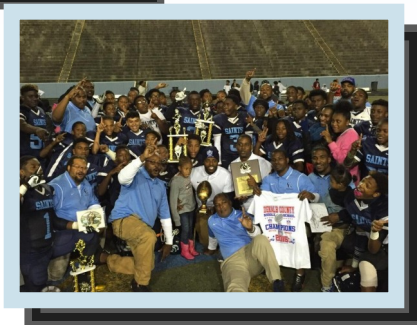


BACK to BACK CHAMPIONS!!!!!!!!!!



Congratulations to our CGMS Football team for winning the DeKalb County Middle School Championship. We made school history by having two consecutive wins two years in a row. In 2014-2015 CGMS Football team won with a record of 9-0 and a score of 20-14. For the 2015-2016 school year CGMS had a prodigious win again with a record of 9-0 and a wipeout score of 22-0 against Tucker Middle School on Thursday, November 12, 2015. The Cedar Grove Saints indeed roared over the Tucker Tigers!

A huge congratulations to defensive player Isaiah Ratcliff who scored two touchdowns and Nicholas Brann who got an interception for a touchdown. Alvin Williams also scored on a 2 point conversion. Offensive MVP goes to Earl Graham, Defensive MVP is Nicholas Brannon and the overall MVP goes to Isaiah Ratcliff! Congratulations goes out to our CGMS Cheerleaders, with the help of Ms. Richanna Smith the Cheer Coach, who won DeKalb County Middle School Cheerleader Team Champions.

Also CGMS' Head Football Coach Mr. Rickey Wright is named DeKalb County Middle School Coach of the Year! With the help of Shellie Latimer, Patrice Hinton, Qunicy Wright, Terreance Hill Jr. Marcus Ford, Reginald Jenkins, Williams Wirght, Octavious Darby and Daniel Walker they have coached and helped lead our football team into a well deserved victory for the season! We are truly proud of our CGMS Football team, GO SAINTS NATION!!!! (cont'd pg.4)



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Superintendent Dr. R. Stephen Green



On the Scene with Dr. Green

Dr. R. Stephen Green will be on the scene at Chamblee High School November 19, 2015 at 7:00PM. Chamblee high school is located at 3688 Chamblee Dunwoody Road Chamblee, Ga 30341. This is a great chance to meet DeKalb County School District New Superintendent and talk with him about his plans for DeKalb County School District.

Dear DeKalb County School Community,

Toward the end of this semester, the Georgia Department of Education will release student scores for the first year of the new Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade and End-of Course assessments that took place last school year. Parents will receive a summary report of their child's performance on all components of the assessment and all schools will receive reports on the individual school's performance on these new assessments.

When designing the new assessment system, the Georgia Department of Education made special note to increase the rigor and challenge of the test items, including introducing norm-referenced items that compare Georgia student achievement to that of similar students across the nation. These state-wide enhancements were designed to better identify the learning needs of our students because the retired Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) and End-of-Course Tests (EOCT) provided less detail on how proficient students were in mastering Georgia content standards. The CRCT and the Georgia Milestones do not provide similar information and cannot be compared to one another.

As we anticipate the release of Georgia Milestones results this semester, it is important to reflect on how our school district continues to improve upon how we provide our students with the most rewarding education possible. The changes

with this new assessment system recognizes the need for our students to continue to be challenged academically and should help us better understand that in order for our students to compete in an ever-changing global economy, we must continue to raise expectations of their abilities while ensuring that we provide them all of the support they need to be successful. It is likely that the raised expectations of the Georgia Milestones may result in fewer students scoring at proficient or higher as of last school year, but all this means is that our students are being asked to reach to higher academic goals, and our school district plans to do everything possible to help our tremendous students achieve those goals.

The DeKalb County School District is completely devoted to providing our students with the most academically rewarding educational experience possible. The increasing percentage of DeKalb students who continue to make outstanding learning gains each year, the ongoing support from our fantastic parents and community, and the tireless dedication of our teachers and school leaders toward ensuring a rich educational environment for all of our students demonstrates the unwavering commitment of our school district community in helping our outstanding students succeed both in school and on the Georgia Milestones Assessments for years to come.

Warm regards,
Dr. R. Stephen Green
Superintendent

From the Principal's Desk

LEADERSHIP is about making others BETTER as a result of your presence and making SURE that impact lasts in your ABSENCE.

The POWER OF "I"

I WILL DO MORE I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by grace, I will do. I will do more than belong... I will participate. I will do more than care... I will help. I will do more than believe... I will practice. I will do more than be fair... I will be kind. I will do more than dream... I will work. I will do more than teach... I will inspire. I will do more than earn... I will enrich. I will do more than give... I will serve. I will do more than live... I will grow. I will do more than talk... I will act. I will be more than good... I will be good for something.

