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CHMS Website

A Message from Principal Brooks

Dear families,

Thank you so much for your continued help as we work together to help our students understand the power of their words. We have had additional incidents this past week of students calling each other "coronavirus." Sadly, when I address issues it often leads to children pushing the envelope. I will address each and every one of these incidents personally and contact parents. When students continue to use their words in this manner, I will issue school-based consequences. It is also helpful if you monitor your children online. Students at this age are prone to using Snapchat, Instagram and Tik-Tok as means to harass and tease their peers. When these incidents are brought to me, I address them as well and often issue consequences. Unfortunately, I cannot police every child's social media accounts and this is why I need parent support. We must work together to help our children understand what is and what is not appropriate to say to one another.

On a related note, we continue to work on issues surrounding diversity here at CHMS. For the past several years we have engaged parents in diversity discussions and each of these have been extremely powerful and educational. I know many of you are fearful of participating in discussions around such a sensitive topic. However, we will fail to make progress if we are unable to come together and share our perspectives. In these talks at CHMS we listen to all perspectives with an ear for understanding. **Wednesday, February 26th** we will have our next session. And while the discussion will be grounded in the book *The Hate You Give*, it is not necessary for you to have read the book in order to join us. If you have ever felt as if your cultural or racial perspectives have not been celebrated in this community then this evening is an appropriate time for you to come and participate. We will meet at 6pm in the media center. Please email me if you plan to attend so that I can be prepared with seating. I hope many of you can join us.

Thank you for your ongoing support and enjoy your week!

February

26 Diversity Discussion

March

4 Early Release Day

6 Principal's Chat &
PTO Meeting

20-26 Book Fair

27 Teacher Workday



Chess Team Competes in Southern Scholastic Tournament

The Community House chess team participated in the K-8 Southern Scholastic chess tournament in January. Pulak Agarwala received 1st place out of 86 kids and earned a CMS sponsorship to play at the National Junior High School chess championships in Jacksonville in April.

Our team placed 3rd out of 12 middle school teams. It was a very close competition!

Rohan Hansalia tied for 9th place. Samarth Kedari placed 21st. Taran Karthik Bellam and Pranav Balamurugian tied for 21st. Pragnya Kothapalli, Saanvita Challari, and Nehal-Om Shatagopam tied for 38th place. Rohan Vemugunta and Ananya Dantala tied for 48th place. Sohan Vemugunta tied for 78th place.

Congratulations Pulak and the CHMS Chess Team!



Community News



CHMS Teacher Starts Non-Profit

Ms. Neilsen, a 6th grade Social Studies teacher at CHMS, has started a non-profit, A Teacher in Need. The mission of A Teacher in Need is to support public school employees across North Carolina facing financial hardships. To learn more visit ATeacherInNeed.org.



CHMS Students Host Blood Drive

Have you heard about Advisory from your student? If not, make sure to ask them about it. The 6th grade advisory classes have decided to host a blood drive on April 9, 2020. This is part of the Red Cross' Future Blood Donors program. Please consider stopping by and being a hero to someone in need.

6th Grade Math Club

Tuesdays at 8:00 AM in the Media Center

If you have a 6th grader interested in taking advanced math as a 7th grader or even possibly Math 1 as a 7th grader, have them come to the 6th grade math club! Students can enrich and extend their current understanding of math every Tuesday before school.

[Questions?](#)

The CHMS Store Needs YOU!



Store Hours:

Monday
Wednesday
Friday

8:45-9:15 AM

[Volunteer Now](#)

Supporting CHMS is Easy



Buying Books Supports CHMS

The Book Fair is coming March 20-26. Please remember that when you buy books from CHMS either from the Book Fair or Required Reading, you are helping support your school.



Fishing for Compliments

CHMS is full of dedicated faculty and staff going the extra mile each day to help our students. The Fishing for Compliments Program allows them to get a little extra *Thank You* for their hard work.

[Nominate a Teacher](#)

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If you would like to contribute information to the Courier, please email [CHMS PTO](#). All submissions are due by Thursday in order to appear in the Courier for Sunday. Please note that as of September 15, 2019, the Courier will be biweekly.

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