

## Curriculum and Instruction

This year our focus at CMS has been devoted towards engaging students in STEAM lessons and project-based learning. Students have also had 1 to 1 technology access available in every classroom. The 1 to 1 technology has also made the Success Maker program and Study Island readily available to all students with the hopes of increasing student achievement in all areas. 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.

### MAP Test Results

#### Reading

Total # of students tested- Spring.....517  
Total # of students who made gains..... 363  
Total % of gains..... 70%

#### Math

Total # of students tested- Spring .....517  
Total # of students who made gains .....357  
Total % of gains .....69%

The percentage of students making gains in reading is 11% higher than it was last year. In math the percentage of students making gains remained at 69% when compared to last year. 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

- BrainPOP
- PBIS House activities
- Class DoJo
- Study Island
- Mentor Me
- Intramural activities through Houses
- Academic Challenge Team
- Cultural Fair
- Sustained Silent Reading
- House Showcase
- Girls on the Run
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social

## 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, 2016. The scores were used to determine the 2016-2017 Junior Scholar for Chester Middle School which was Christopher Craven. Christopher was also the district spelling bee winner.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade academic challenge team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the region at the Academic Challenge Festival.

CMS also instituted our first ever Mock Trial Team and attended the regional competition in Greenville, SC in November 2016. Jai'Den Stringfellow, Jimmeria Davis and Malente' McElveen each won most effective attorney. While Luke Simpson, Tellajah Chalk, and Sacaria Boyd won most effective witness.

This was the first year that CMS sponsored the GiTi Tire Team and competed in the GiTi Tire Competition. The team consisted of Eric Connor, Patrick Green, Jesse Bullin, James Laws, Arayia Strong, and Gage Herr.

### Excellence in Arts

O'Neil Mayfield, Zharia Darby, Samaya Dixon, Emily Perry, Hannah Pitts, Courtney Watson, Emma Wooten, Austin Burtelle, Cherokee Clark, Devin Doby, Jaylen Jackson, James Laws, Zach Laws, Akosua Muhammad, and Jaisline Wilson each had art work displayed in the Superintendent's Art Show. James Laws received the award of honorable mention and Courtney Watson placed second in the middle school category.

The band students performed at the SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment. Many of the band students received excellent and superior ratings at the SCBDA Solo and Ensemble Festival.



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## School Summary Report 2016-2017



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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 2016-2017 school year for Chester Middle School.

## Mission Statement

The mission of Chester Middle School, through collaboration with all stakeholders, is to foster a commitment to academic excellence by holistically developing students in a safe, nurturing environment and by preparing them for an advanced technological society. The faculty and staff are committed to improving the quality of life for self and others.

## Our School Today

- Currently, Chester Middle School has 570 students enrolled.
- The average daily student attendance for the 2016-2017 school year was 99.5%.
- State of South Carolina School Report Card  
Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.
- PTO Officers  
Rose Garvey ..... Treasurer
- Improvement Council Members  
Robin Currence.....Chair/Community Member  
Zora Foster ..... Secretary  
Margie Shillinglaw ..... Teacher  
Jeremy Price ..... Teacher  
Sheka Houston .....Principal  
Suzanne Hough ..... Assistant Principal  
D'Angelo Edwards ..... Assistant Principal  
Estelle Stevenson ..... Parent  
Dee Dee Hinton ..... Community Member  
Octavia Foster ..... Community Member

Members can be contacted at 803-377-8192

## Excellence in Athletics

The CMS Football team was 6-1 and came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Palmetto Athletic Conference. Deston Worthy, Octaveon Minter, Darius Head, and Javonti Jackson were recognized as All Conference Players.

The girls' basketball team did very well winning all, but one game during the season. They were Wateree River Regular and Conference Tournament Champions. All conference players were Ashanti Kelly and ShaCoria Minter.

The boys' basketball team finished the season winning 12 out of 14 games. They were Mustang Invitational Tournament and Wateree River Conference Champions. All conference players were Qua Meadows, Octaveon Minter, Jaylen Campbell-McClurkin, and Jonathan Goldsborough.

The CMS Wrestling Team finished with 7 overall wins. Trayvon Simpson, J'Anthonie Hemphill, Jaylen Jackson, and Jaegan Hinton qualified for State. Trayvon Simpson was the Middle School State Champion for the 172 weight class.

Alayah Caldwell, Jasmine Drummond, Emiya Dixon, and Alisha Bell were recognized as All-American Cheerleaders during the 2016-2017 season.



## School Improvement Goals

**2016-2017**

- ☐ Increase parent and community involvement
- ☐ Increase student achievement in all areas
- ☐ Implement RTI in reading and math
- ☐ Continue Reading Intervention during elective classes
- ☐ Focus on literacy as school improvement tool
- ☐ Implement reading strategies in all core content classes
- ☐ Improve and enhance the Professional Learning Community school wide
- ☐ Continue the conversion to a STEAM school
- ☐ Enhance instruction through Project-Based Learning

## Improvement Goal Progress

Completed:

- ☒ 9 of the 9 above stated goals have been implemented.

## School Improvement Goals

**2017-2018**

- ☐ Implement the requirements for Read to Succeed.
- ☐ Continue to increase student achievement in all areas by effectively using data
- ☐ Continue to increase parent involvement
- ☐ Increase community involvement in the school
- ☐ Increase House Meetings and Activities
- ☐ Implement classroom transformations
- ☐ Increase student engagement by using high interest technology integration activities.
- ☐ Implement a mentoring program for girls
- ☐ Increase the elective course offerings to include drama and foreign language