



# CMSA TRIBUNE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



The #1 "SILVER" CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ACCORDING TO U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT  
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### Teacher Highlight: Mr. Ratliff



Mr. Ratliff received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from the **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** and his teaching certificate from **Benedictine University**. This is his 7th year teaching at CMSA and he thinks it's pretty cool that the seniors this year were his first group of 6th graders!

He decided to become a teacher because he loves math and loves to share that love with his students. You can always find him doing extra tutoring early in the day before the bell for first period rings. Mr. Ratliff enjoys staying active with sports, especially triathlons, and coaching track and field at CMSA.

### Community Service Fair Brings Resources for Families



Fourteen community organizations took part in the **2nd Annual Community Resource Fair** for our parents and families. Representatives from State Farm Insurance, 024th Police District, Devon Bank, Protect Rogers Park, 49th Ward Office, Northside Community Resources, and the Rogers Park Library were among the providers who distributed important information on how they can assist our families.

**Thank You to all our Community Partners for supporting our families!**

### Roshan Siddiqui Honored by Illinois Network for Charter Schools



**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**



Husnara is an 8th grade student who works exceptionally hard to maintain her good grades. She stays to tutor her peers in math and presents her work to the class to teach her classmates. She is always respectful and kind and willing to lend a helping hand. She is a great example of a CMSA Titan!

**Concept School's Parent Blog in Spanish!**



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**Roshaan Siddiqui** was recognized by the Illinois Network for Charter Schools' Gala Event for being the **Outstanding Senior of the Year**. Along with this honor is a \$1,000 scholarship donation to his future college of choice. Roshaan was surrounded by his family, CMSA teachers and friends at this momentous event.

***Congratulations, Roshaan!***

**Students Collect \$\$ to Help Recent Disaster Areas**



Students in the National Honor Society took up the call for help those in need by hosting a school wide, dress-down days to raise dollars. The results of this effort has raised close to **\$1,000 thus far**. The money keeps coming in and will be given to the Red Cross so they can continue helping the people of Puerto Rico and Mexico.

**Well done, students!**

### CMSA Ranks as 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!

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

# 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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