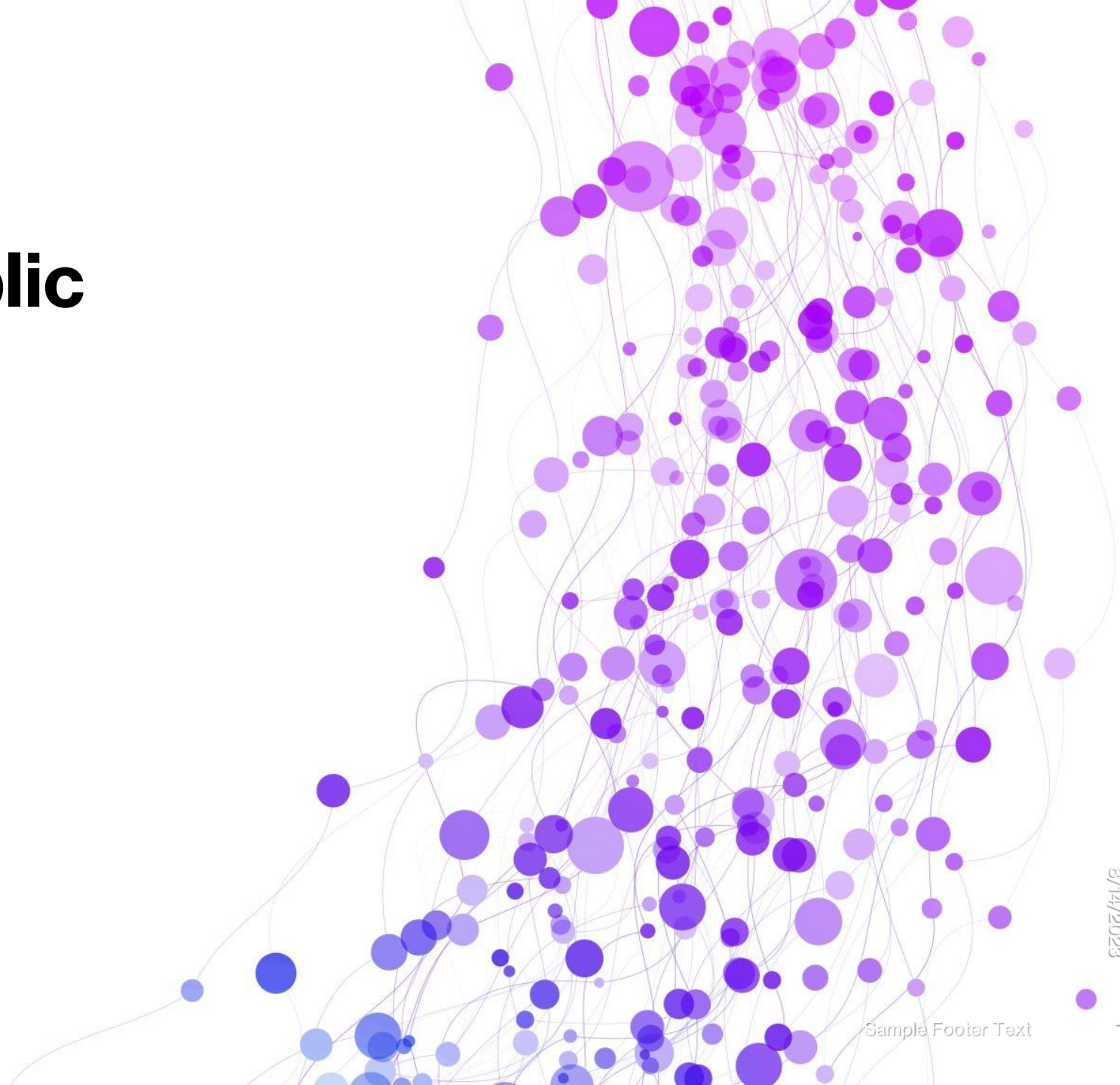


Chesapeake Public Charter School

2023-2024 Family Orientation
Sessions



Chesapeake Charter School Alliance (CCSA)

