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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am delighted to announce that our middle school girls' and boys' basketball teams both finished the season as the CHAMPIONS of the league! Congratulations to these scholar-athletes and their coaches, Coach Pullen, Coach Brown, and Coach Smith. In addition, Cortney Brown was the MVP for the girls' game, and Carlos Brown was the MVP for the boys' game. It's a great time to be a City Springs Eagle! See page 4 for photos of these great teams. The photo above is of our faculty/staff team in our recent game against Pimlico Elementary / Middle School. Purple was the color of March Madness!

I am proud that we have been able to create a robust athletic program at City Springs as well as opportunities in the arts, such as dance and instrumental music. We are deeply committed to nurturing the whole child because we know the vital role that enrichment opportunities play in our students' development.

One of our 8 Habits is Sharpen the Saw, which means take time to rest and recharge. That is exactly what we all should do during spring break. My wish for our City Springs families is a restful and rejuvenating spring break so our students may return refreshed and ready to be resilient through the rest of the school year!

Respectfully Yours,
Dr. Rhonda L. Richetta

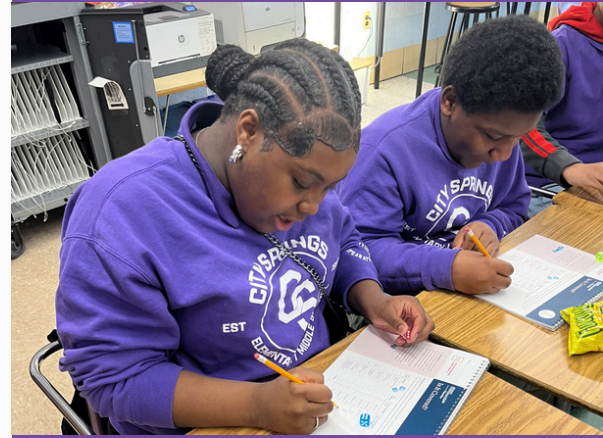
Family Math Night

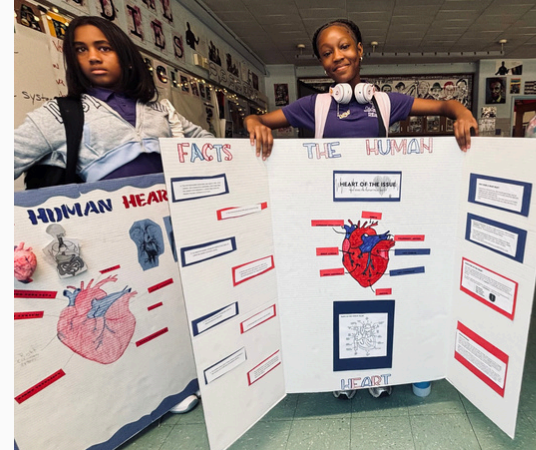
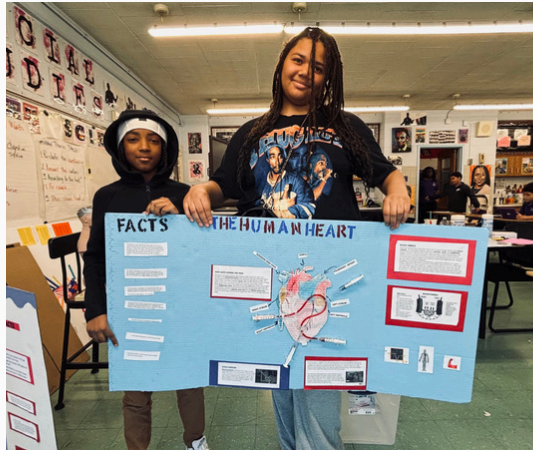
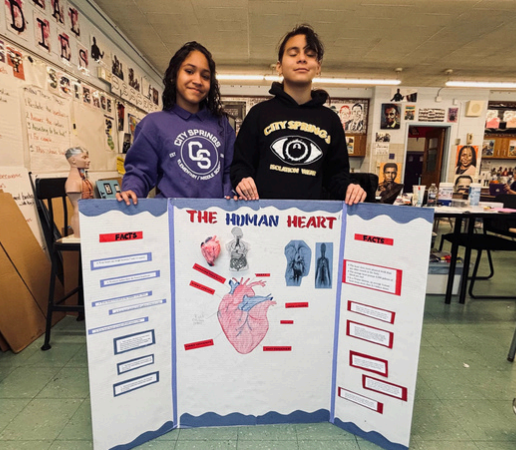
We had a great night of family fun celebrating Pi Day on March 13, the day before the official Pi Day on March 14 (3, 1, and 4 are the first three numbers in the mathematical constant, π). Scholars in all grades and their family members joined us for an evening of math games, prizes, and pizza pies.



