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#### **Save the Date:**

- Monday, January 4th Student Holiday /Staff Development
- Thursday, Jan. 7th Girls basketball vs Tatum @ CMS gym
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- Thursday, Jan. 14th
   Girls basketball vs Henderson @ CMS gym
- Thursday, Jan. 14th
   Boys basketball @ Henderson
- Monday, January 18th Martin Luther King Holiday

## **Christmas Break**

It's hard to believe we are already enjoying the Holiday Break! CMS had several activities and events during the past few weeks. Our gym renovations have been completed! Our annual talent show on Friday, December 18 was a success. Christmas band concerts were awesome. Enjoy reading all about our activities in this newsletter. We hope all of you have a blessed holiday!



# **CMS Yearbook**

Very soon, CMS Yearbook Staff will be busy putting the final touches on our 2016 yearbook.

You don't want to miss out on ordering a yearbook for your CMS student! The yearbook costs \$30. Personalization (name engraved) can be added for an additional \$5.

We have a limited number of pages available for ads. We are selling commercial ads as well as memory ads for students.

See Mrs. Andrews, Yearbook Sponsor, or any yearbook staff member to buy your book or ad.

# **From the Counselor**

A few tips to deal with the blues...

Recently there have been some things in the news that are scary and overwhelming to us all. It may seem especially bad during this season of the year. There are some things you can do to make things a little better.

- Do something for somebody that is in need greater than your own! You might just have a sweet little neighbor or a military family near you that could use your help raking leaves or babysitting. It makes you feel better to help someone else. Try it!!
- 2. Get active—both physical activity and the light that you get being outside are good for your

mind, body and spirit!

- 3. Do something new and fun with your friends or family. For those new to this school, or for those that have lost a friend or family member, maybe you and new friends can come up with a new way to celebrate. Think outside the box.
- 4. Sweets are good, but you crash a little while after you eat a bunch. Try to eat in moderation.
- 5. Embrace things that aren't perfect. Everything, including you, does not need to be perfect! Try to have fun...Laugh every chance you get.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Mrs. Tillery

# **CMS Gym Re-Opening**





CMS staff and students, along with CISD Board members, administration and community members, celebrated the re-opening of the CMS gym. Extensive renovations have taken place over the past few months. Coaches are especially excited about having classes as well as basketball games in the gym. The entire gym has been made new, along with a new sound system, A/C, and detailed graphics on the walls. Below left, Laurel Drennan and Julio Aguirre of Graffixx, Inc. of Tyler put the finishing touches on their work. They helped make our gym a more inviting place to be. Come see our athletes play Tatum on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 4:30 PM. We know you will love the new surroundings.







# **Meet Our Staff**



# Heidi Pritch-

ett is a Reading Resource teacher at CMS. She attended college at Stephen F. Austin State University and has been teaching for 3 years. She is married, has a son, Chandler, in seventh grade and a daughter, Aspen, in the third grade. Her favorite quote is, "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." -Oscar Wilde. One

thing we didn't know about Mrs. Pritchett is that she loves thunderstorms. Her one word to describe CMS: awesome.

# Laura Oates is a

Reading Resource teacher. She attended college at Stephen F. Austin. She has taught for 38 years and this is her second year at CMS. She is married and has two sons and two



grandchildren. Her favorite quote is, "The only disability in life is a bad attitude." She is a very resourceful and resilient individual. And her one word to describe CMS: dedicated.



# Shelley Hudspeth

is our school nurse and also a school bus driver! She attended Panola College. She has been in nursing for



fourteen years. She has been married to Henry Hudspeth for almost 30 years. She has 3 sons, Jacob, 26, Kalob, 22 and Kade, 17. She also has a sister, Rhonda. Mrs. Hudspeth told us she has awesome parents. Her favorite quote is, "Be still, and know that I am God." -Psalm 46:10. Her one word to describe CMS: awesome.

# **CMS Boys Basketball**



Football is over and we are now enjoying some exciting basketball games at CMS. Our CMS athletes had a few things to say about this years' basketball games, coaches, and practice.

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#### Ask the Riders:

How is practice going?

"Everyday we're just working harder, getting better." - Jayden Barnes

"Practice is fun, although its tough at times, it just prepares us for our games." - Lesly Perez-Gonzales

#### Ask the Riders:

Any thoughts or comments on coaches this year?

"We think these coaches are the best."- Jayden Hicks

"I believe, with these coaches, we should be able to win more games." - Zacc Smith







Who are you most excited to play against?

"Henderson, definitely! Last year they beat us, I would love to win a rematch." - Mckenzi Jowers

"Carthage for sure...it's been rumored that they are the best. We want to prove them wrong."—Malik Patton.



# **CMS Basketball**



## Ask the Riders:

How is practice going?

"I think the girls' basketball team has been amazing these past few weeks. They work so hard at practice and always give 100% of their effort. You can tell by the way they play that they practice on and off the court." - Kristen Orsak

"Basketball is my favorite sport, and I love the way the coaches motivate me by working out in practice." - La'Kasia Lister

# Ask the Riders:

Any thoughts or comments on coaches this year?

