

## An IB World School

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# CORETTA SCOTT KING MAGNET SCHOOL



The holidays are finally upon us! Coretta Scott King Magnet School was filled with a cornucopia of activities during the month of November. The month began by formally recognizing nearly forty students at our Learner Profile Student of the Month breakfast where students were treated to breakfast with Ms. Roberts, Ms. Bruns, and Mr. Mane for demonstrating the Learner Profile of *Communicator*.

November was a month to take time to recognize our nation's veterans. On November 8, we recognized Veterans Day by having students participate in a variety of educational activities, including an assembly, related to this very important day. During this assembly, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had an opportunity to meet different veterans and ask them questions about their service. At the end of the assembly, our student leaders presented each veteran with a framed certificate of appreciation. The staff and students at CSK would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all United States Veterans across the world. We would also like to thank all of the members of the Crete Monee High School NJROTC for posting the colors for our assembly.

We were also very excited to bring back the longstanding tradition of Grandparent's and Special Visitors Day at CSK. We had a full house on November 15 as our students proudly paraded their special visitors around our school.

Our Fall Action Plan – The Power of Books is off and running. We sold over 150 Open Books Open Minds spirit wear t-shirts to help offset the costs of building and placing 'Free Little Libraries' in Crete, Monee, Park Forest, and University Park. Students also participated in a spirit week that was capped off with a video of staff members dressed in costume as 'mystery readers' followed by an assembly that revealed each reader.

We are very excited about our upcoming kindergarten – second grade musical. The event will take place on December 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Crete Monee High School. Our students have been working very hard with Ms. Caraher to prepare for this grand event. We hope to see you there!

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to wish every member of the CSK family and our local communities well during our holiday season! Thank you for all you do to help create and sustain our amazing school!

As always, if there is any way that we can assist you or your student, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Mr. Bryon Mane*





# The IB News:

Our fall action plan is going strong and tons of fun! The Power of Books spirit week has taught us important values to reading and books. We have learned that reading reduces stress and affects our success in life (see some of our learned stats below). The Eagle Family wore hats and crazy socks to take "hats off to reading" and to show that we are "crazy about books!" We had a pajama day to snuggle up with good books during a school-wide "Drop Everything and Read" afternoon. Our Masked Reader event had students (and staff) baffled by who in our CSK Family the mystery readers may be. The Masked Readers were revealed at our "Power of Books" assembly, where our students showed off their new blue and gold "Open Minds, Open Books" t-shirts! Excitingly, our fun has raised enough funds to create our libraries, and at our assembly, we were able to see the CSK Free Little Libraries that will be placed in each of our four communities (University Park, Park Forest, Monee, and Crete).

*More details always coming...*



**Did you know???**... A research study published in August 2023 has shown...

- 🕒 15 minutes of daily reading can make people feel 69% more accomplished, 55% more relaxed, and 33% happier.
- 🕒 30 minutes of reading can lower your heart rate, blood pressure, and reduce feelings of psychological distress.
- 🕒 Reading for just 6 minutes a day can decrease stress levels by 68%.
- 🕒 Students who read for 20 minutes daily are exposed to approximately 1.8 million words annually.
- 🕒 Students who read daily are more likely to score in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.

**Ready to start reading daily in your home?**

*Watch for our new CSK reading passports  
(the final part of our fall action plan) to start in December!!*

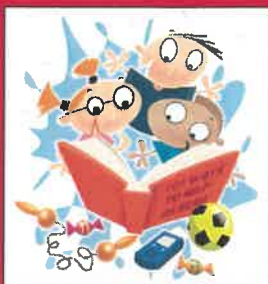
# CSK'S PROGRAM OF INQUIRY (POI):



Each month in our newsletter, we will share each grade level's unit of inquiry. This allows you to see how the six IB Transdisciplinary Themes are addressed at each grade level.

