



WELCOME

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

This Evening's Agenda

6:30 - 7:15 - Presentations in the Cafeteria

Welcome - Dr. Shortridge

PTA - Sheila McMahon

CMS information - Mr. Gaylord & Ms. Prince &

Mr. Flinchbaugh

Gifted and Talented Program - Mrs. Brothman

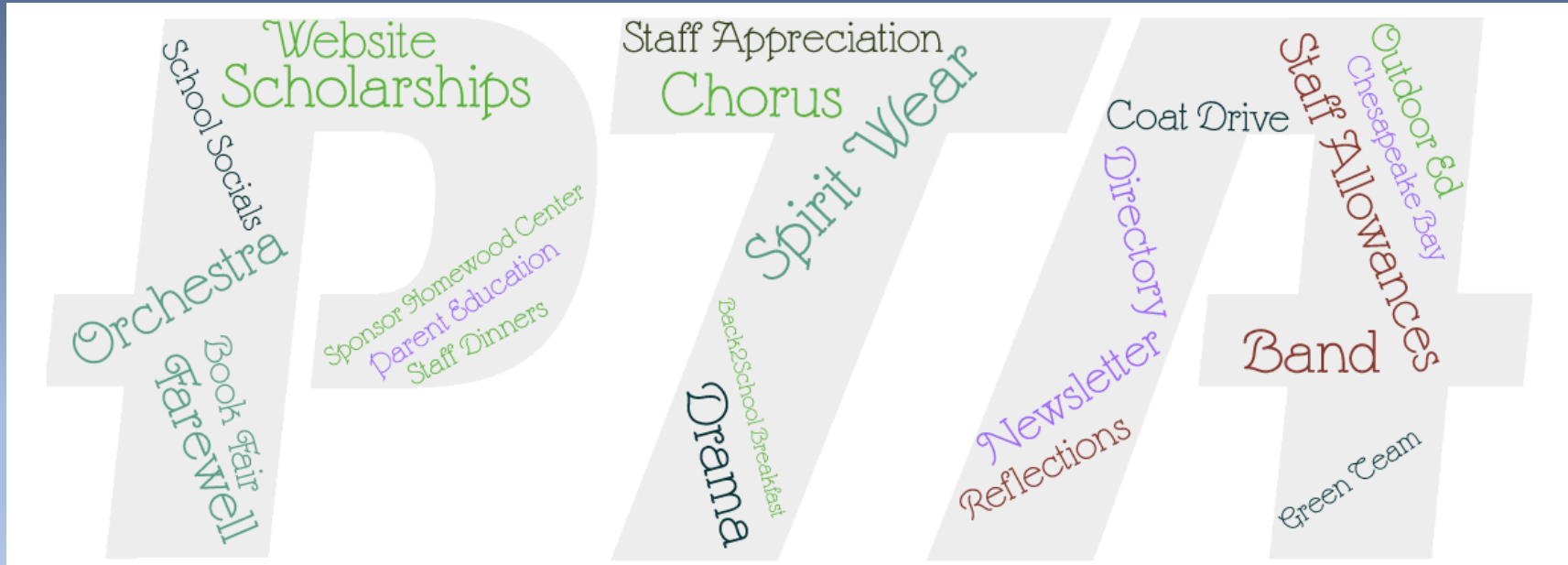
Student/Teacher Panel - Q & A session

7:15 - 8:00 - Walking Tour

PA- Band Room * GT Information - Media Center

Counselors - Cafe * Special Ed - Room 5 * 6th Grade Classrooms

What does the PTA support?





Many ways to get involved:

- Join the Board of Directors
- Volunteer to help/**Next mtg 13 Feb**
 - Recruiting to fill positions 2019-2020



Contact: ClarksvillePTAPres@gmail.com

Visit PTA Website

<https://www.clarksvillemiddlepta.my-pta.org>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Clarksville Middle School PTA website. At the top, there are two circular logos for Clarksville Middle School and the PTA. The main header reads "Clarksville Middle School PTA" with the school year "2018 - 2019" below it. A navigation bar contains links for "Home", "Our Forms", "PTA Membership / Donations", and "Spirit Wear".

On the left side, there is a "My Account" section with a "Secure Login" button and a "Register" link to receive site news. Below this is a "SELECT LANGUAGE" button. The "REGISTRATION" section lists links for registration and the PTA website. The "GENERAL INFO" section provides the school's address: Clarksville Middle School, 6325 South Trotter Road, Clarksville, MD 21029, 410.313.7057.