-Anonymous

Excellence is expected. WE are:

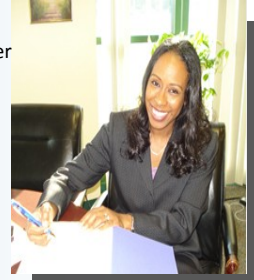
Doing it B.I.G at the Grove!

We BELIEVE.. IN... GROWTH

Thank you for ALL that you do!

Parents over the holiday season please continue to encourage your students to Read Read Read!!! This practice will help increase our students vocabulary and comprehension. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

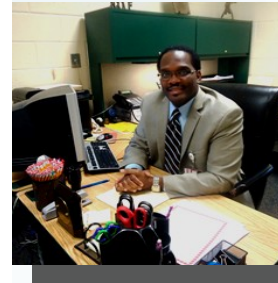
Dr. Candace Alexander
Principal



Ms. Patricia Wells
8th Grade Administrator



Dr. Shelton Bernard
6th Grade Administrator



Mr. Overton Wright
7th Grade Administrator

Certified Educators with Standard Renewable Certificates Expiring June 30, 2016

In accordance with the Professional Standards Commission, all certificated professional personnel employed in public schools within the State of Georgia must hold a valid certificate. Further, Rule 505-2-01(9) stipulates that it is the responsibility of the individual educator to meet all requirements and to maintain a valid Georgia certificate.

If your Standard Renewable Certificate expires on June 30, 2016, please complete and submit the following documents to the **DeKalb County School District, Division of Human Resources, Certification Unit**, as soon as possible!

****Please do not submit copies of certificates, transcripts, experience, PLU credits, test scores. Additionally, no fee is required to renew your certificate****

- Certification Application - (attached - 2 pages)
- Verification of Lawful Presence Form - (attached - 1 page)
- Affidavit - (attached - affidavit must be **signed and notarized** - 1 page)
- Copy of a Secure and Verifiable Document - (ie., an unexpired driver's license or a passport - please **ENLARGE** photo - 1 page)

- **Criminal Background Check Consent Form - (1- page, you will receive this form after you complete the fingerprint/background check process).**

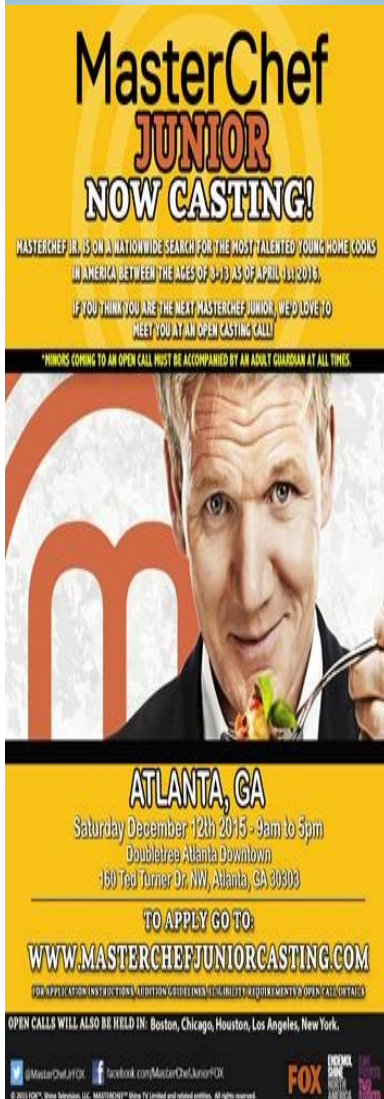
Please call the DCSD Department of Public Safety at 678-676-1810 for **late hour appointments**, located at 5861 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA - Identification is required: a **valid Georgia driver's license or a green card for non-US Citizens.**

- **Walk-ins (no appointment required):** Monday-Thursday (8:00am-11:30am & 1:15pm-3:30pm), Friday (8:00am-12:00pm)
- **Appointment Required** for late hours- Tuesday & Thursday - (4:00pm-6:00pm)

If you are in need of additional information, please email the Certification Department at

certification@dekalbschoolsga.org

A Letter from the Coach of the Year!!!



MasterChef JUNIOR NOW CASTING!

MASTERCHEF JR. IS ON A NATIONWIDE SEARCH FOR THE MOST TALENTED YOUNG HOME COOKS IN AMERICA BETWEEN THE AGES OF 9-13 AS OF APRIL 13, 2015.

IF YOU THINK YOU ARE THE NEXT MASTERCHEF JUNIOR, WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU AT AN OPEN CASTING CALL!

*MINORS COMING TO AN OPEN CALL MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT GUARDIAN AT ALL TIMES.