- Non-profit organization which governs the Chesapeake Public Charter School.
- Holds the agreement (Charter) with SMCPS for 5 years
- Owns and operates the CPCS facility
- Ensures that the provisions of the Charter Agreement are being fulfilled.
- Focus on increasing public awareness and understanding of our school and its vision.
- Conducts fundraising activities and accepts grants, donations, and charitable contributions for CPCS.
- Committees: Fundraising, Communications and Engagement, Facilities, Finance
- \$16 annual Family Membership



CPCS STATS

- CPCS has 540 enrolled students in grades K-8
- 450 students are on the waiting list
- 70% White
- 20% African American
- 8% Asian
- 1% American Indian
- 1% Native Hawaiian
- Economically Disadvantaged - 25%
- Special Education: 12%
- 504 plans: 6%
- Class size: 22:1
- 65 staff – Instructional staff MSDE Certified

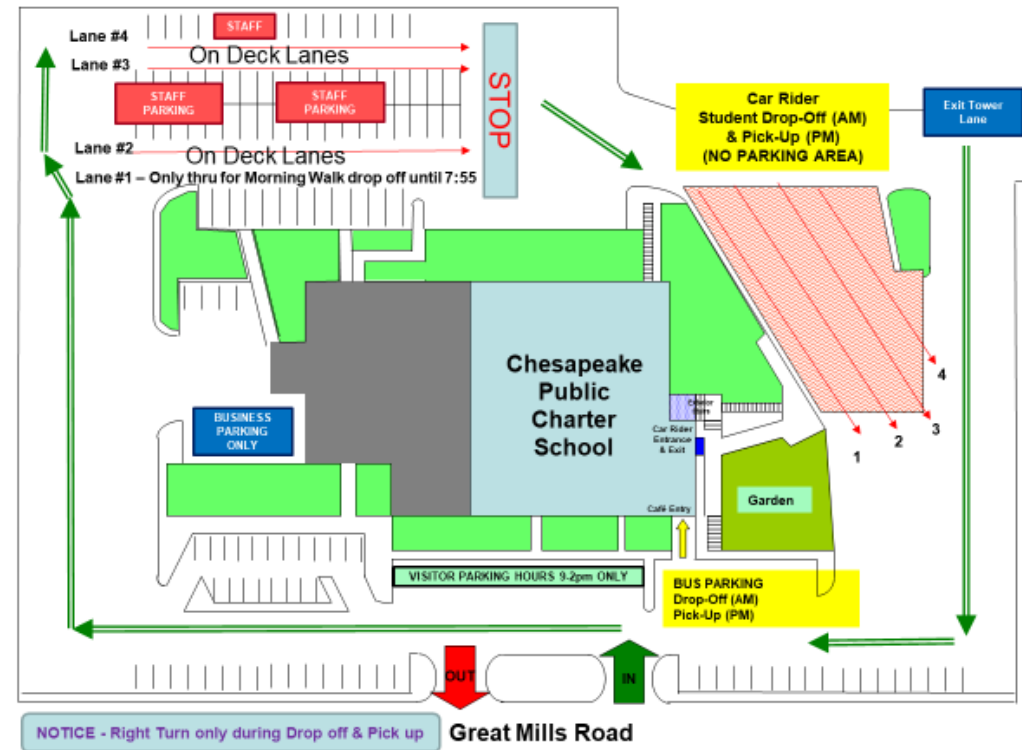
Educational Programming



- Our approach provides educational opportunities for the development of the whole child
 - Healthy, Safe, Engaged, Supported & Challenged
- Project-based learning
- Small class sizes
- K- 8 flexible groupings
- Integrated Thematic Instruction – World Cultures and Arts integration, Environmental Stewardship, Maryland Past and Present
- Active community involvement
- Social Emotional Support
- Regular field studies

Office Procedures

- No check out from office after 2:40 pm.
- Notify office of transportation changes by 2:30 pm.
- Car Riders - Follow traffic pattern rules
- Always check in at the office – other doors are not open during the school day. Always check out so that they are not looking for you during a fire drill.
- Fill out absence form available on the website or in hard copy from the office



