



CHESAPEAKE MATH & IT ACADEMY SOUTH MS/HS
a Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation school
STEM Educators for Maryland's Future Innovators Since 2014

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Dear CMIT South Families:

It is my hope that the family is safe and well. This summer has not been without its challenges. As always, the CMIT South MS/HS staff has risen to and met each challenge. Despite delays, we celebrated our inaugural senior class with a Diploma ceremony on August 7, 2020. It was great to see the senior families once again. It is with pride that I share our graduation rate of 99% with one student not graduating with the class.

As we set about preparing for the 2020-21 school year, and in keeping with our mission of attaining educational excellence by providing a rigorous and technology-integrated education for K-12 students with an emphasis on mathematics, science and information technologies, our academic schedule this year focuses on maximizing the instructional time to ensure that scholars benefit most from live virtual lesson during remote and hybrid learnings.

Our fall reopening plans details all that may be different and new for this new year. Please click [here](#) to access the fall reopening plan. You will also find the PGCPSS reopening plan on our website – www.cmitsouth.org.

As always, I look forward to another productive learning year despite COVID-19. Please review pertinent information below. We will keep our focus on the academic and emotional success of all in our school community. I look forward to continuous partnership this school year. Please continue to be well and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Lara Adewoye

Lara Adewoye, Principal



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Mock School Day – August 28, 2020

All students will participate in a virtual walkthrough of a day in their weekly schedules. Students will connect virtually to their classes for a short period of time. Schedule and connection information will be shared by individual teachers subsequently.

Class Orientation

Orientations have been scheduled for each class from 6th – 12th Grade. Some families have received connection information for virtual orientations. Others will receive connection information later on in the week.

6th and 9th Grade Orientation – August 28, 2020

7th and 8th Grade Orientation – August 18, 2020

10th Grade Orientation – August 11, 2020

11th and 12th Grade Orientation – August 13, 2020

First Day of School

According to the PGCPSS Calendar, the first day of school for all students is August 31, 2020. Students will be ready to login to their Edmodo class groups having received their codes to join their classes from their teachers before August 31, 2020. Students schedules will be accessible via Schoolmax. The pictorial copies of schedules will be available via newsletter for those who wish to have this version of the schedules. Schoolmax login issues for parents should be addressed to lwallace@cmitsouth.org for resolution, student login issues should be addressed to schoolmaxhelp@cmitsouth.org. Please reach out to secretary@cmitsouth.org to update your home address, phone numbers and/or email addresses if any of these has changed. This will ensure you are getting updates and announcements in a timely manner.

Locker Access and Materials Pickup

All returning and new students will have the opportunity to pick up instructional materials including any textbooks and loaner chromebooks between August 24-27, 2020. Returning students will also be able to access their lockers at this time. Logistics for the pickup dates will be disseminated soon. Please note that across the nation there has been a high demand for electronic devices, which has resulted in a delay of our receiving. As we await orders to be delivered for those who ordered devices, we will provide loaners in the interim. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

Back to School Night

All Back to School Night events will be held virtually. Dates and associated grade levels are below. More information to be disseminated as dates draws nearer.

7th & 8th Grade - Tuesday, September 15 @ 5:00pm-8:00 pm

6th & High School - Thursday, September 17 @ 5:00pm-8:00 pm



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School Policy and Procedures

During remote and hybrid learning, all CMIT South MS/HS rules, policies and procedures apply. Students are expected to conduct themselves according to the rules, policies and procedures. Students will start the year with lessons and expectations around digital citizenship and the expected decorum while working online. Support personnels will be available to support students throughout the period of remote and hybrid learning. As a uniform school, scholars will be expected to come to school compliant with the uniform policy during hybrid learning. During remote learning, although recommended to help with the school mindset, students are not expected to appear remotely in school uniform. Uniforms can be obtained through our uniform vendor, All American Wear, located in Lanham, MD.

Communication

Communication earlier on in the school year will be through emails, newsletters, text and phone calls. Once students are settled in their classes, communications will be sent mainly via emails and the newsletter for parents and through Edmodo Platform for students. Please continue to check your emails regularly.

Helping your Scholar

One advantage we have going is that our scholars are already proficient using Online Learning. Our scholars will however need the support of families more than ever to continue to succeed. It is important that scholars establish a daily routine that allows them to follow the Distance Learning schedule and take advantage of the presence of their teachers online and via email.

- Scholars will have the opportunity to learn and ask questions and complete assignments throughout the academic year
- Email is the best way to reach a teacher. Allow the allotted time for responses once you reach. You may include the grade level administrator in your follow up if you do not get a response after this time has expired.
- Create a work space for your student(s) to report every morning for 'school'
- Ensure a light and healthy breakfast before 'school' or remote learning begins
- Develop a schedule for consistency, stick to it
- Ensure your student has the supplies needed for classes
- Begin to acquire school supplies needed for remote learning
- You are not alone, reach out if you need help, we are here to help and make this journey a collective responsibility.



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Families supporting Families

Parent engagement during these times will help see us through these difficult times. Working with the PTO, parent meetings by zip codes will be organized to help families living close to each other connect and dialogue on how they can support each other, what works for each family and any other tips for the greater good. Your attendance and engagement will ensure you are also informed of school events and information that may impact your scholar(s). Please join the PTO and serve.