

Curriculum and Instruction

This year our focus at CMS has been devoted towards continuing our efforts to achieve 1.5 years' worth of growth for all students. We have continued to engage students in STEAM lessons and project-based learning, while practicing social distancing. Students have had 1 to 1 technology access available in every classroom. We continued to reward students who demonstrated growth on their MAP assessments and for students who made the honor roll. 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.....502
Total # of students who made gains..... 190
Total % of gains.....37.8%

Math

Total # of students tested- Spring512
Total # of students who made gains182
Total % of gains35.5%

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

- Leader in Me Leadership Roles
- Virtual Talent Shows
- Young Men of Purpose (Mentoring)
- Participation in the Superintendent's Art Show
- Academic Challenge Team
- Heart & Sole Virtual Team
- Rhythm Fitness - Girl's Dance and Literacy Club
- 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 January 26, 2021.

7th grader Semayah Smith won the school spelling bee and was the 1st Runner Up in the Regional Spelling Bee sponsored by the Carolina Panthers.

The CMS academic challenge participated in virtual competitions against other schools in the region. The CMS team won four out of six of those matches.

Students were engaged in their science classes through participating in dissecting labs. 6th grade students were able to dissect frogs, 7th grade students dissected pigs, and 8th grade students dissected cow eyes.

CMS students also participated in virtual learning activities and completed reading challenges with Who's Reading Initiative; where students winners received rewards for their achievements.

Excellence in Arts

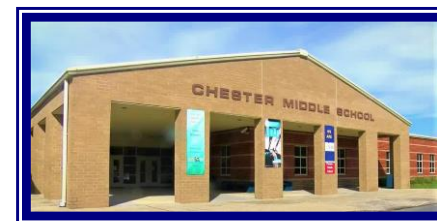
The CMS fine arts department created virtual experiences for students to showcase what they have learned through recorded performances.

The school will also host a virtual talent show sponsored by the band and chorus teachers.



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School Summary Report 2020-2021



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Dr. Sheka Houston, Principal

Purpose of Report

This report is provided to inform parents of the mission, goals, and growth of the 2020-2021 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 601 students enrolled.
- The average daily student attendance for the 2020-2021 school year was 92.3 %.
- PTO Officers
Ronald Pohl Treasurer
- Improvement Council Members
Dee Dee Hinton Chair/Parent
Nicola Taylor Secretary/Teacher
Ronald Pohl Teacher
Dr. Sheka Houston Principal
Suzanne Hough Assistant Principal
Kendrick Cherry Assistant Principal
Kathryn Alt Parent
William Rice Community Member
Julia Beaty Community Member

Members can be contacted at 803-377-8192

Excellence in Athletics

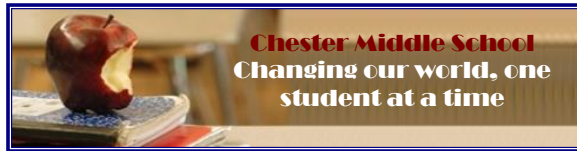
The CMS 7th/8th grade Football players were able to participate with the Chester High JV team this year.

The girls' basketball team had a short season due to COVID-19. They were 2-2. Last year they were 11-0 and the conference regular season champions and tournament champions.

The boys' basketball team regular season was also affected by COVID-19 and finished the season 0-4. They were the conference runner-up's last year.

The CMS Wrestling Team season ended early due to COVID -19.

The CMS Cheerleaders had a very successful year as well during the 2020-2021 season.



2020-2021 Faculty & Staff

School Improvement Goals

2020-2021

- ☐ 1.5 years' worth of growth for each student in the areas of ELA and math.
- ☐ Implementation of the workshop model and increasing student engagement in all classes.
- ☐ Effectively implementing RTI throughout the school and increase working with students in small groups.
- ☐ Continue to increase student achievement in all areas by effectively using data
- ☐ Extend parent interaction activities to include virtual conferences and Parent Power engagement video sessions from Dr. Akua.
- ☐ Increase student engagement by using AVID strategies, STEAM, and PBL activities.

Improvement Goal Progress

Completed:

- ☒ 6 of the 6 above stated goals have been implemented.

School Improvement Goals

2021-2022

- ☐ 1.5 years' worth of growth for each student in the areas of ELA and math.
- ☐ Utilize Stemulate Learning to engage more students in math.
- ☐ Employ grade level interventionist to continue to accelerate learning for students.