



CMSA TRIBUNE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



The #1 "SILVER" CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ACCORDING TO U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT
December 2017

Teacher Highlight: Caitlin Shannon



Ms. Shannon has been at CMSA for five years. Ms. Shannon received her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the **University of Puget Sound**. She earned her Master of Science in Education from **Johns Hopkins University** last year. This is her fifth year teaching math at CMSA. Ms. Shannon enjoys building student leadership through Middle School Student Council, watching students plan and execute after school fundraising events and activities. She can be found singing directions and math songs, assigning *Stranger Things* themed projects, and snacking while teaching. Outside of her pineapple classroom, Ms. Shannon enjoys teaching and practicing yoga and visiting family back in Colorado.

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



TEDx Speaker Robert Renteria at CMSA



"Don't let where you came from dictate who you are, but let it be part of who you become" is the quote from internationally acclaimed author **Robert Renteria's** book *From the Barrio to the Board Room*. His books with the curriculum for classrooms, his graphic novel, "*Mi Barrio*" and the activity coloring book "*Little Barrio*" are demonstrating that dreams can be realized through education, determination, perseverance, and hard work. Mr. Renteria spoke at two assemblies and shared his message of hope and perseverance no matter what life throws our way. Students enjoyed his inspirational message and having the opportunity to meet with him and discuss his life journey.



Rated Level 1+

by CPS 3 Years in Row



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: Muhammad Salar



Muhammad is an outstanding 8th grader who joined CMSA two years ago. Aside from

being a star on the Track & Field team, he is a valued member of our Student Ambassadors Club. His favorite subject is math. He hopes to become a space engineer and loves his STEM classes.

Keep up the great work, Muhammad!

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+

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

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS RATES CMSA AS LEVEL 1+ SCHOOL
Schools must register each year to be named.

Reading growth on WIDA MAP (grades 3-8) \leftarrow Better than 85% of schools nationally
Math growth on WIDA MAP (grades 3-8) \leftarrow Better than 90% of schools nationally
Growth of EPSS assessment scores (grades 11) \leftarrow Better than 90% nationally
College Persistence rate (class of 2015) \leftarrow 84.0% of graduates persisting in college
My School, My Voice Survey \leftarrow Well organized school
Attendance Rate \leftarrow 97.2%

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



We proudly celebrate our tradition of excellence with our families, supporters, and friends.

Google Engineers Help Students Kick Off National Coding Week



Is there a better way to honor 50 Years of Kids Coding than hosting **Google** at our school? Google sent a team of 4 computer science engineers to help our students understand the ins and out of their field and motivate them to pursue this career field. After their initial presentation the team convened into a panel format to answer questions and further discuss their roles with students. It was great having Google in the building! Thank you, Carlos Castro Herrera, for helping organize this event.

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!

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.



Chicago Math and Science Academy:

"Changing the trajectory of our students' lives"



It was a game for the history books: **024th District Police vs. CMSA Titans basketball teams!** Everyone played their hearts out and scores didn't really matter. The event was a great opportunity to build strong relationships between our students and our dedicated officers. The next game is scheduled for Spring 2018. **Thanks for choosing CMSA as your worthy opponents, 024th Team!**

Lady Titans Robotics Team is Making History



with STEM-focused education that successfully prepares students for tomorrow!"



We are proud to announce that our Lady Titans robotics team #11163 won 2nd place at Robotics League competition on December 3, 2017. These ladies have been working so hard on their robot and it proved to be worth all the effort!

Congratulations to Ruth Goneh, Radharani Das, Adriana Medina, Godsgift Chukwundi, Olabisi Kuku, Kimberly Dominquez, and Paris Garcia.

The boys' team, RoboTitans, came in 4th place.



CMSA Silver Ranking 2017

CMSA has been recognized as one of America's Best High Schools by U.S. News & World Report.



- CMSA is the highest ranked charter school in the state of Illinois.
- CMSA is the one and only silver medal recipient among charter schools. Other charter schools that made the list received either bronze or no medal.
- CMSA ranks 10th among all non-selective public high schools in Chicago.
- CMSA ranks 80th among all public, magnet and charter schools in the entire state of Illinois.
- CMSA ranks 267th among all charter schools in the entire nation.



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