

School Mission

Our mission is to provide comprehensive programs and services in order for our students to think creatively, analyze and solve problems, make wise and humane decisions, and acquire the skills necessary for productive, democratic citizenship and life-long learning.

About CMS

CMS features a highly skilled, flexible, diverse staff where many instructional and extra-curricular opportunities exist for middle level students. We specialize in working with adolescent students. The school schedule revolves around a team concept, creating small learning communities for students. Providing inclusion and accelerated classes are just two ways CMS provides unique learning environments where all students can succeed.

Driving Directions

From Interstate 57

Take exit 190B (Route 16) to Charleston. Turn left on 18th Street (Route 130). Take a left on Smith Drive (north side of Charleston High School). Turn right at the stop sign. CMS is on the right.

From the East

Follow Route 16 west to 18th Street (Route 130). Turn right onto 18th Street. Turn left onto Smith Drive (north side of Charleston High School). Turn right at the stop sign. CMS is on the right.



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For more specific information about academic teams, extracurricular activities, and staff members, visit our website!
www.charleston.k12.il.us/CMS/index.html

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What is a “TEAM”?

A team is a group of about 100 students assigned to the same group of core teachers who provide smaller learning communities. The team educates the students in the areas of language arts, math, science, social studies, and reading. In addition to these five periods, students will report to one of their team teachers for Home Base. During the course of the school year, all seventh and eighth grade students rotate through exploratory offerings of music, art, computer skills, and careers/applied technology classes. Each quarter students will take a different exploratory class. All students also have one period daily that is a combination of physical education, health, and fitness.

What is Home Base?

Supervised study is a daily class period. During this period, your child may begin working on any assignment they choose. Academic teachers are available if they need assistance. Band and chorus students use this time period to rehearse. These performance groups are graded classes and are included on the quarterly report cards. Band and chorus grades contribute to the student's GPA and honor roll eligibility.

CMS Quick Facts

- Enrollment: 398
- Certified Staff: 28
- Paraprofessionals: 5
- Average Class Size: 24
- Mascot: Little Trojans
- Colors: Red and Gold
- Teams: 7 Black, 7 Orange
8 Gold, 8 Red
- PE/Health/Fitness offered daily on a rotation basis.
- Exploratory classes offered in music and computer skills for one semester each in grades seven and eight.
- Band and Chorus offered daily during Home Base.
- Advisory offered weekly.
- Equipped with three student-accessible computer labs and two mobile laptop labs

I.E.S.A. Athletic Offerings

Boys

Baseball, Basketball,
Track and Field

Girls

Softball, Basketball,
Volleyball, Track and
Field, Pom and Dance,

Extra-Curricular Offerings

Show Choir, Musical, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Band, Scholastic Bowl, Art Club, CMS News, Classroom Courier, Student Council, Weather Team, Snow Team, Spelling Bee, Young Authors

Points of Pride

- 3 CMS teachers are National Board Certified.
- 22 CMS teachers have earned Master's degrees.
- CMS website features a live daily broadcast of the CMS News, as well as podcasts.
- Core teams and teachers publish web pages.
- The student-publication *Classroom Courier* is issued quarterly.
- Pom and Dance Team crowned State Champions in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2009.
- Boys' Basketball Team crowned State Champions in 2000.
- The annual spring musical showcases the talents of CMS students.

School Hours

Office

7:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Doors Open to Students

7:50 a.m.

Supervised Study in the Library

8:05 a.m.— 8:40 a.m.

Classroom Schedule

8:45 a.m.— 3:25 p.m.