Important Contact Information

Transportation changes, student absences:

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Pam McLeod: pmmcleod@smcps.org

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Karen Antonacio, Secretary: kao1967@gmail.com

Shannon Norris, Treasurer: shannon.norris1@gmail.com

Facebook: Chesapeake Charter School Alliance

Website: <http://schools.smcps.org/cpcs/>

Community & Engagement Committee

Cultivating Connections, Fostering Partnerships

The Community & Engagement Committee at CCSA is dedicated to nurturing a vibrant school community among CPCS families and staff while forging meaningful partnerships throughout Southern Maryland. Our mission is to strengthen bonds, share information, and amplify collaboration for a thriving educational experience.

Committee Responsibilities:

Advertising Lottery Efforts
CPCS Quarterly Newsletter For External Community
Family Ambassador Program Facilitation
Cultivating Community Partnerships:

Join the Movement: Make a Difference!

We invite you to be part of our vibrant Community & Engagement Committee. Your involvement will contribute to the growth of our school community and the strengthening of connections in Southern Maryland.

By working together, we can create a dynamic educational environment that thrives on unity and collaboration.

Let's embark on this exciting journey of community building and engagement together!

Contact us: Caressa Saturne - caressa.saturne@gmail.com

Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee is an extension of the Alliance made up of parent volunteers who plan, coordinate, and execute efforts to raise money for CPCs.

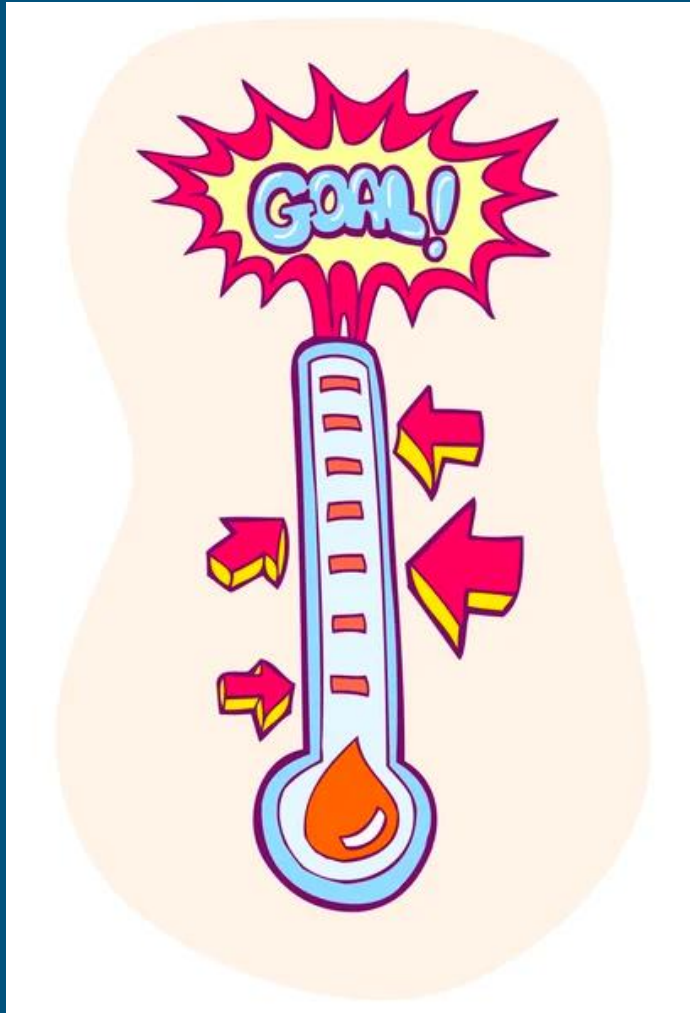


Why do we fundraise?

- For Charter Schools, public funding is only given for the students enrolled in the school – in the form of the Per Pupil Allotment (PPA).
 - CPCS must pay for all costs to run the school (such as staff, transportation, materials of instruction, etc.) utilizing this PPA.
 - CPCS only receives a portion of the full PPA. 2% is withheld by the local school system for overhead.



