secret Menu

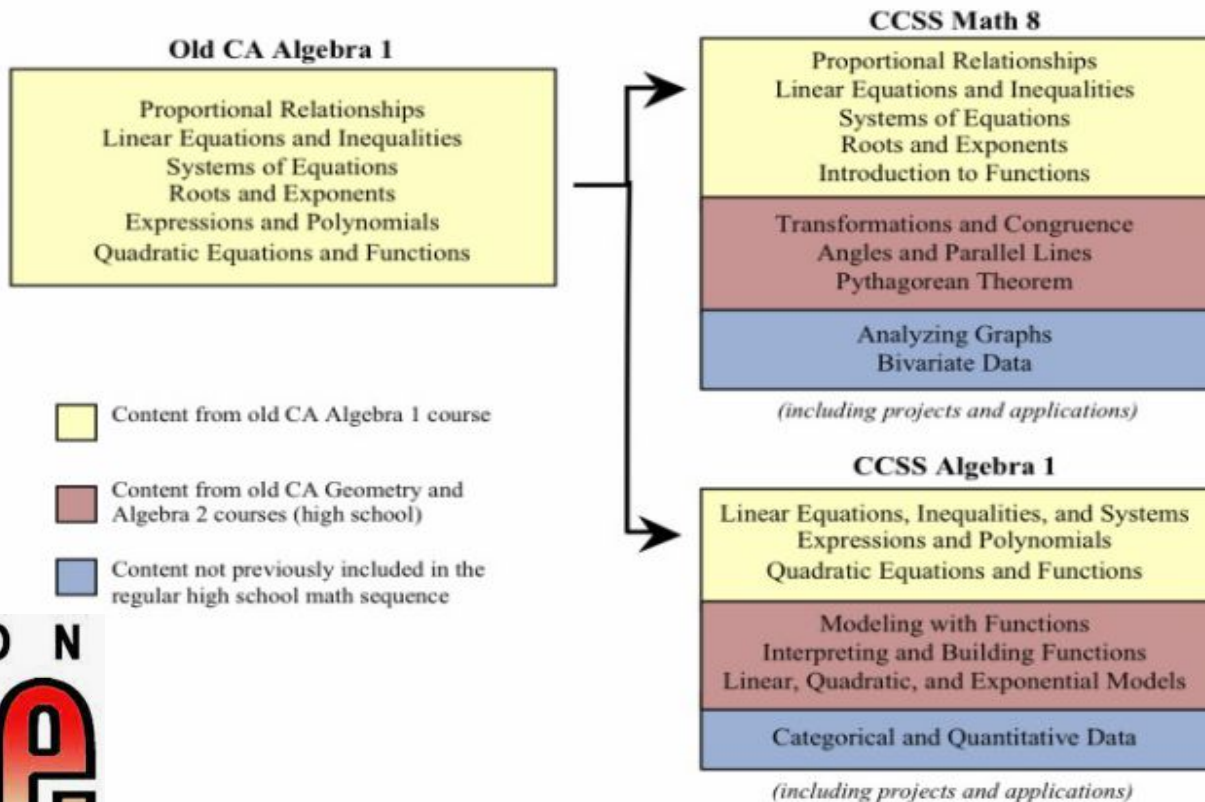




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# Restructuring Common Core Math





# What is Accelerated 6th and Accelerated 7th?

## Accelerated 6th =

A full year of 6th grade math **AND**  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  of the year of 7th grade math

## Accelerated 7th =

$\frac{1}{2}$  of the year of 7th grade math **AND**  
A full year of 8th grade math



# Tyler's

## Traditional Math Pathway

Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
5th Grade Math	6th Grade Math	7th Grade Math	8th Grade Math

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Algebra 1	Geometry Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Algebra 2 Honors	Precalculus Precalculus Honors Trigonometry Statistics AP Statistics



# Brianna's

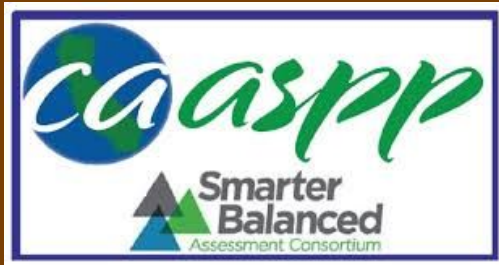
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5th Grade Math	Accelerated 6th Grade Math	Accelerated 7th Grade Math	Algebra 1

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Geometry Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Algebra 2 Honors	Precalculus Precalculus Honors Trigonometry Statistics AP Statistics	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC Statistics AP Statistics

# Recommended Measures to Determine Readiness

**Smarter  
Balanced  
Assessment**



**Mature character  
traits & strong  
work ethics**



# Recommended Measures to Determine Readiness

## Smarter Balanced Assessment

- Math Performance - “Standards Met” or “Standards Exceeded”
- Claims
  - i. **Concepts & Procedures** - "Above Standards"
  - ii. **Problem Solving and Modeling & Data** - either “At/Near Standards” or “Above Standards”
  - iii. **Communication Reasoning** - either "At/Near Standards" or “Above standards"

