



CMSA TRIBUNE

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Teacher Spotlight : Jackie Romo-Truong



Jackie Romo-Truong is a Chicago native and has always been passionate about teaching. After graduating from Northeastern University she taught in both Catholic and CPS schools for five years in primary grades. In 2011, she began a Master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction with a specialization in reading. After receiving her Master's degree, she was drawn to learning more about English language learners and decided to obtain her endorsement in ESL/ELL. In doing so, she wanted to ensure students receive proper support, instructional materials, and resources which is a real concern and issue in education today. "I am proud to be one of the newest members of the CMSA family and hope that my contribution to education has a positive effect on the lives of our CMSA students."

Student Spotlight: Boys' Varsity Basketball Team



Tony Iniquez Receives CMSA Good Neighbor Award



Our cafeteria was filled to capacity by long time friends and supporters of Mr. Tony Iniquez as we presented him with the 2016 CMSA Good Neighbor Award. Tony's accomplishments in our community are legendary. Highlights of his contributions include his leadership of the **Touhy Park Advisory Council**, serving with **Alderman Joe Moore** in the **Participatory Budgeting Committee**, supporting public art in our area, and the building of a new children's playground.

Congratulations, Tony. We look forward to hearing about your new endeavors!

Students "Light the Spark to a Revolution"



Bottom row, starting with the right side:

Jonathan Robinson, Treigh Green (middle) Khalid Adnan.

Second row starting from the right side: Tobi Olanunmi, Sidney Hunt, Franklin Onyeaghalala, Isiah Smith, Kennedy Nwaezeigwe, Salah Adnan.

Top Row starting from the right side: Head Coach Jenn D'Ambrosio, Edmund Martinez Jr., Compton Barnes, Anthony Howard, Assistant Coach Patti Brooks. We congratulate the team on all of their accomplishments this year.

Go Titans!

CMSA Open for Voting



Our school was proud to host residents of the 49th Ward as they cast their vote in the primary election on March 15, 2016. The use of our school as a voting poll allowed our students to witness the privilege of the democratic process. Every vote counts!

IHSA Winners



Our talented musicians participated in the I.H.S.A. Solo & Ensemble Competition on March 3. We are very proud of their achievements and results (Divisions = medal received). Only division I & II will receive their first and second place medals.

Division III: Claudine Iradakunda and -FlomeBoussoukou

Division II: Emily Mathews, Oluwafunmibi Oyedokun, Jimmy Hernandez, Erik Bucio and Lance Velez

Division I: Anthony Howard, Kahsel Paw Nay,,Ricardo Enriquez, Samson Batula, and (with an almost perfect score of 39 out of 40)-Oluwakemi Oyedokun

Congratulations to Ms. Vincent and all her champions!



Our students brought home three awards from the Concept Schools Spoken Word competition whose theme was Light The Spark for a Revolution. **Patsy Perez** (11th grade) took 2nd place in the Freeform Spoken Word category of the competition and **Justin Baynes** (10th) tied for 3rd place. In the persuasive speech category, **Samantha Garcia** (10th) took second place. In addition to that, **Shaguffa Khan** (10th) read an excerpt of her speech, "Citenzhip=Equality," which took 3rd place this year in the Concept Schools Writing competition for the 9-12th grade. Our students who competed in the Recited poem category. **Gustavo Cruz**, and the Group Piece category, **Gustavo Cruz, Kerry Williams, Patsy Perez, and Justin Baynes**, also did an excellent job.

Congratulations to Ms. Moore and her wonderful Spoken Word team.

Students Receive Opportunity to be Theatre Critics



Samantha Garcia, Cirse Mendoza, Jennifer Dominquez, Taylor Ayala and Jocelyne Avila are participating in the Goodman Theatre's **Cindy Bandle Young Critics (CBYC)** Program. This is a journalism and theater program offered to 10th and 11th grade young women throughout Chicago (and surrounding suburbs) in



We invite you to read the latest entry in the Concept Blog. Written by our Concept Schools Director of English Education, Andy Flaherty, it takes a look at the issue of ELL students and the impact of the home environment on their learning English. It also dispels the myth that speaking in one's native tongue at home inhibits English language. <http://www.conceptschools.org/parents-learning-happens-right-in-your-home/>

CMSA Ranks as Level 1+

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We couldn't have done it **LEVEL 1+** without YOU!

