



CMSA TRIBUNE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Ryan Krachenfels



Mr. Krachenfels is enjoying his first year teaching at CMSA. He received his Bachelors in History from Illinois State University. "My teaching style is focused on using primary sources and writing in order to establish independent thought in my students."

Mr. Krachenfels is also an Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, and enjoys reading and running in his spare time. Any visitor to his classroom will enjoy seeing lovely photos of his twin niece and nephew!

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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Cecilia Salinas Honored with CMSA Good Neighbor Award



Cecilia Salinas is the very definition of a "good neighbor". For six years, she has been the Staff Assistant to Alderman Joe Moore for his Participatory Budgeting Project. The 49th Ward is the first jurisdiction in the country where an elected official gave the opportunity to all the members in his community 16 years or older, regardless of their immigrant status - to decide how to spend \$1 million to improve his ward. Cecilia is an advocate for immigrants and her passion for helping this population is legendary. Her volunteer and pro bono work, also performed in the immigrant community, makes her a formidable force in our Rogers Park community. How lucky are we to have live in this community!

We celebrate you, Cecilia!

Band Brings Home Honors from ISHA Competition



Student Spotlight: Joseph Mathews



Joseph continues to go above and beyond the call of duty at CMSA. He has pioneered a new student mentoring initiative

"Youth to Youth"

which kicks off officially on March 24. "I saw a problem with students who were struggling with their academics and emotional issues. I've been there and I learned some methods that I want to teach other students. I'm teaching others how to mentor students so they can help others overcome their issues and achieve great things in their future." Joseph has trained 15 mentors. Right now the program has 20 mentees ready to begin helping the 8th and 9th graders.

"Youth to Youth"

will run till the end of the school year. We salute Joseph for his initiative and desire to help his fellow students at CMSA.

Well done, Joseph!

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+



On Saturday March 4, 2017, Chicago Math and Science Academy Concert Band students attended the annual IHSA (Illinois High School Association) Solo & Ensemble Festival. [Lance Velez](#), [Kahselpaw Nay](#), [Anthony Howard](#) and [Ricardo Enriquez](#) were all awarded Division I gold medals for their performance. [Erik Bucio](#), [Kimberly Hoard](#), [Samsondeen Batula](#), [Shadiyat Batula](#) and [Oluwakemi Oyedokun](#) were also successful as they placed Division II with silver medals.

We congratulate these students, and their teacher Ms. Vincent, on all of their hard work and accomplishments!

Roshaan Siddiqui Chosen as **FIRST** Dean's Finalist



Roshaan Siddiqui (far left) has been chosen for the **FIRST Dean's List Finalist Award** and will represent Chicago at the FIRST Robotics World Championship. He is one of 4 students from Illinois who were nominated for this honor. Only ten students from across the nation will be chosen as FIRST Dean's List winners. The announcement will be made at the FIRST World Championship competition in April. Winners will receive a trophy, public recognition, recognition for their school via a plaque, and an all-expense paid trip to the prestigious FIRST Dean's List Award Summit in Manchester. Over 1600 students from Illinois participated in the FIRST FTC robotics program this year. Roshaan, now an 11th grader, has been part of the CMSA robotics team for the past 5 years since he was a 7th grader.

All of us are very happy and proud of Roshaan's well deserved success!

Outstanding College Acceptances Keep on Coming!



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:

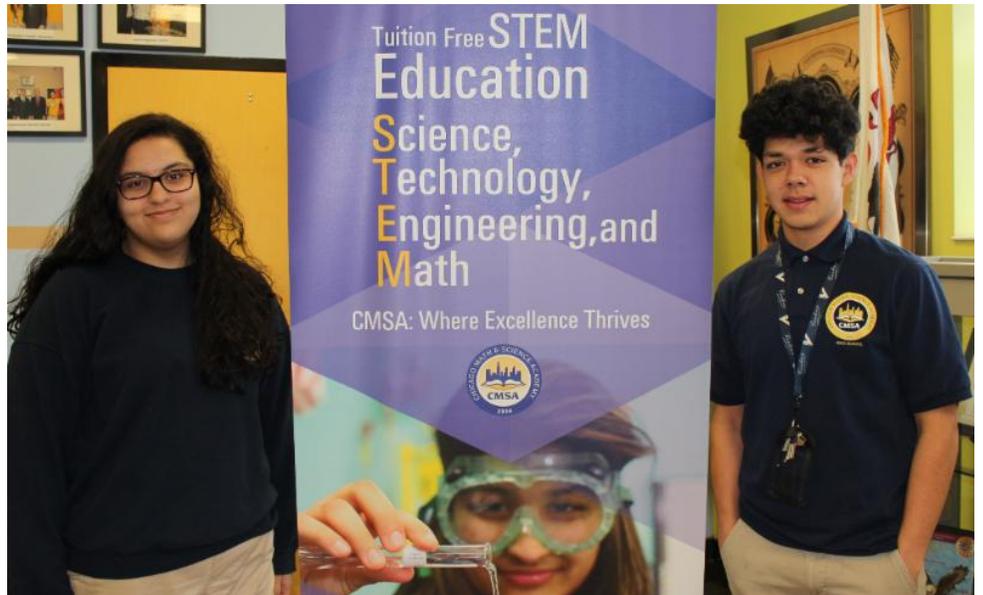
- ☐ **Reading growth on NWEA MAP* (grades 6-8) is in the top 15% of schools nationally**
 - ☐ **Math growth on NWEA MAP* (grades 6-8) is in the top 6% of schools nationally**
 - ☐ **Growth of EPAS assessment series (grades 11 PLAN to ACT) is in the top 4% nationally**
 - ☐ **College Persistence Rate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



We proudly announce that Ms. Hasiba Zandi has been accepted to Northwestern University. Erik Bucio becomes the first CMSA student to be accepted to Cornell University. This year's senior class has raised over \$10 million in merit scholarship funding. It's a banner year for CMSA's College Counseling Department!

Congratulations on your great achievements, Hasiba and Erik!

CMSA Band Fundraiser for "Stand Up for Kids Chicago"



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.



STAND UP
FOR KIDS

www.standupforkidschicago.org

5TH ANNUAL CMSA SPRING
CONCERT FOR A CAUSE

ENDING CHILDHOOD HOMELESSNESS ONE NOTE AT A TIME.

\$5.00 to ENTER

MAY 4, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M.

7212 N. Clark

Save the Date: May 4, 2017 @ 5:00pm! Our CMSA Concert Band will hold their annual "Concert for a Cause" to benefit homeless children in Chicago in our gym at 7212 North Clark Street. Stand Up for Kids' mission is to end the cycle of youth homelessness throughout the United States. For more information on their work visit <http://www.standupforkids.org/chicago/default.aspx>

024th District Police Youth Officers & Students Enjoy Some Playtime!





P.O. Brooke Finneke, P.O. Milton Lastickly and P.O. Mayra Gomez are bringing the CAPS Program right to our students. This excellent team from the 24th District is enjoying getting to know our students with various activities which include basketball, and other sports such as soccer. In addition, the officers also spoke with students in our Driver Education classes so they have a greater understanding as to what is expected of them in case they ever get pulled over. These officers are part of the CAPS initiative in Rogers Park looking to build bridges between the community and the police department.

Thank you for keeping us safe!



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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