



CMSA TRIBUNE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Teacher Spotlight: Kevin Brend



Mr. Kevin Brend teaches art to 7-12th graders. He is a graduate of University of Illinois at Chicago (Bachelors in Industrial Design) and Northern Illinois University (Masters in Art Education). Kevin likes drawing, Painting, Sculpting, Trading Card Games, Anime, Meditation, and eating cookies...lots of cookies.

He comes from Lombard. Asked why he became a teacher he states: "Within my personal philosophy for education, compassion is brought to forefront of the learning experience. The main goal that I am trying to achieve as an educator is the development of a learning

system that addresses the whole student, including the ability to maintain balance in daily life circumstances. This means contextually switching the school setting from a place of acquiring knowledge to place of discovering understanding.

In the art classroom, I believe we as educators can help our student to not only improve their technical art skills, but also improve their self to be more inline with the ideals they personally uphold." Our students love him and we're delighted to have Kevin in our CMSA family!

Robotitans Advance to State Competition!



Our **Robotitans** teams competed at their first regional qualifier and have advanced to the State Finals next February! Congratulations to the Coaches, the mentors, and volunteers Mr. Colak, Mr.Guliyev, Mr. Catalan, Mr. Akgul , and Mrs. Roziel Reyes as well as Team Members:

[Roshaan Siddiqui](#),[Olabisi Kuku](#), [Eric Catalan](#), [Isaac Alemayehu](#), [Ethan Schreiber](#), [Godsgift Chukwudi](#), [Syed Anis](#), [Emre Karatas](#), [Radharani Das](#), [Lance Gabriel Velez](#), [Samah Al-sammarraie](#).

The RoboTitans Brought Home:

[The "Inspire" Award, 2nd place](#)

The Inspire Award is given to the Team that the Judges felt truly embodied the 'challenge' of the FTC program. The Team that receives this award is a strong ambassador for FIRST programs and works to promote FIRST and make it known in their community. The Team that receives this Award has performed well in all Judging categories and was chosen by the Judges as a model FIRST Tech

Challenge Team on and off the playing field. The Judges used Match performance, observations made during interviews and in the pit area, the Team's Engineering Notebook, and performance on the playing field in determining the winner.

[The "Connect" Award 1st place -Trophy](#)

The Connect Award, is presented to the Team that the Judges feel most connected with their local community, FIRST and the business world.

The best Team is more than the sum of its parts, and recognizes that their schools and communities play an essential part to their success. The recipient of this Award is recognized for helping the community understand FIRST, the FIRST Tech Challenge, and the Team itself. In addition, the Team that wins this Award is aggressively seeking engineers and exploring the opportunities available in the world of engineering, science and technology.

Go RoboTitans and Lady Titans!!

CMSA Honored with a "Silver" ranking one off the "Best High Schools"



For 2 years in a row, CMSA has been selected as one of the best high schools in the nation by US News. This year we have advanced to a "SILVER" ranking. Here is a link to see more!

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Student Spotlight:
Husnara Yusof



Her teachers view Husnara as "a kind young lady who works very hard and is always first to volunteer to help her teachers or her peers."

Currently in 7th grade Husnara takes great pride in her work and it shows everyday. Her favorite subject is math. Husnara tells us she wants to become a doctor. We wish her continued success in her studies and know that she can accomplish great things!

51 Students Join The National Honor Society



Congratulations to the 2016-2017 NHS Class! We salute you!

Erik Bucio, Aubrielle Delos Reyes, Tooba Hanif, Musharrat Islam, Madison Jackson, Marvin Jimenez, Isela Macedo, Jennifer Nava, Kahselpaw Nay, Amaka Nwaezeigwe, Bizimungu Obedi, Oluwakemi Oyedokun, Jocelyn Perez, Daniel Perez, Hasiba Zandi, Eric Catalan, Kingsley Chukwudi, Gabriel Cruz, Gustavo Cruz, Jennifer Dominguez, Samantha Garcia, Brianna Green, Sabah Ibrahim, Ethan Schreiber, Shagufta Khatoon, Abenazer Mekete, Lilly Mekonnen, Brenda Merchan, Gabriel Ojeda, Tobiloba Olasunkanmi, Mariana Perez, Roshaan Siddiqui, Maryam Syeda, Lance Velez, Hassan Abioye, Yusra Aftab, Flome Bassoukou, Cossette Flores, Trinity Floyd, Jordyn Glanton, Dayo Hunley, Sideeq Ibrahim, Claudine Iradukunda, Andrea Jaimes, Noemi Jimenez, Emily Mathews, Citally Mondragon, Alberto Reyes, Karina Ruiz, Hannah White-Grey, and Yared Woldegerima.

Drama Club & Spoken Word Club Performance



CMSA's new Drama Club which began in the fall is led by Mr. Tony Lawry, founder and artistic director ***Above the Law, a new theater in Rogers Park***. Assisted by CMSA's own science teacher Mr. Darrell Tienou-Gustafson, students in this club have been meeting twice a week to study improv. Recently the group partnered with students in Ms. Moore's ***Spoken Word Club*** to present a 45 minute improvisational performance. The results? A terrific evening enjoyed by all! ***Bravo Titans!***

Freshmen Science Rocks!

Concept School's Parent Blog in Spanish!



Le invitamos a leer la última entrada en el Concept Blog en Español.

WWW.CONCEPTSCHOOLS.ORG/blog/

CMSA Ranks as Level 1+

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

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 82% of schools nationally
- Math growth on NWEA MAP (grades 5-8) — Better than 94% of schools 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*

You Can Help CMSA!



Mrs. Nelson's 9th graders have been doing a really cool activity where they are modeling DNA transcription and translation and creating the resulting protein. This project offers a really cool way to visualize the microscopic process!

WE.ORG Partnership: "Together We Change The World"

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WE.org empowers people to change the world. WE make this change through our work at home, abroad and through our social enterprise.

Together WE Change the World.

"WE is a movement that exists for one reason: to make the world a better place. We are shameless idealists who believe that there is a version of our highest selves that comes from living a life of daily legacies. Our lives take on a deeper, transformative meaning when we impact the lives of others. I am WE."

This program offers schools a year-long educational program that supports educators with empowering young people to discover the causes they care about and take action to make a difference. CMSA is proud to partner with WE.ORG to provide service learning and engagement projects where students develop skills for success academically, in the workforce, and as active citizens.

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.



Our students are involved and CMSA is proud to be your partner!

**WE DAY is March 1, 2017
3 Countries -16 Events for Social Change**

Parents and Students Join Forces To Ensure Choice in Education



CMSA parents and students gathered recently to share ideas and learn about efforts they can take to make sure parents always have a choice of where to send their children to school. This group of proud parents and students know that choice in education is their right!

Happy Holidays To You!



All of us wish you the happiest, healthiest of holidays and the very best for 2017!



Chicago Math and Science Academy:

**"Changing the trajectory of our students' lives with STEM-focused education
that successfully prepares students for tomorrow!"**

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