Joseph Carpenter
9th Grade Engineering Design and 12th Gr Engineering Design and Development (EDD) Teacher

A 10th generation Californian, Mr. Carpenter worked in the aerospace industry for TRW/Northrop Grumman for 35 years as a Senior Designer Engineer and Engineering Scientist. Mr. Carpenter is a recipient of four US Patent Awards, as well as multiple European and Australian patent awards for his work in the defense industry. He brings a lot of industry principles and practices to his class curriculum.

Mr. Carpenter was invited to teach a Computer Aided Design class at CAMS in 1992, by then Principal Kathy Clark. Mr. Carpenter worked two jobs simultaneously, working part-time at CAMS for the last 21 years, teaching the initial capstone engineering class at CAMS, The CARPA Initiative, under the umbrella of the Project Lead the Way Engineering Design and Development (EDD) class. Since his retirement from Northrop Grumman, Mr. Carpenter is in the second year of a full time position at CAMS, teaching our incoming freshmen the Introduction to Engineering Design class, as well as his beloved capstone class. Mr. Carpenter designed his CARPA Initiative curriculum to provide students with an as "true to life" engineering experience as is possible in a classroom. EDD is a discovery-based learning experience, where students are empowered to be stewards of their own project outcomes. This class was recently featured in an article to be published by USA Today as part of a five part series on STEM education in the United States.

In his spare time, Mr. Carpenter worked for 25 years as a Sound Engineer (and composer) for a local classic rock band. Mr. Carpenter was a USA Volleyball certified level 1 coach for five years, and once received a Junior Olympic Gold medal for winning a National Championship, as part of the coaching staff for his daughter’s club volleyball team. Over the years, Mr. Carpenter enjoyed participating in many sports, including volleyball, softball, tennis, golf and was an avid runner. These days, Mr. Carpenter enjoys archery, cycling, and driving his "bucket list" car with his wife and three children.

Positions are available for the PTSO board for elections in April. The current board member positions end May 31st so we need new candidates to keep our PTSO running. We need parent involvement to keep CAMS a great school. Please consider volunteering for any of the PTSO Board positions.

Who's Who — Joseph Carpenter

Spring Fundraiser
Our Online See's Spring Fundraiser will be starting soon. Be on the lookout for our flyer. You can order online between February 17th and March 18th. We plan to distribute the candy after school on Wednesday, March 25th. PTSO will split profits 50/50 with the students' designated classes/clubs.

Other Fundraisers
Commemorative Bricks: Leave your mark! Order your engraved brick for $100 and have your name and graduation year added to our walkway under the flagpole.

Winter Fundraiser - The final numbers are in! Our total profit is $1277.14. We will distribute $127.71 to ASB and $574.72 to the students’ classes and clubs. Thanks for your support.

Comedy & Magic Club - Thanks to all who bought tickets for our February 12th fundraiser at the Comedy & Magic Club in Hermosa Beach. If you missed it, don’t worry, we’ll have more of this type of fundraisers in the future.

School Cents - Please bring your original Lakewood, Los Cerritos and Stonewood Mall receipts dated 9/15/2014 to 5/14/2015 to Guest Services where purchase was made and help CAMS earn a share of $50,000. You can also drop off your receipts at the CAMS PTSO box at the school office Attn: Janet Narag

Community Discount Cards - CDC can still be obtained for $10 each. To order, call or text Janet at (562)275-1925.

CAMS Online Shopping - Do you know that CAMS has its own shopping site? If you click on the merchant links from this website www.camsptso.com/cams-online-shopping, CAMS-PTSO will get 2% of your total purchase.

CAMSWEAR - To order CAMS pullover, beanies and license plate frame, please email Judy Daley at jrdaley@sbcglobal.net or find the CAMSWEAR form at the school office.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the following events: Winter Fundraiser, Breakfast for CAMS Staff; SAT Boot Camps and Practice Tests; all other fundraisers at CAMS

Announcements
SAT Bootcamp - Wednesday 4-6pm Feb 11th, 18th, 25th, March 4th, 11th at CAMS for $165. Check SchoolLoop for more information.

Class of 2016 - We are still trying to get more donations for the college tour bus fund. Forms are available at the office, at the Class of 2016 Facebook page or by request to camsclass2016@gmail.com.