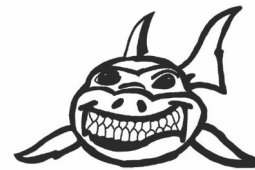


CHESTNUT TAG



Parent Newsletter

September 2018

Principal's Message

Hello TAG Families!

We have learned that the needs of TAG 6th graders and those of 7th & 8th graders are very different. For this reason we are customizing the academic parent nights to address specific academic needs of students at each grade level. When you attend these events, you will receive specific ways you can support your child's learning at home, and we can learn from you, how we can best support your child at school. I want to thank those of you who attended, or will attend our 6th grade Parent Academies. We have one more scheduled for (date & time?). We are holding this one during the day because we received feedback from parents that work second shift, that they would like us to host one during the day. After that event, we will reach out to 6th grade families who couldn't attend previous events, to see if we can find a best time for you. Thanks to those of you who have, or will attend the Advisory Family Nights and our upcoming 7th & 8th grade Parent Event. These beginning of the year parent events are super important to align our academic supports for students learning in our accelerated environment.

Dr. O Connor,

Principal

It was fun and games at our Back to School BBQ!



Staff and students getting ready for our 1:1 laptops!

Upcoming Calendar

September 26: Q1 progress reports go home

October 2: 7th & 8th Grade Parent Night

October 4: 6th grade trip to the Adventure Park

October 5: Early Release Day, students dismissed @ 1pm

October 8: No school in observance of Columbus Day

October 12: 8th Grade visit to Springfield College

October 30: Quarter 1 closes

October 31: Meet & Treat afterschool

After School Wellness Opportunities Sept 24-Dec 14

Monday: Basketball with Mr. Gaylord

Monday: Running with Ms. Gillis, Ms. Clarke, and Ms. Brimeyer

Monday: Board games with Ms. Leveille

Wednesday: Flag Football with Mr. Bonsu

Thursday: Basketball with Mr. Vanasse



Chestnut TAG Administrators and Teachers.

Staff Spotlight

Mr. Jeremy Lessard (8th Grade Science)

Mr. Lessard is a 3 year veteran of Chestnut TAG. He has been helping our students grow in all things science and technology. As our TAG Tech Coordinator, Mr. Lessard has successfully made us a 1:1 laptop school in just 3 weeks. This means that all students have a personalized laptop to use for learning. Check out Mr. Lessard's website at

chestnuttag.com!



Tips to Help Your Middle Schooler

Together Time

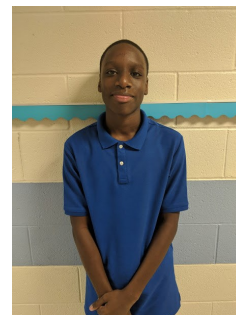
Spending even a few minutes one-on-one with your middle schooler each day will help you stay connected. Look for ways to make the time enjoyable. Invite them to show you the book their reading for ELA, or tell them a funny story from your day.

Meet the Staff

Clerks and other staff play huge roles in running your student's school. They can be a terrific resource. Say hello when you're in the office, and encourage your child to do the same. The staff will feel appreciated, and you'll both feel more comfortable asking for help if you need

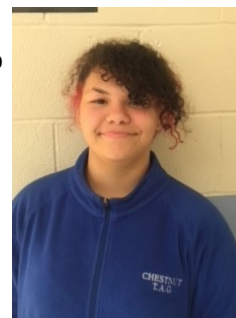
Student Spotlight

(8th) **Leon E.**-Leon has showcased the PREPP trait **Persevere** very well this year. He is taking ownership for his actions and work



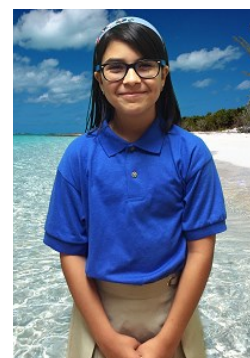
(7th) **Josalyn J.**-Josalyn came into the year ready to learn! She has stayed focused, on task, and

PREPARED!



(6th) **Adriana S.**-Adriana has been **ENGAGED** and Involved in her classes. She is an example to all students with this

PREPP trait!



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