

Curriculum and Instruction

This year our focus at CMS has been devoted towards instilling the work shop model while continuing to implement the Leader in Me values in the students and staff. We have continued to engage students in STEAM lessons and project-based learning. Students have had 1 to 1 technology access available in every classroom. We continued to implement BLAST as an academic enrichment for students who were performing on or above grade level based on their MAP scores. Response to Intervention (RTI) was implemented through reading and math to meet the needs of students who were struggling in specific areas according to MAP data.

Winter MAP Test Results

Reading

Total # of students tested- Winter.....593

Total # of students who made gains..... 292

Total % of gains..... 49%

Math

Total # of students tested- Spring592

Total # of students who made gains276

Total % of gains46.6%

We strive to impress upon students the importance of these assessments as instructional tools. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they have questions regarding MAP testing.

School Sponsored Student Activities

- House Showcase/ activities
- Leader in Me Leadership Roles
- Homecoming Week
- Mock Trial
- Academic Challenge Team
- GiTi Tire Club
- Girls on the Run
- King/Queen Pageant
- 8th Grade Social
- Intramural activities through Houses

Student Academic Awards

CMS believes in rewarding students for hard work and dedication. Students receive awards for Perfect Attendance, Most Improved, State and National Awards, A Honor Roll and A/B Honor Roll. CMS will continue the Student Improvement Awards Program by providing incentives and rewards for improved MAP, SC Ready and SCPASS scores.

Excellence in Academics

The eighth grade students took the PSAT/NMSQ in October, 2019.

6th grader Robin Wells won the school spelling bee.

The 6th grade academic challenge team finished 2nd place in the region. The 7th grade and 8th grade academic challenge teams also had a successful year.

CMS also had a Mock Trial Team again this year and attended the regional competition in Greenville, SC. Justice Westley, Chanel Dixon, Mari Strong, Kyra Norton were recognized as Most Effective Attorneys.

CMS sponsored the GiTi Tire Team and competed in the GiTi Tire Competition. The team consisted of Gage Gwin, Greg Antiveros Salinas, Kobe Smith, Jamauryan Feaster and Kyra Norton.

Excellence in Arts

Many of CMS students had art work displayed in the Superintendent's Art Show.

The band students performed at S.T.E.A.M. Day, School House Rock musical and the Fine Arts nights.

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School Summary Report

2019-2020



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Chester County School District

Sheka Houston, Principal

Purpose of Report

This report is provided to inform parents of the mission, goals, and growth of the 2019-2020 school year for Chester Middle School.

Mission Statement



Chester Middle School's mission is to prepare student leaders to be college and career ready for success in a global society.

Vision Statement

STEAM: Lead: Succeed

At Chester Middle School we engage students with STEAM, cultivate leaders through Leader in Me, and we succeed with the integration of AVID strategies (advancement via individual determination).

Our School Today

- Currently, Chester Middle School has approximately 593 students enrolled.
- The average daily student attendance for the 2019-2020 school year was 93.8%.

- PTO Officers
 - Dana WilliamsTreasurer
 - Kayla Roach Parent
- Improvement Council Members
 - Dee Dee HintonChair/Secretary/Community Member
 - Margie Shillinglaw Teacher
 - Latonya Strong Teacher
 - Sheka HoustonPrincipal
 - Suzanne Hough Assistant Principal
 - Roderick Fluellen Assistant Principal
 - Gwen Stevenson Parent
 - Andrew Myers Community Member
 - Vicki Williams Parent
 - Chris WhiteParent

Members can be contacted at 803-377-8192

season champions and tournament champions this year.

The boys' basketball team finished the season 7-5. They were also conference runner-up this year.

The CMS Wrestling Team had three boys to place in the regional.

The CMS Cheerleaders had a very successful year as well during the 2019-2020 season.



Improvement Goal Progress

Completed:

- 7.5 of the 8 above stated goals have been implemented.
- World Languages will be offered to 8th graders next year and we implemented a drama club.

School Improvement Goals 2019-2020

- Utilize My Classroom Economy as the PBIS Rewards System.
- Use the extended class periods for Read to Succeed Requirements.
- Continue to increase student achievement in all areas by effectively using data
- Extend parent interaction activities to include community crawls and video conferences.
- Implement Leader in Me through non tested core area since there will be increased time.
- Increase student engagement by using Keagan strategies, STEAM, and PBL activities.
- Increase the elective course offerings to include drama and foreign language.

Excellence in Athletics

The CMS Football team was 3-4 in their division for the 2019-2020 school year.

The girls' basketball team did very well during the season. They were 11-1 and the conference regular

School Improvement Goals 2018-2019

- Implementation of My Classroom Economy
- Implement the requirements for Read to Succeed.
- Continue to increase student achievement in all areas by effectively using data