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HIGH PERFORMANCE MONTHLY ACTIVITY UPDATE

STAY CONNECTED WITH DISTRICT AND SCHOOL LEVEL EVENTS AND NEWS



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DISTRICT CLOSURE: All schools and offices will be closed Monday, December 23, 2019, through Friday, January 3, 2020, in observance of the Semester Break. The district will return to a regular schedule on Monday, January 6, 2020. **Please note: Students will return on Tuesday, January 7, to begin the second semester of the 2019-2020 school year.**

HIGH SCHOOL EARLY DISMISSAL: Clayton County Public Schools will institute an early dismissal schedule for high school students taking exams on Thursday and Friday, December 19-20, 2019. Those students will be dismissed at 12:20 p.m. Students at the elementary and middle school levels will be dismissed using the regular schedule on those dates. The district will return to a regular dismissal schedule for all grade levels when students return for the start of the second semester on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.



Board of Education Activity

The next Board Work Session will be Monday, January 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Clayton County Public Schools Administration Complex located at 1058 Fifth Avenue in Jonesboro, Georgia.

Activity Calendar



ALL COUNTY MUSICAL: CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL EDITION: Clayton County Public Schools Department of Fine Arts presents "Chicago" High School Edition! Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., performances of the All-County Musical will be held on December 5-7, 2019 at the Clayton County Public Schools Performing Arts Center! For ticket information, please see the following links School Show Tickets:

<https://forms.gle/5FfdpmfUNvrAdZgr9> ***NOTE: This show is appropriate for students in Grades 7-12. ***
Evening Show Tickets: <https://ccpspac.booktix.com/> For more information about the show or ticket purchases, please contact Brittany White, CCPS Performing Arts Specialist, via email (britney.white@clayton.k12.ga.us).

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2019 FALL DEPARTMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS PARENT

UNIVERSITY: Clayton County Public Schools' (CCPS) Department of Exceptional

Students (DES) is excited to host parents on **Saturday, December 7, 2019**, at the DES Fall

Parent University. Featuring various workshops for families of students with disabilities, the

theme of this year's event is "Road to College". Workshops topics and presentations include

Mental Health Supports, Resources and Community Supports for students with disabilities,

The IEP Process: Throughout the School Years, The Role of a Parent Mentor, and

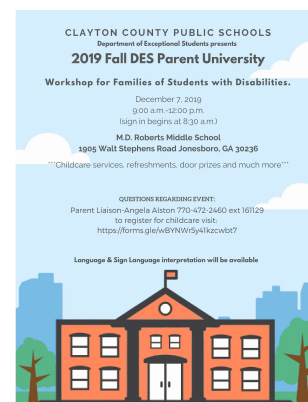
Transition Success for Students with Disabilities. This event will be held at M.D. Roberts

Middle School from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Roberts Middle School is located at 1905

Walt Stephens Road in Jonesboro. Please note: lunch will be provided to all families in

attendance. Please see the following link if childcare is needed

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf09ntUYLY3k_AjwKhGpedXKCxFv_Rpn_Cqia36W4KONEUs2w/viewform).. For additional information, please contact Angela Alston (770-472-2460 ext 161129).



2019 DEPARTMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS HOLIDAY PLAY: Clayton

County Public Schools' (CCPS) Department of Exception Students will host its annual

Holiday Play on **Thursday, December 12, 2019**, at the Clayton County Public Schools

Performing Arts Center located at 2530 Mt. Zion Parkway in Jonesboro, Georgia.

Scheduled with three performances, the first performance is scheduled to begin at 10:00

a.m.

