



2020 – 2021



## World Travelers

*Twice a week during Enrichment / Intervention*

Craigmont Middle School is an Optional School focusing on International Studies and Advanced Academics. To incorporate International Studies during virtual learning, we have been taking virtual trips to countries all over the globe. The trips include information on geography, food, history, famous landmarks, education, and much more.

For Quarter 2, we visited many places. We traveled to Spain with an instructor at the University of Memphis. CMS teachers took us to Nigeria, Honduras, Canada, Kenya, Egypt, Jamaica, Belize, and Turkey.

Then, our scholars took over as “tour guides”! Malik Rodgers took us to Sudan. Gabriella Gilliom shared Italian culture with us. Jas’Karyon Dotson reminded us about the influence of South Korea through KPop. Kamryn Broy played traditional German music for us. We learned about animals unique to Australia from Brandon Shaw. Jose Vergara explained what is happening to Jakarta in Indonesia as a result of global warming. Kamille Broy explained the many sports played in Cameroon. Isra Alharby took us to her home country of Yemen. Our last “trip” for Quarter 2 was to Ibrahim Thiaw’s home country of Senegal!

We are learning so much about our world through the Virtual Trips. Craigmont Middle cannot wait to see where we travel in Quarter 3! ***If you would like to be a tour guide, let Ms. Biniakewitz know. We would love to “travel” with you!*** Chiefs Believe! Chiefs Achieve!

**Craigmont Middle acknowledges students that deserve a “Brag Bag” for doing well in the virtual setting. CMS staff deliver the bag to deserving scholars. Optional Scholars that have been acknowledged: November – Hailey Washington December – Taniya Allen and Malik Rogers**



## Optional Newsletter

### Quarter Two

**Please make sure you are checking Power School for grades. It is your “first line of defense” in supporting your scholar as we navigate through virtual learning. If you need help with PowerSchool access, call 416-5300 option 4.**

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



### Honors Optional Scholars for Quarter 1

#### Principal’s List

Malik Rogers  
Shelby Shaw  
Jekiya Udell

#### Honor Roll

Jas’Karyon Dotson  
Samuel Generette  
Tristen Suggs  
Hailey Washington

Scholars have Honors Projects that have been assigned. Please make sure your scholar is working on their Honors Projects and that they turn them in on time. Check with your scholars ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, or Spanish teacher for more information.

Optional Renewals for the 2021-22 school year are in PowerSchool! For our eighth-grade scholars, the application for Craigmont High is done through PowerSchool as well. Applications to a different program can be found at <http://www.scsk12.org/schoolchoice/>

Hello Chiefs, Ms. J. Morton our school librarian is excited to work with each one of you this school year. The CMS library offers all sorts of resources, one-on-one software usage tutorials on platforms such as Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, essay writing tips, and help with school projects regardless of content. The library is open during lunch hours each school day. She is also starting a CMS Book Club. The first session on the book club will meet on Tuesday February 16, 2021. For more information on getting connected with the CMS library or joining the book club, email Ms. J. Morton at [mortonj@scsk12.org](mailto:mortonj@scsk12.org). See you soon!



*Quarter 2 Report Cards are available in PowerSchool!*

#### Scholars participate in International Studies

6<sup>th</sup> SOCIAL STUDIES – For their Honors projects, scholars created PowerPoints explaining the religions that were established in the ancient civilizations they are studying. They have also studied the histories of the Israelites, India, and China.

7<sup>th</sup> SOCIAL STUDIES – Scholars have studied the histories of Southwest Asia, North Africa, West Africa, and Europe during the Middle Ages.

8<sup>th</sup> SOCIAL STUDIES – Scholars are learning about the establishment of government in the United States which requires them to look at influences of other countries on the Founding Fathers.

LIBRARY – Ms. J. Morton is helping us explore African American History. Please pay attention to the announcements and participate in the opportunities.

#### Upcoming BIG Assessments

District Assessment window is March 8-19

TNReady testing will occur! The window is May 3-26.

Stay ready so you don't have to get ready!

#### Quarter 2

Optional Scholars completed International Projects in Quarter 2. The projects were due February 1. Scholars researched the culture of their country and created informational PowerPoints.

Countries of Focus... 6<sup>th</sup> – Turkey 7<sup>th</sup> – Guatemala 8<sup>th</sup> - France

## CMS Website

Are you in the know?

Our Website is a great place to keep up with events at Craigmont Middle School.

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

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

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I am impressed with many of our scholars' Optional Program Projects. I am in the process of meeting with some scholars to help them improve (if needed) their presentations. If your scholar has not submitted theirs, I will be sending out emails to those scholars and parents soon. Let me know if you have any questions. 😊