The "MARK YOUR CALENDAR!" section features a "Calendar of Events" table:

Calendar of Events	
Start of calendar events:	
2/7/2019	Our Great PTA 3rd & 4th in Schools
3/13/2019	PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.
3/13/2019	PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.
4/10/2019	PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.
5/8/2019	PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.
End of calendar events:	

The main content area is titled "WELCOME TO THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR!" and includes a welcome message and a list of activities: 6th grade Outdoor Education T-shirts, 7th grade Howard County Conservancy/Chesapeake Bay restoration project, 8th grade Shakespeare Residency, QT enrichment (Science Olympiad, National History day, other), Student socials (providing Rita's at the 6th grade orientation/school open house on Aug. 20), Staff Appreciation throughout the school year, Support to Homewood School and Howard County Drug Free, and Parent seminars.

Below the list, it says: "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." and "Here is the schedule:"

- General membership meeting and voting on the budget
- Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019
- Wednesday, Mar. 13, 2019
- Wednesday, Apr. 10, 2019
- Wednesday, May 8, 2019
- End of the year dinner, TBD (~ Jun. 5, 2019)
- Last day of school, Jun. 17, 2019 (with no snow days)

The page concludes with "Thank you and I am looking forward to a great year!"

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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.**



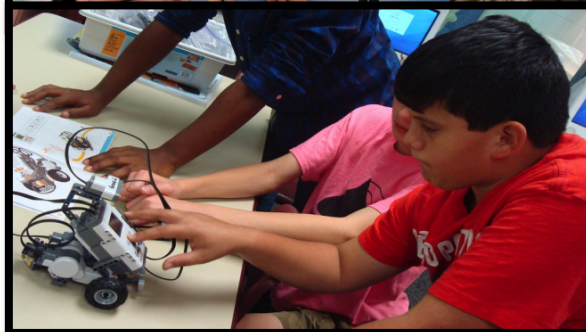
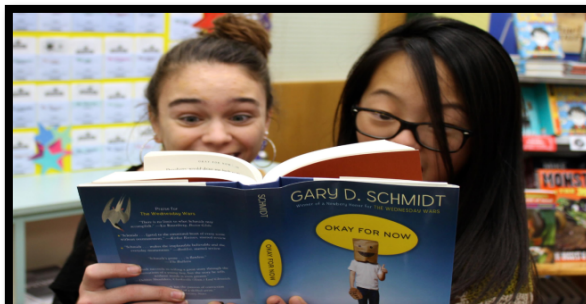
Clarksville Middle Gifted and Talented Program



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EDUCATION PROGRAM

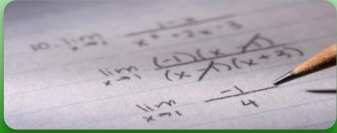


G/T Content Classes

- 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 or SCAT)
- Standardized assessments (MAP, PARCC)
- 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**

Possible Seminars

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

Contact Information

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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.

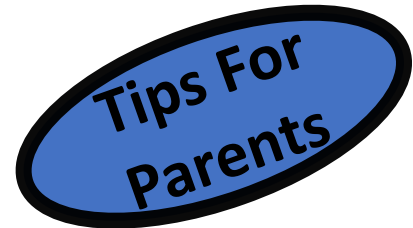
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3 WAYS TO SUPPORT THE WHOLE CHILD

- 1 | Teach kids that intelligence isn't fixed. They can grow their brains through lifelong learning.
- 2 | Talk to students about college and potential careers. Tell them you believe in them and in their success.
- 3 | Keep the communication lines open – set aside time to regularly talk about feelings and friendships.

Supporting Your Child's Development Of Positive Academic Behaviors

- Ensure that your child has the materials and place to study at home.
- Set a regular time for homework.
- Encourage your child to be responsible for chores and homework.
- Provide your child with a range of experiences to allow him/her to identify areas of strength.
- Talk to your child.



Outdoor Education

North Bay

October 2 -4, 2019

Cost for 2018 - \$175.



Important Dates

Date	Activity
May 21, 2019	Fifth Graders Visit
August 29, 2019	Incoming 6 th grade and New Student Orientation
October 2 - 4, 2019	6 th grade Outdoor Education

Student / Teacher Panel