2ND ANNUAL CLAYTON NIGHTS FUNDRAISER CONCERT: Superintendent of

Schools, Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, is proud to present to the Metro-Atlanta Community,

the 2nd Annual Clayton Nights – A Black Tie Soiree & Concert featuring the acclaimed

symphonic orchestra, Orchestra Noir! To be held at 7:00 p.m. on **Saturday, December**

14, at the CCPS Performing Arts Center (PAC) – located at 2530 Mt. Zion Parkway in

Jonesboro, Clayton Nights is designed to raise funds to increase scholarships and expand

support to college-bound CCPS students! VIP tickets are \$50, adult tickets start at \$25 and

prices vary depending on seating location. All student tickets are \$15. Tickets can be purchased and donations can be

made using the following link: <https://ccpspac.booktix.com/seating.php> GROUP TICKETS: 1. VIP Tickets for groups of

10 or more - \$40.00 per ticket using GROUPVIP promo code. 2. Standard tickets for groups of 10 or more - \$20.00 per



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ticket using GROUP25 promo code. 3. Student tickets for groups of 10 or more will be \$10.00 per ticket and must be purchased in person with student ID.



DEPARTMENT OF EARLY LEARNING'S ANNUAL WHIMSICAL WINTER WONDERLAND PERFORMANCE: Clayton County Public Schools' Early Learning Department will host its annual Wonderful Whimsical Winter Wonderland performance on **Thursday, December 19 and Friday, December 20, 2019**. Scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m., both shows will be held at the CCPS Performing Arts Center.

2019-2020 STATE OF THE SCHOOLS ADDRESS:

Superintendent/CEO of Clayton County Public Schools, Dr. Morcease J. Beasley will host the 2019-2020 State of the Schools Address on **Tuesday, January 28, 2020!** To be held at the Clayton County Performing Arts Center, located at 2530 Mt. Zion Parkway in Jonesboro, the event will begin at 6:00 p.m. Designed to provide all supporters and partners in education with important information about the state of affairs for Clayton County Public Schools, the State of the Schools address will also

highlight the many accomplishments made during this school year and plans for the future. Should you have any questions, please contact Jada Dawkins, CCPS Chief of Communications via email (jada.dawkins@clayton.k12.ga.us). If you are unable to attend, please be sure to visit the CCPS district website, www.clayton.k12.ga.us, the night of January 28, as the event will be live-streamed.



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Departmental Updates



CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT - The 2018-2019 school year marked the beginning of Clayton County's partnership with the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI). NMSI works to expand access to challenging coursework and improve student achievement through the provision of targeted instructional and financial support to Advanced Placement (AP) STEM courses (i.e. AP English, AP Mathematics, and AP Science courses). To accomplish this goal, NMSI provides professional development opportunities for teachers, tutorial opportunities for students, instructional resources and materials, and financial incentives for progress and achievement. The Advanced Learning Department is pleased to share that Clayton County Public Schools experienced gains in **1)** the percentage of students earning qualifying scores, **2)** the percentage of students earning qualifying scores by 7 of 10 NMSI high schools and **3)** an increase in the total number of students earning qualifying scores. In addition, the Advanced Learning Department is excited to announce that 146 students received financial rewards as a result of earning qualifying scores on their AP English, AP Math, or AP Science exams. In the second year of partnership with the National Math + Science Initiative, CCPS will add North Clayton High School as the final high school to the list participating schools. As a result, all high schools in the district participate in the NMSI partnership.

DIVISION OF TECHNOLOGY - CCPS educators are participating in online Mimio Certifications programs which impart knowledge on how to use Boxlight tools at the educator and expert level, to support the CCPS instructional priorities and high impact practices. We are pleased to announce that all of the district's 66 schools have at least one certified Mimio Educator on staff. At the time of publication, Sequoyah Middle leads the way with 20 Mimio certified teachers. In addition, Mount Zion Primary, Smith Elementary, and Huie Elementary have 18 certified Mimio Educators, followed closely by a number of schools that have reached a total of 17. Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of the 665 CCPS MimioStudio Educators, arranged by school. View [THIS VIDEO](#) to learn more about the MimioStudio Certification process.



SAFETY & SECURITY - Clayton County Public Schools is in the process of piloting the Raptor Technologies Emergency Management System which is an Active Shooter and Visitor/Volunteer Management platform. This management system provides teachers and administrators the ability to instantly access class rosters via mobile devices in order to account for their students and seamlessly share data with incident managers and administrators during a crisis. The system also provides quick access to incident-specific action plans, facility maps, and emergency operating procedures as well as streamlines parent/student reunification.