"They'are hardworking, and they push us to our limit." - JaKayla Weathered, JaKayla Parks

"Right now, we are doing lots of running because sometimes we don't listen but some days are fun!" - MaKenzie Mireles

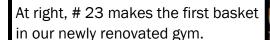




#### Ask the Riders:

What are your thoughts on the season so far?

"Girls basketball is awesome. We've learned a lot this year about technique. Our coaches are just great. We work hard but we are better for it." - Ngun Par





# **Scenes from CMS Christmas Band Concerts**





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CMS Band held the annual Christmas on December 8 and 9. Band members performed before a packed house, entertaining all with Christmas music.



# Pride of Shelby County



# **CMS Students Give to the Community**



The Glfted & Talented classes at CMS, with the help of the entire student body, raised over \$850.00 in 5 days in their "Change For a Change " Campaign. The students then went shopping to "change" Christmas for 4 needy children from the Child Advocacy Center. They we able to purchase clothes, shoes, and toys for each child. CMS students truly showed what a community can do to change lives when we work together. (Picture shows 8th grade GT students, Dayton Bush and Alec Dykes talking with Blake Ferguson while taking donations at a recent band concert. GT sponsor, April Bloys is shown in the background.)



# **Creative Science in 6th Grade!**

Sixth grade Science teachers, Mary Hockenberry and Shane Corbell have been discussing natural resources and how the wasteful or unnecessary use of natural resources can limit availability for other purposes. The lessons centered on the 3 R's — Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Students were given the challenge of creating an ornament that has been previously used and would have ended up as trash. Every year, we are amazed at the resourcefulness of our students.



# **JCC Helps out at Annual Breakfast With Santa**



These JCC students enjoyed helping out at the XI Alpha Delta Rho Annual Breakfast with Santa, held at the John Dean Windham Civic Center on December 5. Area children enjoyed breakfast, had their pictures taken as they visited with Santa, and enjoyed various activities. This is one of the favorite events enjoyed by JCC members.

Pictured at left. (I to r) Adriana Barcenas, Ben Galindo, Caroline Scull, Mark Perkins, Taylor Burch, Mallory Fausett. Below left, Ja'Michael Weathered, Adriana Barcenas, Dayton Bush. Below middle, Diego Salazar, Aaliyah Castaneda, Ezekiel Arcibar. Right, Diamond Tutt and Marchelle Goodwin.



# **JCC Students Volunteer at Little Fox Market Place**

Several JCC members volunteered on the Center Square at Little Fox Market Place. Some of the members wore the Santa Fox costume and encouraged by-passers to stop by and visit with the JCC kids and have a picture taken with Santa Fox.



# **CMS One Act**



Cast and Crew: (Not in order) Jazmin Guevara, Daylon Fountain, Alexandria Spruiell, Bethany Kaluza, Kristen Orsak, Tyler Allen, Linda Camacho, Alan Diaz, Mayra Garcia, McKenna Gipson, Lesly Perez-Gonzalez, Lera Watson, Bobby Walker, Hannah Mason, Raimi Phillips





#### Recognitions:

Alex Spruielle and Kristen Orsak—Honorable Mention All Star Cast

Bethany Kaluza—All Star Cast

Makenna Gipson— Outstanding Technical Crew Member



# Thank you!

Meagan Daniels and Heather Williamson, One Act Sponsors, along with the cast and crew, want to thank parents and CMS staff for all their help through practices and competition.

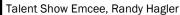


# **CMS Has Talent**















2nd Place













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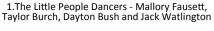












2.Ngun Par singing "Blessings"

3.Kyaw Htwe singing "Demon"

4.Joshua McDonald - keyboard performance of "Hall of Fame"

5.Ami Cranford singing "Like I'm Gonna Lose You"

6.Jamin Gutierrez singing "Hello"

7. Santa's Little Helpers

8.Esther Men singing "Hallelujah"

9.The Foxy Santa and the Christmas Penguins (Mrs. Stone's group) Alec Dykes, Garren Dubea, Hunter McSwain, Bethany Kaluza, and Keelan Williams. Cole Chandler

10.Kayden Davis singing Roger Rabbit

11,Jack Callen Watlington and Framuel Arajo performing comedy skit

12. Chassity Davis singing "The Oath"

13. Dulce Chavez singing "Mary Did You Know?"

14.Pillow People. Mckenzi Jowers, Nolan Spann, Caroline Scull, Alec Dykes, Sarah Scull, Dayton Bush, Deskyshen Crockett Jocelyn Berry.

15.Rosbelia Jaimes & Karyme Arcibar singing "Locked Away"

16.Caroline Scull & Company - 6th: Wesley Wages, Sarah Scull, Avery Snell, Alli Stuever, Emily Elliott, Skylar Causey 7th: Jase Bird, Tatum Mettauer, Taylor Horton, Kennedy Bush, Chloe Eaves, Kaitlin Williams 8th: Dayton Bush, Caroline Scull, Keelan Williams, Mallory Fusett, Kalei LaRock

 ${\bf 17. Tiff any\ Campos\ singing\ "Flashlight"}$ 

18.Renata Malone singing "Like I'm Gonna Lose You"

19.Cheerleaders' performance

20.Lauren Andrews, Reagan Godsey, and Destiny Gray singing "The Cup Song"

21.Pel Htoo Dancing to Dytto Dance Aqua Barbie