Grade levels are learning through these units of inquiry during the month of December:

Grade Level	IB Transdisciplinary Theme	Unit Title	Central Idea <i>(big idea that is assessed)</i>
Kindergarten	Sharing the Planet	Good Times	Communities and families honor their culture and history in different ways.
First	How the World Works	Bright and Loud	Light and sound influence world experiences.
Second	How We Organize Ourselves	Village People	Exploring different places, global cultures, and other communities helps us gain knowledge and understanding of others' perspectives.
Third	How We Express Ourselves	Generation Next	Stories reflect the beliefs and history of individuals and groups.
Fourth	How the World Works	Energize!	Electricity and magnetism affect human society.
Fifth	Where We Are in Place and Time	When Does a Chore Become a Job	Child labor has been a sustained practice throughout history and across the globe.



## Battle of the Books Up and Reading!

Our Battle of the Books teams are excitedly reading and preparing for the spring competitions! Team members should have their second books read with "battle prep" forms completed for their January meetings during the first week back from winter break.

Special thanks to our staff coaches, Ms. Caraher and Ms. Chambers, for helping Ms. Bruns encourage and organize our excited student readers!!!

# Important School Information



## PBIS Cool Tool

### Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

Our December Cool Tool focused on the IB learner profile of Risk-Taker and the IB attitudes of Independence, Confidence, and Cooperation. The students talked about what it means to be a risk-taker and ways that we can be one. They then read the story, *I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark.* The students discussed a rule or law that should be changed and created a sign/poster that talks about that rule and why it should be changed. The older students researched Ginsburg's quotes and created a poster using a quote that resonated with them.



IMSA Fusion students are having a great time exploring the world of chemistry. They are continuing to investigate physical vs. chemical changes. They've been slimed and have zipped it up! They created polymers similar to slime and silly putty. Then, they learned about some surprising changes that occur when you combine chemicals. During the month of December, they'll design their own experiments and have some winter fun at our final session of 2023!



We're selling yearbooks at a reduced price!

Our beautiful, full-color yearbooks cost only **\$15** each, when ordered online.

Yearbooks can now be ordered online at

<https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09861387>



## December Dates to Remember

-  December 1: BLUE & GOLD/School Spirit Day
-  December 4: Learner Profile Breakfast (9:25 am)
-  December 6: Winter Musical ~ Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Mrs. Gebbia's Class
-  December 8: 12:15 pm Dismissal/School Improvement Day
-  December 12: PTO Holiday Fair (ends December 15)
-  December 14: School Store
-  December 21: 12:15 pm Dismissal/School Improvement Day
-  December 22: NO School ~ Winter Break Begins
-  January 8, 2024: School Resumes





# Congratulations!

We are very proud of all our students in their outstanding achievements of making First Trimester Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance ~ FY2024. Our students have applied tremendous hard work and dedication.

## 3RD GRADE

### High Honors

Genesis Aguirre  
Lauren Askew  
Jacob Berryhill  
Noah Harrigan  
Skylar Simmons  
Ava Stewart

Audrey Stolzenbach  
Joshua Watkins  
Miyah Wellington

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### Honors

Nia Anderson ~ Amari Avant  
Ava Capolillo  
Blake Chambers  
Malia Copeland ~ Kaiya Davis  
Lynnix Goodwin  
Aureni Lagunas  
Jackson Morris  
Alaina Roberson  
Anissa Roberson  
Macai Spight

## 4TH GRADE

### High Honors

Kailyn Bloodson  
Jordan Johnson  
Ariana Winners

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### Honors

Latoya Ajibade  
Triston Anderson  
Nosakhare Asia ~ Ethan Barnett  
Americka Boxx  
Imani Bussell  
Aubrianna Chapman  
Enjoli Clark ~ Sebastian Correa  
Saiah Darden  
Shantelle Dilworth  
Khameelah Jones  
Spencer Page  
Bailey Sanders  
Danni Washington  
Derrick Watson  
Leila Whitted  
Janaa Willis  
Ashari Wilson

## 5TH GRADE

### High Honors

Kylie Dixon  
Olivia Healy  
Josiah Roberson  
Addison Smith

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### Honors

Jonathan Anderson  
Carina Gerck  
Christian Johnson  
Leilani Lagunas  
Harper Lear  
Kory Murray  
Josiah McCree  
Kayden Niles  
Naomi Pratt  
Aleah Roberson  
Nora Seifert  
Sofia Velasquez  
Harmoni Wilson



