

# The CSK Middle School Connection

Poised, Polished, Professional, Prepared and FULL of school Pride

## FROM THE DESK OF DR. SIMON



Wow! What a semester! Better yet – What a GREAT semester! Being a part of the CSK family is indeed a pleasure. We closed out the first semester of the CSK Experience, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all that you've done to enhance the experience. We appreciate every phone call, visit, act of kindness and thoughtfulness, and field trip/activity chaperoned. We could not be who we are and do what we do without your active support and engagement.

I am pleased to report that many of our students are consistently coming to school on time, working hard in their classes, exhibiting wonderful school pride and participating in extra-curricular activities. I am simply amazed at the wonderful experiences our girls participated in outside of the school building this past semester, many of them, made possible through our After-School All-Stars program. Be certain that your daughter is signed up for our After School All-Stars program this semester. Not only is our program second to none, but it is also a great way to ensure your daughter is a part of a dynamic and positive learning environment after school.

I would like to congratulate the Choir, Band, Orchestra, ASAS dancers, steppers, and mimes for their exceptional performances at our most recent Holiday Showcase. I also want to thank you for supporting our program. We truly appreciate you being here. Additionally, I encourage all family members, peers, staff and community members to come out and support our upcoming activities.

We made one big change to our schedule that impacts our teachers and students this semester. All connections courses are semester long classes instead of some of the connections classes only lasting for nine weeks. Hence, once students start a connections course in January, their classes will not change for the remainder of the year. It is very important that we adhere to this guideline so that students and teachers have enough time to engage in effective teaching and learning experiences and demonstrate evidence of that learning on their post assessments. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with your daughter's counselor.

In closing, please be sure that you take time to (1) discuss the importance of continued academic focus and (2) review the student agenda book and APS handbook with your daughter to support our efforts in ensuring student success. It is important that our girls understand the significance of academic achievement, as well as, behavior expectations and the consequences associated with their decisions. It is also important that I remind each of you that we are a uniform school, and wearing the school uniform daily is not optional. On the back of the newsletter is a copy of the list of places that you can order and purchase new uniform pieces. If you have questions or concerns regarding uniform purchases, please do not hesitate to contact your daughter's counselor immediately.

Happy Second Semester to you and your family!

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Principal



## STAY CONNECTED



## UPCOMING EVENTS: JANUARY



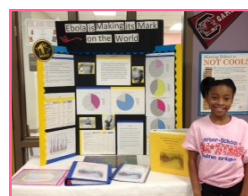
- 1/19/15 — MLK Jr. Holiday *No School for Students*
- 1/21/15 — Drama Field Trip *Alliance Theatre*
- 1/21/15 — STEM Workshop at Federal Building
- 1/21/15 — Wednesday Tutorial *Math & ELA/Reading*
- 1/22/15 — Thursday Tutorial *Science & Social Studies*
- 1/22/15 — Basketball Game: CSK vs. Harper-Archer (5:30 PM)  
@ B.E.S.T. Academy
- 1/23/15 — West Point STEM Workshop @ North Atlanta High
- 1/24/15 — Basketball Game: CSK vs. Inman (10:00 AM)  
@ Inman Middle School
- 1/24/15 — ASAS Field Trip—Wonder Root Arts Center
- 1/24/15 — ASAS Field Trip—Battle of the Bands
- 1/27/15 — Parent Conferences (3:45 PM—4:45 PM)
- 1/27-29/15 — APS Science Fair at CSK Middle
- 1/28/15 — Wednesday Tutorial *Math & ELA/Reading*
- 1/29/15 — Thursday Tutorial *Science & Social Studies*
- 1/29/15 — Basketball Game: CSK vs. King MS (5:30 PM)
- 1/29/15 — Middle School Academic Bowl
- 1/30/15 — "Meeting of the Hearts" (8:30 AM)
- 1/30/15 — Principal's Chat & Chew (12:30 PM)
- 1/31/15 — Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl 12:00 PM @ Drew Charter

## THE PRINCIPAL'S PINK PURSE

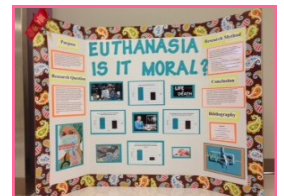
Have you heard about The Principal's Pink Purse? It has been all the buzz at CSK Middle. As a part of our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program, we are honoring our BP<sup>5</sup> girls with Coretta Cash! Coretta Cash can be redeemed in The Principal's Pink Purse store, which is full of goodies like school supplies, books, hair accessories, jewelry, and so many other exciting items. If you would like to know more about how you can support this program at CSK Middle, please do not hesitate to let us know.



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



Congratulations to 6th grader, Bre' Anna Smith on winning 1st Place at the APS District-wide Social Science Fair!



Congratulations to 7th grader, Jaylee Davis on winning 2nd Place at the APS District-wide Social Science Fair!