



WELCOME

**Building a Strong Foundation for
High School and Beyond**

This Evening's Agenda

5:45 - 6:40 - Presentations in the Cafeteria

Welcome - Dr. Shortridge

PTA - Sheila McMahon

CMS information - Mrs. Scaife, Ms. Prince, Mrs. Shurtleff & Mr. Boggs

Gifted and Talented Program - Mrs. Brothman

Student/Teacher Panel - Q & A session

6:40- 7:15 - Walking Tour

PA- Band Room * Mrs. Yorks - Room 60* Counselors - Cafe

* 6th Grade Classrooms, Media Center & Related Arts Classrooms

Outdoor Education Field Trip

**Save the
Date!**

NorthBay

October 13-15, 2020

- A three-day camping, team-building, educational adventure
- Approximate cost +/- \$175
- Detailed info and forms will be shared at the Open House in August





What does the PTA support? Get Involved!

- *Join the Board of Directors * Volunteer to Help***
- Recruiting to fill positions 2020-2021

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GENERAL INFO

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Calendar of Events	
Start of calendar events:	
2/5/2020	PTA General Meeting - 7

WELCOME TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR!

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! CMS is a great school with great teachers! The PTA's purpose is to help make the school experience better for both students and teachers. In that spirit, the CMS PTA contributes to the following:

- 6th grade Outdoor Education T-shirts
- 7th grade Howard County Conservancy/Chesapeake Bay restoration project
- 8th grade Shakespeare Residency
- GT enrichment (Science Olympiad, National History day, other)
- Student socials, providing Rita's at the 6th grade orientation/school open house on Aug. 30
- Staff Appreciation throughout the school year
- Support to Homewood School and Howard County Drug Free
- Parent seminars

Please consider joining the PTA and contributing what you can. We will hold monthly meeting on the 1st or 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Here is the schedule:
CMS PTA Meetings 2019-2020 (subject to change)
Meetings will be held at CMS: location TBD



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The Middle School Schedule



All students are
enrolled in **seven**
50-minute classes every day.



**All students receive daily instruction aligned
to Maryland's College and Career-Ready
Standards in:**

English

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies



In addition, Maryland regulations require
all students take:
Health Education
Physical Education
Fine Arts (Music and/or Visual Arts)



Additional Course Options



Family and Consumer Science

Technology Education

Innovation & Inquiry Reading Modules

GT Research

World Language Options



French – Spanish

- Year-long classes starting in 7th grade.
- Students receive high school credit for completing Middle School world language courses.

Music Performance Ensemble Options

Band – Chorus – Orchestra



- **Band and Orchestra** include a daily ensemble rehearsal and a **weekly small sectional** that are scheduled on a rotational basis.
- **Ensembles are ability-based.**



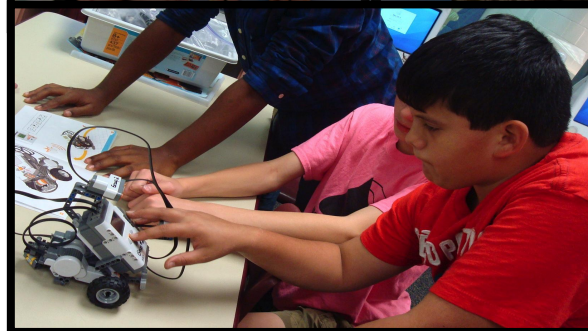
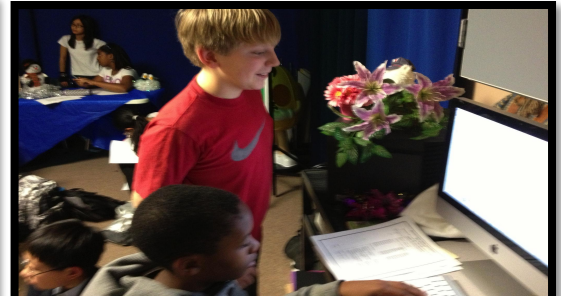
**Howard
County**
Public School System

Clarksville Middle Gifted and Talented Program

GT

**GIFTED &
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EDUCATION PROGRAM

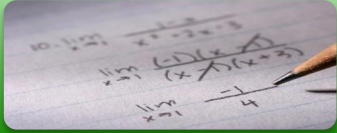


G/T Content Classes

- Accelerated and/or Enriched Curriculum
- Advanced-Level Content
- Inquiry-Based Instruction
- Application of Knowledge



Middle School G/T Classes



G/T Math



G/T Science



G/T English



G/T Social Studies

G/T Mathematics

Provides an accelerated and enriched sequence that follows a curriculum of concepts at least two years above the general education curriculum.

- **6 - Pre-Algebra G/T**
- **7 – Algebra I G/T**
- **8 - Geometry G/T**

Placement Process For Middle School G/T – 5th Grade

5th Grade

- CogAT administered to ALL students in December.
 - Meets State COMAR requirement for an ability measure.
 - Helps identify students who may underperform in school.
 - No longer requires parent/teacher request for testing.
- All students reviewed as part of G/T Placement Process.

Measures Included in Placement Process

- Ability Measure (CogAT)
- Standardized assessments (MAP, MCAP)
- Student work samples
 - Interpretation
 - Critique
 - Analysis
 - Creative Problem Solving
- Student grades on assignments requiring critical, analytical, and/or creative thinking
- Documentation from families

Who can initiate the placement process in middle school?



- Families
- Teachers
- Students

Parental Input in Placement Process

If after reviewing the Placement Committee's professional recommendation, parents/guardians still wish to enroll their students in one or more G/T classes, they may complete the **Course Placement Review form.**

Middle School GT Research Class

- Authentic research to address real-world problem
- For students enrolled in G/T Math and G/T English based upon G/T Placement Committee recommendations



Independent Research

- Original
- Primary Research Methods
- Authentic Product
- Authentic Audience
- Contribution to the Community/Field



Extended Day/Extended Year

- Accelerated Mathematics
- Visual Arts - G/T Art
- G/T Orchestra, G/T Symphonic Band, and G/T Chorus
- G/T Summer Institutes for Talent Development

Talent Development Offerings: G/T Instructional Seminars



**Instruction in
Advanced-Level
Skills**



**Open to All
Interested
Students**



**Creative
Production or
Inquiry**

CMS Seminars

- Engineering
- Writer's Workshop
- Girl Up
- Debate
- Advanced Art
- Film
- Environmental Science
- Leadership
- Independent Projects
- Television Production

Opportunities for Parent Engagement

- HCPSS G/T Website:
www.hcpss.org/academics/gt
- G/T Parent Academies
- HCPSS News for G/T Program Information
- HCPSS_GT Twitter



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Finding the Right Balance Between

- **Course Placements**
- **Rigor**
- **Personal Interests**
- **Student Success**



Academic Behavior



**Motivation and
behavior,**

combined, have

more impact

on a student's **readiness**
than academic achievement.

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Important Dates

Date	Activity
March 6, 2020	GT Research Letter due at Elem Schools
May 14, 2020	Course Recommendation letters go home with 4th quarter interims
May 19, 2020	Fifth Graders Visit CMS
August 20, 2020	Incoming 6 th grade and New Student Orientation/Open House
October 13-15, 2020	6 th grade Outdoor Education

Student / Teacher Panel

MC: **Lily Ulman & Jake Williams**

Teacher: **Hailey Yorks** - 6th grade Science

Students: Clark Hu (6th), Ellie Ko (6th)
Reema Ayache (7th), Anderson Dang (7th)
Trisha Singh (8th), Jacob Tran (8th)