# Recommended Measures to Determine Readiness

## **Mature character traits & strong work ethics:**

- Accountability
- Responsibility
- Self-Discipline
- Persistence
- Academic Integrity





# Minimum Mathematics Requirements

## TUSD Graduation

20 units = 2  
years  
(Algebra 1 &  
Geometry)

## Community College

Suggestion:  
Be calculus  
ready (*success  
in precalculus  
in high school*)

## 4 Year Universities

- UCs = 3 years, 4 recommended
- Cal State = 3 yrs, 4 rec.
- Private universities = 3, 4 years









## Lunch with the Principal Q1 Winner!

Here is a great picture of Jaeden Naidoo, the Q1 lunch with the Principal winner, eating lunch with Mr. Ashikawa! Congratulations, Jaeden!!























The  
**California Department  
of Education**

**Honors**

**Casimir  
Middle**

As a

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**California Distinguished School**



**Tony Thurmond**  
*State Superintendent of Public Instruction*





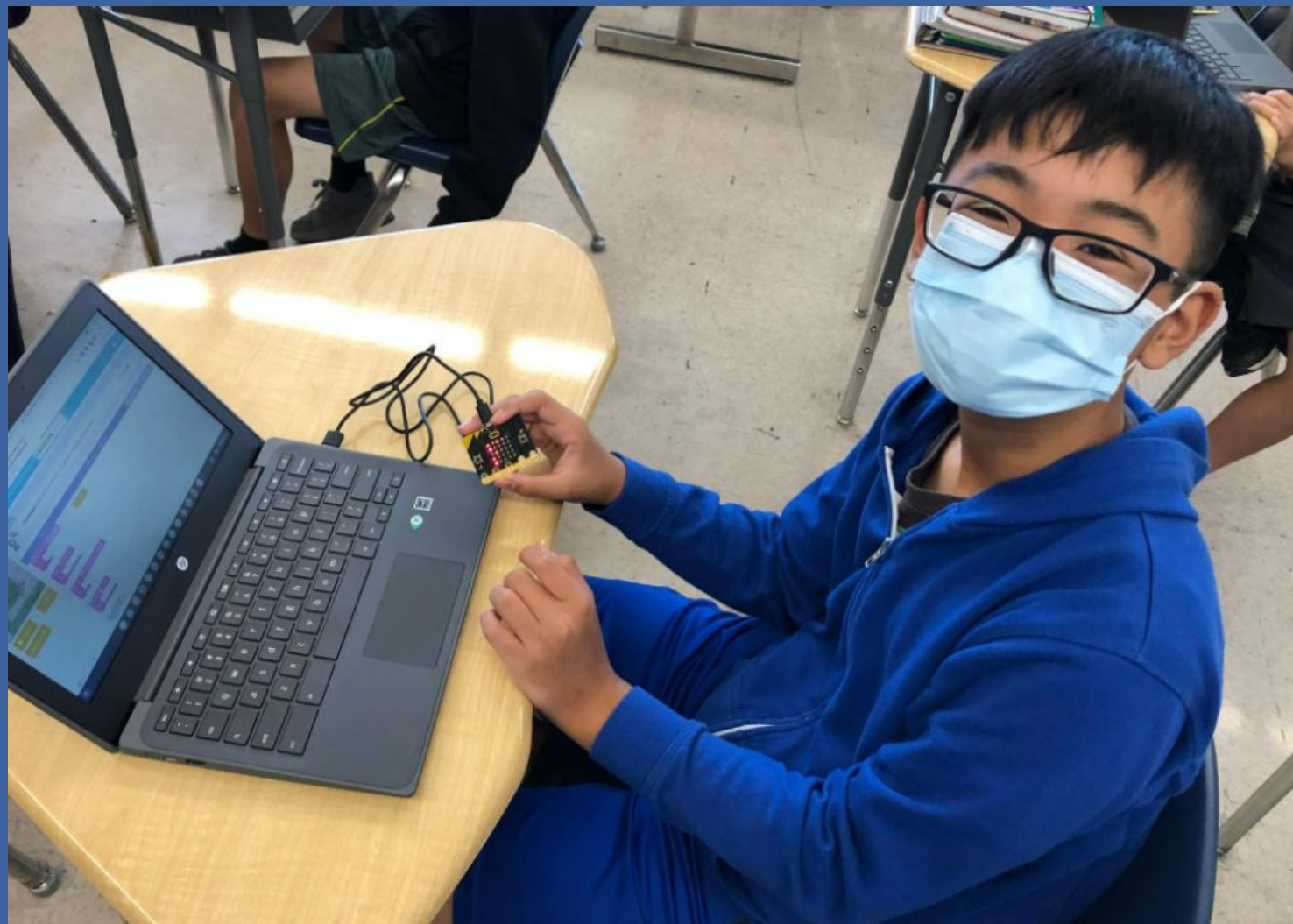














**Welcome to the Casimir Family  
Class of 2025!**



# QUESTIONS?

