



**Welcome to
Columbia Middle School**

Home of the Bulldogs

About Us



ONCE A BULLDOG, ALWAYS A BULLDOG

Introductions



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Principal



Jamie Bradley
Assistant Principal



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Assistant Principal



Fun Facts and Figures

685

students at CMS



Free Brunch
and **Lunch** for
all

32

typical **6th Grade**
Class size
(PE/Electives
may differ)



CMS has a
Folclorico
Dance Group:
Los Alebrijes
de CMS



All CMS students
are issued a
Chrome book



Our Promise

Every student is **known by name, strength and need**,
ready to **excel in high school and beyond**, and to **lead**
a life of joy and purpose.



CMS Core Components



**Social Emotional
Learning (SEL)**



**Safe School
Environment (PBIS)**



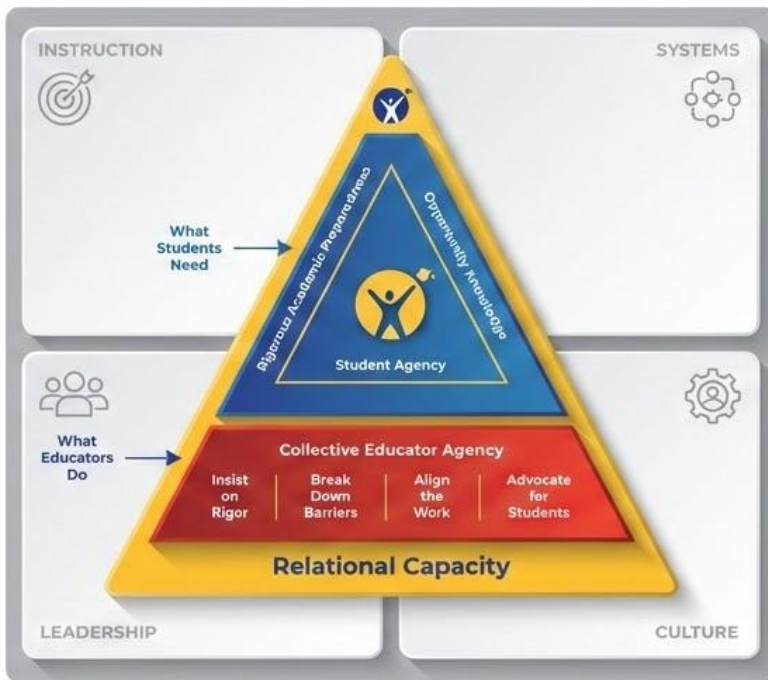
**Strong Instructional
Practice (Rigorous
Instruction)**

AVID program school-wide

Empowering Every Student for Future Success.



AVID College & Career Readiness Framework



Why AVID?


AVID, which stands Advancement Via Individual Determination, is **an organization that helps prepare students for college.**



- **College Prep & Skills**



Helps students become more organized by using a **planner.**



-  Encourages **higher-level thinking** questions.

-  Develops **college-level writing skills.**

- **Acceleration & Support**



Accelerates students **into more rigorous courses** with intensive support.

-  Uses **Socratic methods** and study groups targeting student needs.
-  A **school-wide initiative**, not a school within a school.

ACADEMIC RIGOR

 California Gold Ribbon School

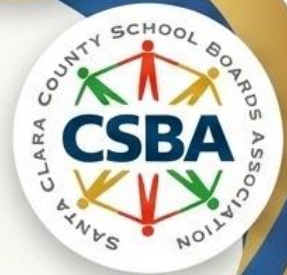
 Hoffman Award Winner

 Aligning the work

→ Common Curriculum and Assessments with Sunnyvale Middle

→ Articulation with Fremont High School

→ Dual Immersion Program: Juntos 2021



Social-Emotional Support



Vicky Salazar
Social Workers



Laura Villanueva
Social Workers

Our Services & Spaces



**Student Service Center:
Individual Counseling**




**Mental Health Associate:
New Position**





**Zen Room: Emotional
Regulation Room**

PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) Social-Emotional Learning

What does it look like?


