



# **Council Traditional School**

## **Parent Bulletin**

### **January 2017**

**Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to everyone! We hope that the New Year will bring you and your family all the best life has to offer!**

#### **Academic Focus**

During January the students will focus on the core curriculum subjects and learning the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter standards. The Mobile County Public School System adopted a new reading program called “Wonders” by McGraw Hill; Council teachers will begin implementing the new reading program starting in January. The mid-year benchmark will be conducted throughout the month to measure the students’ growth in reading and math using Universal Screening and DIBELS.

#### **IB Learner Profile**

Students who are thinkers apply thinking skills critically and creatively to make sound decisions and to solve complex problems. Thinkers demonstrate original thinking, try several ways to solve a problem, make connections between new concepts, and build on other people’s ideas.

#### **Report Cards**

The report cards for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter will be issued on January 10, 2017. Students will receive re-commitment letters in their 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report cards. Parents, please send the recommitment letters back as soon as possible. The process for selection of new students has been updated over the past few years. The first group of students will be selected around the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, and the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month after, until all slots have been filled. Therefore, it is important to know how many students will be returning to the school. Commitment letters must be returned by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.



### **Honor's Day**

Honor's Day will be January 13, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. For 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades, it will start at 9:15 a.m.

### **Tutoring**

Tutoring will resume on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

### **January Dates:**

January 4<sup>th</sup> - Students return to school

January 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> - Open House for prospective students for the 2017-2018 school year

**Open House:** The term "See and Sign" is no longer used for prospective students to visit the Magnet school; it is now referred to as "Open House". Council's Open House will be held on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 p.m. and January 14, 2017 from 8:30 to 12:00 p.m. We would like to invite interested new students and parents. Please share this information with your friends that might be interested in their child attending CTS. We are very proud of our academic program at Council. The CLASS report (this report was based on the state's report) recently listed Council Elementary as #6 in the state and #1 in the MCPSS based on ACT ASPIRE scores. Hats off to our outstanding students, teachers, and parents.

### **Uniform Check**

Teachers will conduct a mid-year uniform check during the first week that students return. Please make sure to review your child's uniforms ensuring that students have the proper shoes, pants, jumpers, etc. Also, parents, please review the policy



on haircuts for the boys. Boys should have the traditional cuts. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **Council Rocks Club**

There will be a meeting on January 10, 2017 from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

### **Science Fair**

The Science Fair will be held in the gymnasium on January 13, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

### **Geography Bee**

The Geography Bee will be held in the gymnasium on January 18, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

### **Dates to remember:**

January 4<sup>th</sup> - Students Return

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January 10<sup>th</sup> - Report Cards

January 10<sup>th</sup> - Council Rocks Meeting

January 13<sup>th</sup> - Honors Day

January 13<sup>th</sup> - Science Fair

January 16<sup>th</sup> - No School for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday

January 18<sup>th</sup> - Geography Bee



### Council 2016-2017 Yearbook Order Form

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CTS 28.50 x \_\_\_\_\_