- CPCS must also pay for its facility costs (such as building mortgage, utilities, grounds maintenance, etc.)
- Money raised by the Alliance keeps the doors of the school open (for example, helps pay our accounting, legal, tax, and insurance costs) AND funds programs that are at the heart of the mission and vision of CPCS (such as the school garden, nutrition programs, field studies, and many more!)



Fundraising Goal 2023-2024

\$85,000

We depend on each every member of our school community to give time and/or money to help achieve our goal.



Help Do Your Part for CPCS!!



There are multiple ways to help fundraise for our school.

- **Annual Pledge:** Donate \$500 or more to CPCS. Pledge amount this year will be offered in tiers and covers many fun events like Fall Walk, Chili Bingo Night, Casino Night, and more!
- **Fundraising Events:** Attend, participate in, and promote our wonderful events throughout the year!
- **Donate your time:** attend a fundraising committee meeting and help plan some events or volunteer! The more help we have at events, the more success we can bring.
- **Voice your ideas:** The Alliance is open to new ideas and values creativity!

The Alliance is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization.



ALL donations are tax deductible!

Upcoming Events

- **Movie Night @ CPCS**
- **Yard Sale @ CPCS**
- **Fall Walk @ West St. Mary's Manor**
 - A walk-a-thon style event where students collect pledges from friends & family for the number of laps they will walk. After their laps are done, they can enjoy carnival style games, concessions and family time at this historic and picturesque farm.
- **Running Crab 5K**
 - 5K run through the beautiful trails of St. Mary's City
- **Penny Wars**
 - Friendly competition between the classrooms to see who can bring in the most change.
- **Chili Bingo Night**
 - Potluck style family dinner with a friendly chili cook-off competition and a couple of rounds of bingo
- **Casino Night**
 - Our biggest event of the year! An evening of fine hors d'oeuvres, spirits and fun casino games.

For more information, visit the CPCS Fundraising Page: <https://cpcs.smcps.org/alliance/cpcs-fundraising-page>

To be added to the Fundraising Committee distro list, please send an email to CPCSFundraisingCommittee@gmail.com



**Interested in
volunteering?**

Our volunteers are an essential component of
our student success!



We strive to make many opportunities available to our students that encourage them to learn and fully enhance their academic and social development. Volunteer service to our school help continue and support the vast learning experiences we can offer.

We have **MANY**
different ways
you can help out!

Like...

- ★ Open House
- ★ Back to School Night
- ★ Taste it
- ★ Electives
- ★ Fall Walk
- ★ Vintage Affair
- ★ Motivation Monday
- ★ Teacher Appreciation
- ★ Spirit Nights
- ★ Clubs/Coaching
- ★ Media Center
- ★ Flu Clinic
- ★ Lost and Found
- ★ Teacher Workroom
- ★ Used Uniforms
- ★ Yard Sale
- ★ Picture Day
- ★ Field Day
- ★ Recycling
- ★ CPCS Crab 5K
- ★ Alliance Committee
- ★ Gardening
- ★ Fundraising
- ★ Penny Wars
- ★ Chili Bingo
- ★ Home Volunteer
- ★ Chaperone
- ★ Morning Walk
- ★ Grant Writing
- ★ Book Fair

... and much, MUCH more!



**Become a Registered
Volunteer in
TWO easy steps.**

Step 1:

Review CASH (Child Abuse Sexual Harassment) Training and Volunteer Manual.

<https://smcpsorg.finalsite.com/offices/safety-security/volunteer-sign-up>

Step 2:

Complete Volunteer Application.

You will be re-routed to an external page automatically after completion of Step 1.

If you are currently employed by SMCPS you **do not need to complete Step 2.*



**Unable to commit but
plan on chaperoning a
field trip with your
student?**

The registration process **MUST** still be completed. This is required by St. Mary's County Public School.

Make A Difference



If you have any questions or would like to express your interest in volunteering and join our mailing list, please contact us at:

CPCSVolunteers@gmail.com