ATLANTA, GA
Saturday December 12th 2015 - 9am to 5pm
Doubletree Atlanta Downtown
160 Ted Turner Dr. NW, Atlanta, GA 30303

TO APPLY GO TO:
WWW.MASTERCHEFJUNIORCASTING.COM

FOR APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS, ACCEPTANCE GUIDELINES, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS & OPEN CALL DETAILS

OPEN CALLS WILL ALSO BE HELD IN: Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York.

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The Saints football team had an exceptional season and consisted of 60 student athletes that showed great improvement from game one of the season all the way through the end of the season.

The team finished with an overall record of 9-0, in which we were crowned the 2015 DeKalb County Middle School Champions. This was an important season for us because we knew we could make school history by winning Back to Back Championships.

I begin each season telling the student athletes that we coach in order to impact their lives in a positive manner on a daily basis, not for wins or losses. Our goal as a staff is to mirror the high school program. We tried to run practice, plays, terminology, and even uniforms as closely related to their program as possible. Our goal is to lay the foundation down now so that the athletes already know what is expected as well all plays and terminology when they arrive in the high school. This will continue to be our focus for years to come, as we build and sustain a successful football program.

The team came in very energetic with 7 returning starters on Offense and 8 returning on defense. The overall objective for this group of young athletes was to build confidence in exercises which seemed to pay off towards the end of the season as players really trusted and leaned on each other to overcome adversity as a team in order to achieve their individual and team goals.

In my 15 years of coaching, this was by far the best group of student athletes I've ever coached. Nothing of this would be possible without the help of my assistant coached Michael Howard whom I have worked with me for the last 7 years and is the mastermind behind our explosive offense. Also coached by Patrice Hinton, Quincy Wright, Terrence Hill Jr. Marcus Ford, Reginald Jenkins, Williams Wright, Octavius Darby and Daniel Walker. I would also like to thank our wonderful team manager Ms. Akita Green for a job well done!

Master Chef Junior will be casting Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 9am-5pm at Doubletree Atlanta Downtown 160 Ted Turner Dr. NW Atlanta, GA 30303 To Apply Go To: www.masterchefjuniorcasting.com

A Review of Homecoming week...

Congratulations to CGMS homecoming participants and winners for being apart of the Homecoming Court!

6th Grade Prince is Jarde Holiday and Princess is Mikiyah High

The court included: Truth Smith, Amelia Malone, Ta’Niya White, Keirton Howard, T’Khia Rivers, Jersey Thomas
Master Keith, and Jayden Ware.

7th Grade Prince is Antonio Johnson and Princess is Cateria Seals

The court included: Jadah Johnson, Brieta Harris, Keniyah Wood , Zoey Cobb, Heidia Nealey, Sierra Stodghill, Kobe Mathis, and Jalen McCoy

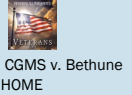

8th Grade Prince is Mickolas Brannon and Princess is Kyrimah Barnwell

The court included: Naja Cunningham, Tahliah Johnson, Trinity Morgan, Ashlee Finnie, Jasmine Coleman, Lorenzo Swink, Demarkeis Smith, Nickolas Brannon, Alvin Williams, Isaiah Ratcliff

The 2015-2016 CGMS Homecoming King is Isaiah Ratcliff and the Queen is Tahliah Johnson!



November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 	4	5	6	7 Region V Parent Palooza @ CGHS 10-1pm
8	9	10	11 	12	13	14 CGMS V. Chapel Hill Away Game 
15	16 	17 Student of the Month Breakfast 9am in CGMS Media Center/ Parent Conference Night 5-7pm	18 	19 Dads and Data Thanksgiving Luncheon All Parents are Welcome!!!!	20	21
22	23 <i>Holiday Break</i> <u>School is Closed</u>	24 <i>Holiday Break</i> <u>School is Closed</u>	25 <i>Holiday Break</i> <u>School is Closed</u>		27 <i>Holiday Break</i> <u>School is Closed</u>	28
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December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 	3 	4	5 Title I and Title III Families Achieving Success Together Conference @ AIC 8:30-1pm CGMS V. Columbia HOME GAME 
6	7	8	9 	10	11	12  Master Chef Junior Casting
13	14 	15	16	17	18 Last Day of 1st Semester	19
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SPECIAL THANKS!!!!

Ms. Priscilla Jenkins and The CGMS News Team Members

Administration and everyone who contributed at CGMS!!!!

Cedar Grove Middle School Newsletter is a bi-monthly bulletin showcasing our awesome staff, students, parents, school events, important changes and updates, and community information. If you have any events or information you would like to add please contact Ms. Jenkins at

Priscilla_Jenkins@dekalschoolsga.org or 678-874-4220. On behalf of the CGMS Newsletter team we hope you enjoyed and please spread the word!