



CMIT ACADEMY NORTH MIDDLE
CHESAPEAKE MATH & IT ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great Summer vacation and are looking forward with enthusiasm to the new school year. There have been several improvements made over the course of the Summer that I look forward to seeing the students benefit from as we continually seek to evolve and adapt to our students' needs and provide them with educational opportunities and innovative ways to learn. Please read the letter in its entirety to learn about upcoming events, school improvements, and general district and school updates.

On **Friday, August 26, 2022**, CMIT Academy North Middle School will host a **New Student Orientation** for any **NEW** students. We understand that our new students are not familiar with the hallways and classrooms of CMIT Academy. New Student Orientation is designed to provide an opportunity for them to receive their schedules, meet their teachers, and find their classrooms before the official first day of school. Orientation will be a half day with drop off beginning at 8:00am and pick-up at 12:00pm. Student Orientation is not required, and attendance and grades will not be recorded.

The first official day of school for all students is **Monday, August 29, 2022**. Arrival time begins at 8:00am and pick-up time begins at 2:55pm. The students will be welcomed by Administration, receive a PGCPS Code of Conduct presentation, receive their schedules, and meet their teachers and classmates. This is the first required school day and attendance will be taken.

Face masks are now optional for students, staff, and visitors. Students choosing to wear a mask will need to provide their own. CMIT North MS will follow guidance from PGCPS district leadership as it relates to COVID-19 policies and procedures. Any changes to the current policies will be communicated with parents as those updates are released to school level leadership.

I'm excited to share some facility and program improvements that have taken shape this Summer.

First, the exterior of the building is being equipped with canopies to provide additional shelter for students during the arrival and dismissal process. This project is scheduled to be completed in mid-September. Additionally, picnic tables will be available for students to use while waiting or to eat lunch when weather permits.

Second, there have been some updates to our art program. Seventh grade students will now be taking Digital Studio where they will be learning about the graphic arts. Eighth grade students will now be taking 3D Art. A space within the school building has been renovated to accommodate the 3D Art course complete with two kilns, 3D printers, and a laser cutter. Sixth grade students will still take Art 6 where they will learn the basic fundamentals of art, preparing them for Digital Studio and 3D Art in seventh and eighth grade respectively.

Third, an additional space has been renovated to accommodate a "Blended Learning Space". This space will be used on days when students do not have Technology class to focus on their independent technology assignments, study skills, and advisory.



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Finally, some class and instructional improvements this year include new gymnasium flooring, virtual reality headsets, Promethean TVs in every classroom, and Chromebook/iPad updates just to name a few.

As the new school year approaches our Front Office has been receiving many calls with questions. Please see the information below to aid in any questions you may have. I look forward to a productive and educational school year and partnering with parents to make it a positive experience for all stakeholders. Enjoy your last weeks of Summer!

Communication

We are pleased to have you as partners in this educational year. As the year progresses, and as you become either more informed or more puzzled, we encourage you to call the school and talk with those who might be of help. If your question deals with in-class events, grades, or curriculum please ask to speak with the teacher. Teacher contact information will be provided to you on the student's syllabus, as well as, on our school website at <https://cmitacademy.org/middleschool/faculty>. We always encourage parents and students to call our Main Office to be directed to the appropriate personnel at any time. Our Main Office phone number is 301-350-6051 or email Mrs. Spence, Principal's Secretary, at ronina.hodges@pgcps.org.

Each Sunday a Newsletter is published and emailed to parents and students. Please review this newsletter with your scholar to promote them being informed citizens in the CMIT community. The newsletter often has information pertaining to Teacher of the Month, Student of the Month, class projects, assessment dates, clubs, athletics announcements, PTO announcements and other activities.

Additionally, we strongly encourage all parents to activate their Family Portal account and keep their contact information up to date. [The Family Portal](#) allows parents to get timely updates through email, text, and robocall. In the case of an emergency this is PGCPS' method of communication, so it is vital that parents are enrolled.

Arrival/Departure Routine

Please see the [Traffic Flow Map](#) of the driving routes and drop-off/pick-up locations. Please note: All parents, carpooling or individuals, must drop-off and pick-up in the rear of the building. The side parking lots are designated for high school overflow and commercial vans/buses only. Only students that ride on a commercial van or bus will be permitted to exit to the side parking lot.

Everyone will become more accustomed to the drop-off and pick-up routine as the school year progresses. The process will become more and more efficient. Typically, by the third week of school all vehicles are gone within 15 minutes of the dismissal bell.

Please be patient and follow the instructions from those directing traffic. No one's time is more valuable than the safety of OUR children. It takes all of us, faculty and parents, working together to ensure a safe environment at all times.



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School Supplies

Students will only need writing utensils and paper the first week of school. Teachers will provide a syllabus on the first day of class that will include their supply list. In the meantime, pens, pencils, a pencil pouch, composition journals, and loose-leaf paper is always needed and will not be wasted should you purchase in an effort to take advantage of back-to-school sales.

Uniforms

Uniforms are required on the first day of school. Students should be dressed in their orange or blue polo shirt, khaki or navy-blue slacks/shorts/skirt, black belt, and ALL black shoes. Students will need a CMIT PE shirt and shorts/sweatpants for PE class as well as a CMIT oxford shirt and blue tie for special occasions.

Before/After Care Enrichment

Before Care is available daily from 6:30am to 8am. Students enrolled in Before Care Enrichment will be with a faculty member during this time and can work on assignments, free reading, and study time.

After Care Enrichment is available daily from 3pm to 6pm. Students enrolled in this program will be placed in a classroom with a faculty member. Students will have time to complete independent assignments, study, and practice math and reading skills.

To enroll in Before or After Care Enrichment click here: [Before/After Care Enrichment](#).

Respectfully,

Andrew Brauer
Principal