



2020 – 2021

World Travelers

Every Tuesday and Thursday!

Craigmont Middle School is an Optional School focusing on International Studies and Advanced Academics. To incorporate International Studies during virtual learning, educators have created virtual trips taking the scholars to places around the globe.

The narrated virtual trips are shared on Tuesdays and Thursdays as morning announcements and include the school's mission and vision. So far, we have visited Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guatemala, the Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Hong Kong, Chile, France, Norway, and Greece!

The trips include information on geography, food, history, famous landmarks, education, and much more. After the "trip", classes engage in discussions and look up more information about the location they journeyed to that morning.

We look forward to scholars taking the lead on creating the "trips" to share with their peers beginning in January. Let Ms. Biniakewitz know if you are interested and what country you will be our tour guide to!

#Chiefs Believe! #Chiefs Achieve!

What I really love about International Studies is that we can go places around the world. Even though it is virtual, we still have the opportunity to learn new things about places we have never been. I am really glad that we have the option to do this. I always look forward to Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Mariah Claxton, 6th grade

Optional Newsletter

First Quarter

Can you believe we have survived 9 weeks in a virtual learning world? I am proud of the resilience our scholars have shown as we all adjust to teaching and learning through devices.

Please make sure you are checking Power School for grades. If you need help with your account, let me know! Also, communicate with your scholar's teacher. Let them know why your scholar was not in class or ask about assignments. If you need email addresses for your scholar's teachers, please let me know.

If you are experiencing technical difficulties with your SCS device, you can call 416-5300, Option 2 to receive help from the technology team.

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Ms. Yancey, 8th Science, shared with us some of the sites in Hong Kong and that her favorite reason to travel is to meet new friends.

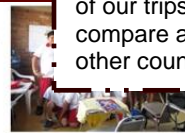
Serve in Guatemala!



Ms. Taylor, 6th Science, shared her experiences in Guatemala and France! She encourages the scholars to serve others or study abroad if given the opportunity.

Education

- In Mexico, basic education is normally divided in three steps: primary school, grades 1-6; junior high school, grades 7-9; and high school, grades 10-12.
- In Mexico, there are both public and private schools. Public school is free, however families have to pay for books, supplies, and uniforms.
- Both public and private schools are required to wear uniforms.
- A normal school day is only 4 hours for most students.
- Most students have to work to help provide for their families.
- Subjects include Spanish, math, science, geography and history, foreign language (usually English), physical education, technology, and arts.



Mrs. Redick, CMS Spanish teacher, shared about education in Mexico. We learn about education on each of our trips. Scholars are able to compare and contrast education in other countries to the United States.

I have learned that every country has different traditions and food. What has stood out to me is that everyone has different languages for example Mexico and Dominican Republic both speak Spanish however they have different words. Compared to France, they definitely speak different languages. -Giselle Rivas, 8th grade

The trip I liked the most was the trip to France because the presentation was very well made. It showed sights, foods, and fun facts about France and I liked it all!!! I also liked it because I learned that people actually carry around 6 foot baguettes!!! – Christopher Covington, 7th grade

Scholars participate in International Studies

6th ELA – Scholars learned about Cesar Chavez and Frida Kahlo through text and images. They also wrote summaries. SCIENCE – Honors projects required them to learn about energy sources in other countries and compare them to Memphis' main source of energy. SOCIAL STUDIES – For their Honors projects, scholars created travel brochures comparing the ancient civilizations they will study to the present. They have also studied the histories of Mesopotamia (modern day Iraq) and Egypt. MATH – Scholars find the unit rates to determine the better buy even when shopping in other countries!

7th SOCIAL STUDIES – Honors projects had scholars learning about the Chinese Zodiac and making connections to self. They have also studied the histories of China, Japan, Turkey, Italy, and the Middle East. MATH – Scholars find the unit rates to convert recipes to feed a group of 8 or more.

8th MATH – Students have converted scientific notation to standard form for travel distances. SOCIAL STUDIES – Scholars are learning about how countries in Europe influenced the development of the United States.

BAND, CHOIR, and ORCHESTRA – Musicians are learning Italian as they learn the terms for dynamics! Dynamics refers to the volumes of a sound or note.

Quarter 2

Optional Scholars will have International Projects Quarter 2. We will meet and discuss the details and then I will email the information to both the scholars and their parents. Cannot wait to see what you learn and create.

Countries of Focus... 6th – Turkey 7th – Guatemala 8th - France

CMS Website

Are you in the know?

Our Website is a great place to keep up with events at Craigmont Middle School. The next big event is Family Data Night on November 19.

Teacher's email addresses can also be found under "Our staff".

<https://schools.scsk12.org/craigmont-ms>

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Craigmont Middle appreciates Kamryn Broy, Samuel Generette, Ross Redden, and Jekiya Udell (8th graders). They participated in a student panel interview with Verizon about what it is like to be a student at Craigmont Middle during virtual learning. Thank you for participating!