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS RATES CMSA AS LEVEL 1+ SCHOOL
Students made significant gains in key areas:

- Reading growth on NWEA MAP (grades 5-8) → Better than **85%** of schools nationally
- Math growth on NWEA MAP (grades 5-8) → Better than **94%** of school nationally
- Growth of EPAS assessment series (grades 11) → Better than **90%** nationally
- College Persistence rate (class of 2013) → **84.6%** of graduates persisting in college
- My School, My Voice Survey → Well organized school
- Attendance Rate → **97.3%**

27% of District schools are Level 1+ and 17% of Charter schools are Level 1+

Chicago Math & Science Academy is ranked Level 1+ by Chicago Public Schools. According to their SQRP report, CMSA students made significant gains in key areas:

- **Reading growth** on NWEA MAP* (grades 6-8) = is in the **top 15% of schools nationally**
- **Math growth** on NWEA MAP* (grades 6-8) = is in the **top 6% of schools nationally**
- **Growth of EPAS assessment series** (grades 11 PLAN to ACT) = is in the **top 4% nationally**
- **College Persistence Rate** (class of 2013) = **84.6%**
- **Attendance Rate** = **97.3%**

**NWEA = Northwest Evaluation Association & (MAP) = Measures of Academic Progress are nationally recognized norm-referenced assessments used as one metric in the school quality equation. Comparison

CMSA Honored as One of the "Best High Schools"



theater program offered to 10th and 11th grade young women throughout Chicago (and surrounding suburbs) in partnership with the **Association for Women Journalists-Chicago (AWJ)**. The program is designed to introduce young women to theater and the world of professional writing and participants receive tickets to review productions in our season, one-on-one mentoring from AWJ journalists and the opportunity to interview Goodman artists! It's a unique program, as each young woman exits the program with a portfolio of reviews and a newfound knowledge of the inner workings of the American theater. Their next review is for Goodman's production of *The Matchmaker*.



Gala Celebrates Black History Month



Students, parents, and staff enjoyed a festive evening on **February 29** as they celebrated Black History with the annual Gala. in our cafeteria. The guests enjoyed wonderful performances and great food at the culmination of the month long events for this celebration.

Student Help to Raise Funds at Lumity Gala Dinner





Chicago Math & Science Academy was awarded a Bronze Medal in U.S. News & World Report's 2015 Best High Schools ranking. Only 4 charter schools in Illinois and 9 in Indiana made the list. Considering there are around 30,000 public high schools in the United States, this is truly a great honor and testament to the hard work and dedication of the CMSA students, teachers, staff, parents, and community members. We are very proud of this recognition.

You Can Help CMSA!

Please consider making a difference in the education of Rogers Park youth with a tax-deductible donation. We will gladly accept a check, credit card or you can use PayPal through the CMSA website.

Your donation will directly help our students succeed by providing such things as STEM-related textbooks, incentives for academic achievement, equipment for science labs, robotics kits, etc.

Remember that every donation received by CMSA gives inner-city youths the opportunity to fulfill their educational dreams.

Join us as our philanthropic partner in continuing our excellence in education. You can click the Donate button below. Every dollar makes a difference! We thank you for your support and generosity.



The Rogers Park Web Creators took center stage at Lumity's Gala Dinner on March 3. The event, entitled *The Ultimate Offense: Preparing Chicago's Youth for STEM*, allowed our students to interact with major sponsors from companies such as IBM, Accenture, Allstate, Cognizant, HCSC, Deloitte, Forsythe, PWC, Tata Consultancy Services, GE, Cathie & Jack Kozik and PSAV. They also enjoyed hearing former Chicago Bear player Pro Football Hall of Famer Dan Hampton's motivational stories on how to succeed. The students were recognized for their participation in the year long Student Based Enterprise Event. The program has trained students in Word Press so they can offer their services to Rogers Park business and nonprofits. Rogers Park Business Alliance is also a partner in this undertaking.



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changing the trajectory of our students' lives with STEM-
focused education that successfully prepares students for
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