



CMSA TRIBUNE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Teacher Spotlight : Tommy Henley



Spanish Teacher Tommy Henley was born and raised in the Pilsen/Little Village neighborhood of Chicago. He received a Bachelors of Arts in Spanish and his Professional Educator License for K-12 Spanish Education from Northeastern Illinois University. Tommy is currently pursuing his Masters of Arts in Latin American Literature and Culture from Northeastern Illinois University which he plans to finish next year. He cites his love of literature as the reason he became a Spanish teacher . "Teaching is my passion and I am committed to ensuring all students receive an equal and rigorous Spanish Education. In my free time, I love to watch cooking shows (even though I cannot cook) and eat at different Latin American restaurants." We're happy to have you at CMSA, Tommy!

Student Spotlight CMSA Ambassadors



Howard Area Community Center Receives CMSA Public Service Award



Bruce Rasey, Executive Director of Howard Area Community Center (HACC), accepted the CMSA 2015 Public Service Award at a Community Breakfast. Bruce was joined by his colleagues Beth Ulion, Robert Conlon, and Sister Patricia Crowley, who was the first director for the HACC. For 50 years, HACC has been serving the Rogers Park community with its many programs families needing a helping hand. We are lucky to have HACC in our community.

Hispanic Heritage Celebrations





Our Ambassadors represent the very best of CMSA . They put a face to the many things that make our school the special place it is. Our visitors and guests always leave very impressed with these students whose charm and knowledge of their school leaves an indelible mark. We look forward to a great year of making CMSA history! The 2014-2015 Ambassadors are Delilah Rand, President, Lance Velez, Vice President, Betza Roman, Erik Bucio, Kimberly Dominguez, Saba Slote, Justin Baynes, Gabriel Ojeda, Jennifer Dominguez, (not pictured) Bizi Obedi, andJazmine Jathool)



NBC Reporter Natalie Martinez inspired our students with her personal story of professional achievements. This assembly was the hot ticket of the month and allowed students to hear great advice on never giving up on education. At the school's annual Hispanic Heritage Gala parents, teachers, students and friends joined in for food, fun, music and great performances showcasing the best of Hispanic culture.

Crosstown Classic!



CMSA and HSA McKinley played in their first annual cross town classic volleyball exhibition. The teams were ready to go and displayed great sportsmanship. CMSA won and will take bragging rights until next year. Keep up the good work ladies!



Alumni Corner



Mr. Send and Ms. Maldonado visited our alumni at University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign recently. We have 22 students that are studying at Urbana. Rodrigo Avila,Paradise Sepehrifar (class of 2011),Arzeena Ali (class of 2012).Teliane Bakala, Opeyemi Olusuyi, Fernando Servin, Brandon Wilhoite(class of 2013), Nakia Brown, Estrellita Correa ,Mohammed Raihaan, Roy Rivera, Saba Slote, Milosz

CMSA Forum Features Senator Heather Steans



Roy Rivera, Sana Slote, Milosz Tomaszewski(class of 2014), Bhawesh Chhetri, Jennifer Jasso, Victory Madu, Tania Njiwah, Oreduwa Osinaike,, Joseph Patterson, Hernan Razo and Sana Slote (class of 2015). Everyone was happy to see we remember them and are doing well in their studies. They remain very grateful to their teachers for the guidance they received during their education at CMSA. In addition, our alumni Martin Enem (class of 2011) is the first former CMSA student to graduate from University of Illinois as a Chemical Engineer.



Senator Heather Steans addressed a group of small businesses at CMSA Forum Luncheon on the many issues facing passage of the Illinois budget. Everyone present wants resolution to this financial crisis in our state. Senator Steans stressed the need for everyone to contact their representatives and urge them to compromise on what is best for all of Illinois. .

CMSA Honored as One of the "Best High Schools"



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.

NHS Members Fundraiser Seeks to Help Children



CMSA's National Honor Society have hit the ground running! This year co-moderators, Ms. Juarbe and Mrs. Walton, and society members are placing a huge emphasis on giving back. To jump start their efforts, NHS is organizing a toy drive for the kids at Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago! We need a variety of unused, unopened toys, school supplies, books, etc. for this effort to be successful. Good luck, NHS team. We know your efforts will help brighten childrens' lives.

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.

Trip to Oriental Institute Brings History Alive



Students from Mr. Bolthouse's A.P. World History classes visited the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago. The Oriental Institute is a center for Mesopotamian, Egyptian and African archaeological studies. Mr. Bolthouse gave a tour of the Sumerian, Assyrian, Hittite, Egyptian, Persian and Nubian galleries

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before students participated in a scavenger hunt for significant historical artifacts related to historical societies and events being studied in class.

Students connect with ComEd



Students in Mr. Guliyev's engineering classes had the opportunity to participate in engineering enrichment program led by ComEd's Elizabeth Soehren Jones, Principal Business Analyst Operational Strategy & Business Intelligence. The students enjoyed an introduction to the science of light bulbs and a walk through a high-level review of how currents flow to a home. The day included two hands-on activities: Comparing and contrasting light bulbs and building of a simple circuit. It was a fun, interactive way to make the power of energy a tangible concept for the students.

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