 Schoolwide Expectations: Bulldog PRIDE

 PRIDE Tickets


 PRIDE Store

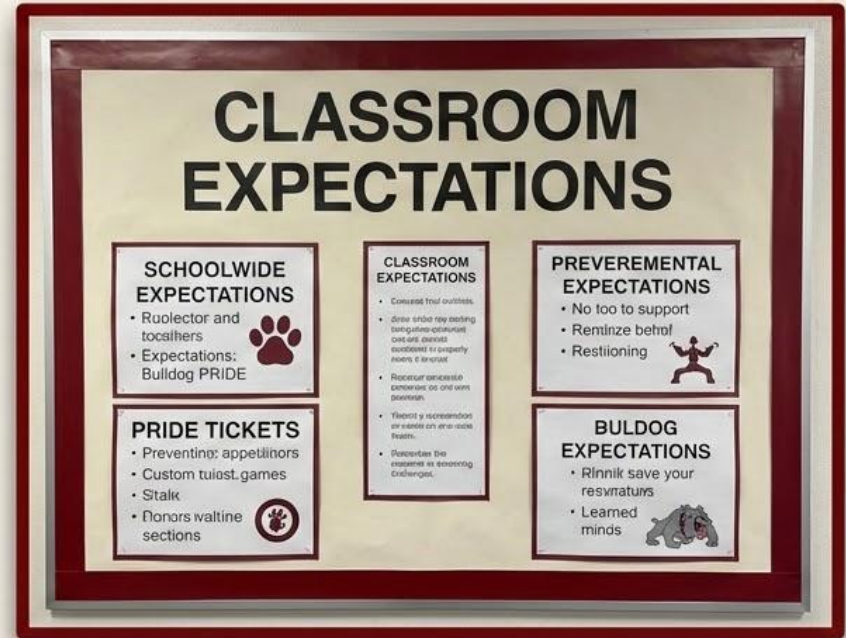
 Bulldog of the Month

Results:

 SCCOE PBIS "Spotlight School"

 Reduction in referrals and suspensions

 Below National 25%



What is Bulldog PRIDE?

PRIDE is our new school-wide behavior agreement. Each letter stands for a characteristic that we want to represent.

Prepared
Respectful
Integrity
Determined
Empathy

Bulldog
Pride



Bulldog **PRIDE** Mantra

I am **Prepared**. I bring all materials to class and am ready to learn.

I am **Respectful**. I value myself and my community.

I will act with **Integrity**. I represent my values, even with no one else around.

I am **Determined**. I will succeed at whatever I choose to do.

I will show **Empathy**. I am considerate of others' feelings.



I am a **Bulldog** and I show **PRIDE**.





Schedules



CMS Bell Schedule

☐ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Start Time: **8:38am** End Time: **3:19pm**

Juntos: **7:40am** End Time: **3:19pm**

■ Wednesday

Start Time: **9:49am** End Time: **3:19pm**





LATE START DAYS

Important Information



Late Start Care is offered. Space is limited, but increased through our partnership with the CNC.



A Google Form for sign-ups will be sent to families during the first week of school.

**SCHOOL STARTS
AT 9:49 AM ON
WEDNESDAYS**



Academic Periods



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

- 🕒 Academic Periods - 51 minutes
- 🕒 AST - 32 minutes

Wednesday

- 🕒 Academic Periods 42 minutes
- 🕒 AST - 30 minutes



YOUR STUDENT'S CLASS SCHEDULE



ACADEMIC CORE CLASSES - DAILY:

 SCIENCE

 MATH

 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

 SOCIAL STUDIES

ACADEMIC SUPPORT TIME - DAILY










ELECTIVE - A/B DAY

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - A/B DAY



SAMPLE A/B DAY SCHEDULES

A Day

-  1 - Science
-  2 - Math
-  **Brunch**
-  3 - Math
-  4 - Math
-  **Lunch**
-  **AST**
-  5 - PE
-  6 - Social Studies










B Day

-  1 - Science
-  2 - Math
-  **Brunch**
-  3 - ELA
-  4 - ELA
-  **Lunch**
-  **AST**
-  5 - Elective
-  6 - Social Studies

STUDENT SCHEDULE – JUNTOS

Juntos Schedule

	0) Spanish Language Arts
	1) Elective/PE
	2) Social Studies
	3) English
	4) Eng/Math
	5) Math
	6) Science
	AST - Teacher to be determined
(AST: Academic Support Time)	

Bell Schedule



A & B Day rotations (only for 6th Grade)
Applies to 1st, 2nd, 4th periods

Weekly Rotations:

A,B,A,B,A

B,A,B,A,B

AST



AST stands for **Academic Support Time**

AST is time built into the school day dedicated to helping students develop strong **academic** and **study habits**.

Academic & Organization



Complete assignments & collaborate with peers



Check grades, email & set weekly SMART goals



Complete organization checks



Check in with AST Teacher & receive additional academic support

Personal & Social Development



Participate in community building activities



Develop socioemotional skills through lessons & activities

Physical Education



CMS will sell **PE Clothes** during your student's PE classes. Students may purchase a **PE** uniform (shirt/shorts) for \$25.



Students may also use plain black shorts and a plain grey shirt.



No sweaters or hoodies with zippers (safety concern).

Elective Course Selection



Band (Full year)



Wheel (Art, STEM, AVID) -
Trimester long



Orchestra (Full year)




Chorus (Full year, Mixed
Grade levels)

BAND

Band 6/Banda 6

- ♪ No experience necessary!
- ♪ Learn how to play an instrument and the basics of reading music.
- ♪ 4 yearly performances
- ♪ Students have the option of choosing from Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone or Baritone.
- ♪ You do not need your own instrument to join!

Press Play on the video! 