## Perfect Attendance

Oluwatayo Ajiboye ~ Tatiana Aleman ~ Nosakhare Asia ~ Lauren Askew  
Ethan Barnett ~ Zion Boyd ~ Kayla Buries ~ Imani Bussell, II  
Za'Kiyah Clayton ~ Za'Miyah Clayton ~ Za'Niyah Clayton  
Noah Cobbins ~ Kaiya Davis  
Ahdia Farrakhan-Buford ~ Asim Farrakhan-Buford  
Carter Jones ~ Courtney Jones, Jr. ~ Kayden Niles ~ Coraun Patrick  
Paige Petty ~ Harmony Richards ~ Josiah Roberson ~ Ja'ir Robins  
Karysma Robins ~ Zanyla Sanders ~ Addison Smith ~ Amelia Smith  
Aubrie Smith ~ Emeri Smith ~ Royce Smith ~ Amani Sprattlin  
Samarion Williams ~ Samya Williams ~ Sariyah Williams  
Aaliyah Wilson ~ Merrick Wilson ~ Ariana Winners

# IB Learner Profile 'Novel' Students of the Month



Each month, students are nominated by their classroom teacher to be Inspiring Internationally-Minded Individuals for showing the IB Learner Profile. Congratulations to our students who were chosen for showing the IB Learner Profile attribute of **Principled** for the month of **November**. The following students were treated to a breakfast by Mr. Mane, Mrs. Roberts, and Mrs. Bruns for their efforts.

Cecilia Caminker ~ Julian McCaskel ~ Hakeem Ramadan

Amani Sprattlin ~ Carter Jones ~ Maddix Goodwin ~ Harmoni Gant

Tatiana Aleman ~ Jonathan White ~ Leah Servick ~ Royce Smith

Lailani Windmon-Neuman ~ Zoey Barczak ~ Tayler Craig ~ Jacob Berryhill

Samantha Adams ~ Londyn Hughes ~ Addisyn Reed ~ Noah Harrigan

Ava Capolillo ~ Audrey Stolzenbach ~ Skylar Simmons ~ Amari Avant

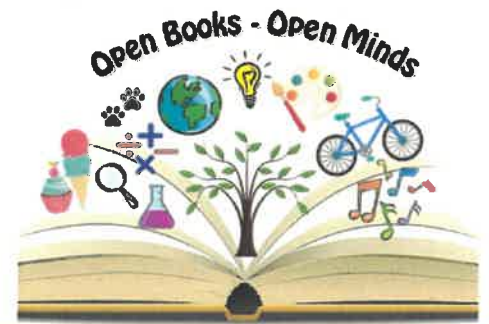
Ethan Barnett ~ Aubrianna Chapman ~ Khameelah Jones ~ Kaden Richardson

Kailyn Bloodson ~ Americka Boxx ~ Sebastian Correa ~ Aaliyah Wilson

Jeremiah Brack ~ Kylie Dixon ~ Dunell Payne ~ Sofia Velasquez

## Novel Readers of the Month

The following students have been chosen by their classroom teacher as a Reader of the Month for the month of **November**. The award of a non-uniform pass is given based upon the student's reading habits. This non-uniform pass must be used during the 2023-2024 school year.



Trinity Butterfield ~ Alivia Alexander ~ Trinity Steele

Maverick Rayborn ~ Ava Rice ~ Javell Atkins ~ Logan Riley

Johnny Climons ~ Devine Payne ~ Ava Jones ~ Aliya Yousef

Za'Miyah Clayton ~ Terrence Whittler ~ Jrue Campbell

Amelia Smith ~ Morgan Mahome ~ Neveah Robinson

Datrael Calloway ~ Alaina Roberson ~ Samya Williams

Arielle Avant ~ Joshua Watkins ~ Lauren Askew

Aamilah Adeniyi ~ Triston Anderson ~ Savannah Green

Jordan Johnson ~ Ariana Winners ~ Ja'ir Robins ~

Matthias Baugh ~ Leilani Lagunas ~ Tyler Craig ~ Alivia Butler