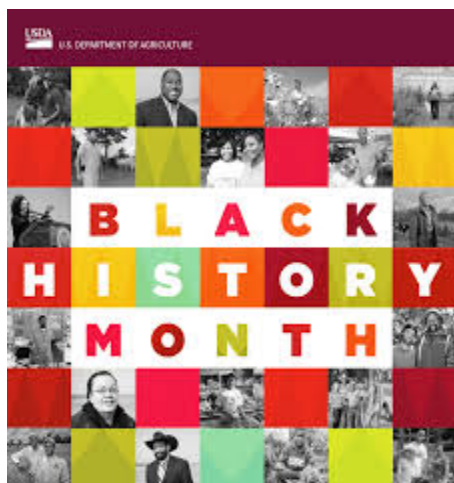


# CMS NEWSLETTER



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**February** is Black History Month. It's an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month.

Learn More Here

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

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## CMS Participates in National No Name Calling Week

January 16th-20th was National No Name calling week. No name calling week seeks to end name-calling and other forms of mean behavior in school, by educating people about the harmful and long-term effects of name-calling.

At CMS, Mr. Rogers went on CTV to discuss the purpose of No Name Calling Week and to encourage students to pledge their commitment to no name calling.

Students had the opportunity to sign a pledge during lunch with Ms. Peppe and Dr. Balkcom. The completed pledges were displayed in the grade level hallway.



## CMS Webpage

<https://cms.westportps.org/>

Parents and students are encouraged to check out the CMS Webpage. It's a great place to find information.

## School Hours

Students 8:30-3:15  
Office 7:30-4:00

Students may enter the building at 8:00 a.m.

Reminder to charge **Chromebooks** each night and keep the protective cover on the device. Also, students are expected to follow the Acceptable Use Guidelines.

# Student Daily Attendance Policy



Visit  
The District  
Webpage to  
view the  
Policy

<https://z2policy.cabe.org/cabe/browse/westport/westport/z20000127>

Daily attendance and punctuality are essential for your child's educational success. Therefore, our expectation is that students and families make every effort to attend school regularly, arrive on time, schedule personal and medical appointments after school hours and avoid taking family vacations when school is in session. If your child is going to be absent, please leave a message on the Attendance HotLine before 9 am at 203-341-1699.

A student is considered to be "in attendance" if present at school for at least half of the regular school day (4 hours minimum at Middle School). Absences from school beyond 9 days will require a doctor's note to be considered excused. Students attending school for less than four (4) hours on any given school day are recorded as absent. "Truant" is defined as any student age five (5) to eighteen (18) years of age, inclusive, who has four (4) unexcused absences from school in any one month or ten (10) unexcused absences from school in any school year. Attendance is checked daily; parents and guardians will be notified when your child is absent from school and you have access to the student's daily attendance through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

**Please contact us if you have any questions:**

**Daily Attendance Questions:**

Janine Dominici, Attendance Secretary, (203) 341-1699

**Medical/Health Related Questions:**

Maureen Kiernan, School Nurse, (203) 341-1630

**Policy Related Questions:**

Micah Lawrence, Assistant Principal, (203) 341-1600

## Attention 6th Graders



The State of CT requires ALL 6th-grade students to have a physical exam and up-to-date immunizations before entering 7th grade.

Please have your child's healthcare provider complete the attached State of Connecticut Health Assessment Record (Copy [HERE](#)) and be sure to submit the necessary forms to the CMS health office by June.

The completed health assessment must be dated on or after June 1, 2022. Please submit health forms via email to [mkiernan@westportps.org](mailto:mkiernan@westportps.org) or fax to 203-341-1633.

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TO VIEW

[WINTER CONCERT SLIDE PICS LINKED HERE](#)



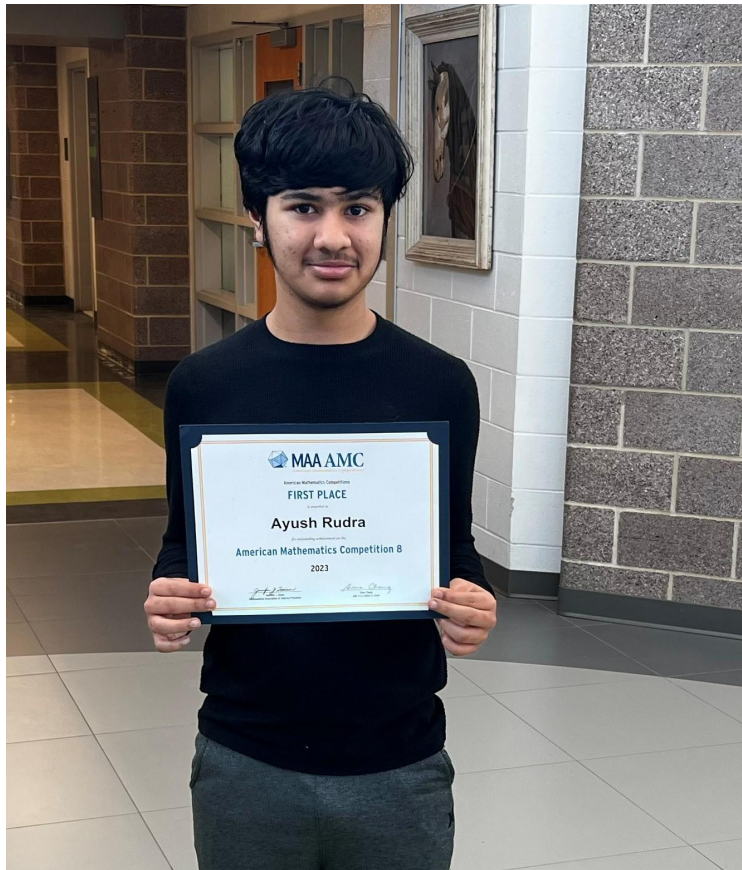
**CMS Students Take Home Ribbons in Science Olympiads!**





In December the CMS SciOly Team participated in the **Rustin Invitational Virtual Tournament**. Twenty-22 teams participated in our division. Special congratulations to Jonah for placing second in Crave the Wave and to Malena for placing fourth in Anatomy & Physiology! And a special thank you to the parent volunteers and coaches who helped make this happen.

**CMS STUDENT AWARDED FIRST PLACE in AMC8 Mathematics Competition!**



Congratulations Ayush for First Place! AMC8 is a 25-question, 40-minute, multiple-choice examination in middle school mathematics designed to promote the development of problem-solving skills.