ORCHESTRA

Orchestra 6/Orquesta 6



- No experience necessary!
- Learn how to play an instrument and the basics of reading music.
- 4 yearly performances
- Students can choose from Violin, Viola, Cello or String Bass
- You do not need your own instrument to join!
- **Press Play on the video!**



CHORUS

Chorus 6



- No experience needed!!!
- 4 yearly performances
- Learn how to read and write music, and the skills to sing beautifully



Elective Wheel



Art/Arte (6th Wheel)

Explore your creativity! No experience needed.

Do you love all kinds of ART and want to explore more? Incoming 6th graders, listen up! No experience needed!

You will get creative and learn how to use:



Pencil



Pastels



Charcoal



Markers



Watercolor



Tempera and Acrylic Paints



Clay and the potter's wheel



STEM: Paxton Patterson (WHEEL)

Enhanced College and Career Elective

Thanks to the generous support of Applied Materials and Northrop Grumman, we are excited to introduce this innovative program at CMS.



Real-world, hands-on learning experiences

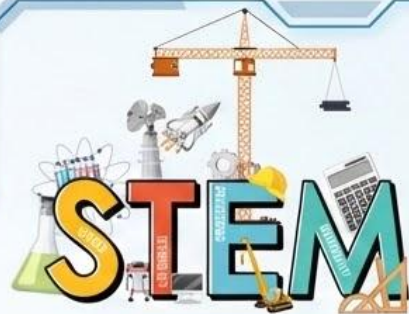


Explore modules: Flight & Drone Technology, Design & Marketing, Culinary Arts



Build practical skills & explore career pathways

This is more than just an elective—it is an opportunity for students to begin discovering their path toward college and career success.



AVID 6 Lite (WHEEL)



- As we move toward an AVID school-wide approach, we want to begin to expose our students to the AVID program
- AVID for 6th graders is...
 - A Trimester elective class that is a part of the elective wheel.
 - A class that teaches students skills to get on the “college track”
 - Learn the academic skills to be successful in Middle School and beyond



Course Selection Form

Students at SESD feeder elementary schools will fill out this form with their families and return the form to their 5th grade teacher.

Forms are due on Wednesday April 8th



A note on Math Pathways




We are reimagining our math pathways to create more inclusive and robust learning experiences by moving toward a consistent approach for Grades 6-8.


This shift focuses on providing the targeted, instructional support necessary to ensure every student is prepared to successfully complete Algebra or Geometry by the 8th grade.


While we are finalizing these enhanced pathways, math placement letters have not yet been sent out; we will share those updates with families as soon as they are ready.




Homework Club

 **Tuesday--Thursday** from **3:30-4:30pm**

 This is a **drop-in** opportunity, students can come as frequently as they'd like

 Two **teachers/paras** available to support students academically

 Snacks provided thanks to Assistance League of Los Altos



*Homework
Center*



OPEN
TUES. WED. THURS.
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
CMS LIBRARY.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR PAST OFFERINGS

ATHLETICS

-  Cross Country*
-  Wrestling*
-  Track*
-  Softball
-  Basketball
-  Soccer
-  Volleyball

CLUBS

-  Emergent Minds
-  Magic the Gathering
-  EduFin Club
-  Starting Arts (School Play)
-  WEB
-  Cheer

*No cut sports



Transportation (Lakewood & Fairwood)



Families in designated areas will register for Transportation.

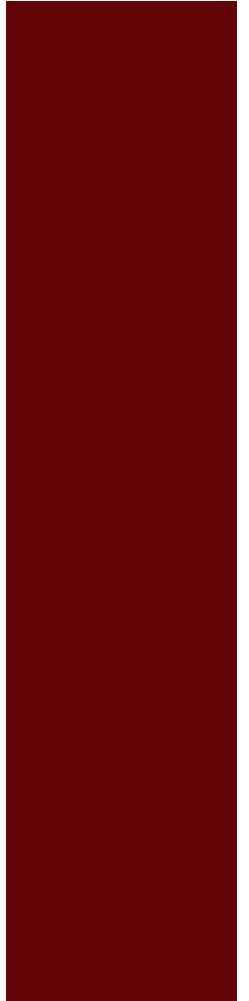
Once granted, families will be given their student's bus stop, bus pass, and pick-up/drop-off times.

In addition, there are buses at:
4:45pm AND 6:00pm
For students attending after school homework center, clubs, or athletics.





Parent Engagement



Family Resource Center



**Community Information
& Resources
(Clinics, Events)**



**District & School
Forms Available**



**Computer &
Internet Access**



**Parent Liaison
Coordinator**



**ELAC Meetings
(English Language
Advisory Committee)**



**PTSA Meetings
(Parent Teacher
Student Association)**

Ways to Help at CMS



Join the PTSA



Join the ELAC committee



Run for School Site Council



Chaperone / drive on field trips



Coach after school sports



Volunteer to help supervise at lunch



Volunteer to lead or supervise after school clubs



Substitute teach



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Questions



What questions
do you have for
us?



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