Money Confident Kids

Our new partnership with the T. Rowe Price Money Confident Kids program is helping 6th Grade become financially literate. Monthly lessons taught by T. Rowe Price financial experts include learning how to budget and learning about loans, credit, interest, insurance, etc. The program concludes in June with a trip to T. Rowe Price. Students a on June 6th.





Class Spotlight: 6th Grade

By Ms. Hornbeck and Ms. Hughes

Ms. Hughes has been guiding students through an in-depth study of the body's systems. "The Heart of the Issue: How Does the Human Heart Work?" project challenged students to explore the vital role of the heart in the circulatory system. Students researched how the heart pumps blood, delivers oxygen, and supports overall body function before creating informative posters to showcase their findings.

After completing their projects, students had the opportunity to present their work at the Friday morning assembly, sharing their knowledge with the entire school. "The heart project helped me understand how my heart functions and how it works with my body to support movement and energy," said Gianna Jacobs. 6th graders have been working hard in science, and we can't wait to see what they accomplish next!

Dr. Richetta: Women's History Month Role Model

Last month, Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP) featured Dr. Rhonda Richetta, Principal, for BCP's blog post on Women's History Month.

How much do you know about our beloved Dr. Richetta? Read the blog at baltimorecp.org/blog to find the answers to these questions:

- Why does Dr. Richetta love purple so much?
- What advice did her mother give her that inspired her life and career?
- What did she teach when she first came to City Springs?
- What was the first sport offered at City Springs?
- Who were her mentors when she was a teacher and Assistant Principal?

Thanks, Dr. Richetta, for your inspiring leadership and love of City Springs!



Faculty Basketball vs. Pimlico

On March 28, the City Springs faculty and staff played the Pimlico Elementary / Middle School faculty and staff in basketball. The final score of 58-46 does not reflect the Eagles' talent and tenacity, but it was a lot of fun! Way to go, Eagles!



Our Eagles are Champions!

The Middle School boys' and girls' basketball teams are league Champions! We're very proud of all of our players and coaches!



MCAP Test-Taking Tips

Grades 3 to 8 are taking the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) assessments to provide you and our teachers important benchmarks to inform instruction and provide support. Here are tips for your student to be MCAP ready. Visit support.mdassessments.com for MCAP details

1. Get a good night's sleep the night before (in bed by 9 PM).
2. Eat a healthy breakfast on testing days.
3. Get to school on time. Being rushed/late adds anxiety to the day.
4. Relax during test taking. Deep breathing helps!
5. Read the entire question first before answering.
6. Underline keyword/phrases in the question and look for them in the passage.
7. Try your best. That voice inside of your head during the test is usually right!
8. Instead of negative self-talk, say "I've been working hard and will do my best!"
9. Focus on your own work, not how quickly others finish.

Share your thoughts on City Springs!

Please take the family survey at bit.ly/CitySchoolsFamilySurvey OR scan the QR code in the flyer below. The deadline to complete the family survey is Tuesday, April 15th. Your voice matters!

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PTO Meeting: Wednesday, April 23, 5:30-6:30pm.
Community Budget Review Meeting

Our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) wants your feedback. Please scan and complete the survey today.



Upcoming Events

Fridays, April 4, 11, and 25: Early Release

Monday, April 14 - Monday, April 21: SPRING BREAK, School closed district-wide

Tuesday, April 22: School reopens

Wednesday, April 23: PTO Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm, Community Budget Review

Check citysprings.school/events for the full calendar.

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The Board meets quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2025, at Hampstead Hill Academy. To learn more about the Board of Directors or read an update from the latest board meeting, visit baltimorecp.org.

City Springs Habit of the Month: Sharpen the Saw Attribute of the Month: Resilient Exemplar Educator of the Month: Ilhan Omar



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