

CHARGERS CONNECT

November 2023



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MRS. JENNY BANGMA CTA Principal (6-12) jbangma@ctachargers.org

November has been a wonderful month in our secondary community! We focused on the benefits of expressing appreciation/gratitude toward ourselves, our peers, our families, and our CTA community. Students learned that expressing gratitude isn't only kind but also positively impacts our brains and overall well-being.

In addition, staff and students have worked hard to make the second half of the semester one filled with productivity, character, and perseverance. This level of focus and dedication on both the staff and students is something to celebrate! We are all looking forward to a successful ending to the first semester of the 2023-24 school year!

6-12 HARVEST PARTIES

On Friday, November 3rd, staff and students celebrated Fall fun during their Harvest Parties! Both middle and high school buildings hosted stations, where students could participate in activities such as cookie decorating, a "Minute-to-Win-It" game, Leaf Art, and so much more! Thank you to our staff for planning, preparing, and hosting such a fun event for our Chargers!



6-12 ART CLUB

CTA's after-school 6-12 Art Club officially began on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Led by CTA parent, Stacy Rowland, students who participate in this Club learn about various artists and their techniques/styles; utilize a variety of artistic tools and supplies, such as brushes and oil pastels; use their individuality to create impressive art pieces; and enjoy time all together as a community. With only two Club meetings under their belts, Ms. Rowland has already inspired students to create Folk Art and Oil Pastel Paintings that focus on horizon and point of view. We are grateful to Ms. Rowland for continuing to share her time and talents with us!

E-SPORTS CLUB

CTA has started its very first E-Sports Club. Fifth through twelfth grade students are working on team building and creating a supportive community of digital gamers who not only enjoy gaming but also embrace the values of good digital citizenship. Through this club, students will learn how to cultivate a positive and constructive gaming environment, develop healthy technology habits, and more, primarily through the popular game Minecraft. Each week we work on our skills with various build and skill challenges. We have approximately 15 students who attend regularly and support each other in growing their skills. We are looking forward to growing this program!



OPEN LIFT

Open lift is a great way for students in middle school and high school to come in and use the weight room after school two days a week. Not all students are able to take a PE class so this gives them a way to be able to use the amazing equipment we have available. There are many options for resistance training and also cardio options.



LEGACY TRIBE

Legacy Tribe is a way for middle school girls to come together to build community with each other. Legacy Tribe meets twice a month during lunchtime with Mrs. Perry. Girls are able to discuss a variety of important topics like friendships, struggles, relationships, and ways to build and improve upon our character. This is a great group and opportunity to become effective world changers.





MRS. KATE BIALKOWSKI CTA Principal (K-5) kbialkowski@ctachargers.org

November was a lovely month full of opportunities to share gratitude and appreciation. I always love walking through the halls and seeing samples of student work and writing in November, as I often get to read all about "What I am thankful for." Our Chargers are the sweetest!! Staff, students and families had a lovely time together at our Harvest Parties and we are really looking forward to celebrations to come as we enter the Holiday season!



HARVEST PARTIES

On Friday, November 3rd, families joined us as we celebrated the fall with our Harvest Parties! There were several opportunities for crafts from making pumpkins, spider webs and leaf prints. Students played all kinds of games like pin the leg on the spider, puzzle making and many decorated cookies as well. We were full of gratitude and festive fall spirit that morning!

FIELD TRIP

On Tuesday, November 7th, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students took a field trip to the Gerald R. Ford Museum. Museum staff guided the students in lessons on the history of Gerald R. Ford, branches of government, and local and state history. Watching our students dive into local history was such a joy. Huge thanks to the dedicated teachers and supportive parents who made this day of learning so fantastic.



CTA CREATES ELEMENTARY ART

CTA Creates is back up and running for the 2023-24 school year. Our first art session of the year was a fun one. Students created "self portraits" inspired by the artist Nate Williams. Each little artist put in their favorite things creating a unique self portrait. We love seeing our halls filled with Charger artwork. Thank you to Stacy Rowland and Angela Elliott, our "Art Moms" for all they do for our budding artists!



NOVEMBER CHARACTER EDUCATION WINNERS

November's character trait is "**Appreciative**" This month's winners were nominated by their teachers for representing what being appreciative looks like and sounds like in all parts of the day. Congratulations to these Appreciative Chargers!

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Emerson Bryant

1ST



Monserrat Gomez

2ND



Lexi Knizacky

3RD



Weston Lumbert

4TH



Annabelle Miller

5TH



Adriana Jensen

6TH



Lyam Jibson

7TH



Samuel Elliott

8TH



Melinda VanEss

9TH



Andrea Truesdell - Peterson

10TH



Kaylee Leys

11TH



Brenden Rizzon

12TH



Jacob White

APPRECIATIVE #WORLDCHANGERS

CTA STAFF FEATURES

At Creative Technologies Academy, our team is more than just educators - they're superheroes shaping young minds every day! Join us in celebrating these incredible teachers and staff members with some fun facts about them!



AMY MORROW

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER

My favorite genre to read is YA Historical Fiction. My focus in college was Reading Intervention and Integrated Science. I love to camp with my husband and our 3 kids. We spend our summers exploring the Great Lakes



BRE EVERLY

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

I am a coffee lover! I grind coffee beans fresh every morning, and I even have an espresso machine to make specialty coffee whenever I want. I graduated from college 10 years after graduating from high school. I actually failed in my first attempt at college, but worked hard and received a full academic scholarship to the University of Michigan, graduating with honors. I have never lost a game of Scene It in my life.



MEGAN KILTS

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

Growing up, I had a lot of pets and cool animal experiences. We hatched tadpoles, Monarch butterflies, and even had a baby fawn for a day. I have two goldfish (Clementine and Toothless) who I rescued from last year's senior prank. One of my favorite vacation experiences was swimming with a dolphin when I was 10 years old.

A banner for the CTA Creative Technologies Academy Holiday Concert. It features a green background with bokeh lights and a red Christmas ornament with a white snowflake. The CTA logo is in the top right, and the text "HOLIDAY CONCERT" is in large white letters with a blue "A".

HOLIDAY CONCERT



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HOLIDAY CONCERT



CORE VALUES



We are a
COLLABORATIVE
Community.



We are
INNOVATIVE.



We practice
INTEGRITY.



We thrive on
EXCELLENCE.



We
WELCOME
All.

JOIN THE CTA FAMILY!

MISSION

Creative Technologies Academy is a Preschool through 12th Grade community of learners committed to positively changing our world by developing students in character, academics, and leadership.

VISION

Creative Technologies Academy will be a school of choice for students and families, offering differentiated and personalized academic options that engage critical thinking skills and collaborative learning. Immersed in our school culture are small class sizes, character education, access to current technology, and a variety of extracurricular activities.

CTA ENROLLMENT

STILL AVAILABLE FOR 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR

FREE PUBLIC SCHOOL



**FREE
EDUCATION**



PRESCHOOL



K-5TH GRADE



6-12TH GRADE

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