

# CVMS NEWS

Expect Academic Excellence; Let Education help you Soar

April 2019

## Chattanooga Valley Middle School is successful again at our Technology Student Association State Leadership Conference!!

For the first time in our 30 year history as a middle school chapter, one of our members, Rayla Haag, was awarded the Georgia TSA Middle School Outstanding Student Award! Rayla was recognized for her outstanding accomplishments and leadership skills in our local chapter.

She also placed first in Essays on Technology and her team placed second in Technology Bowl. Her "Off The Grid" house design portfolio won second place and her Technology Bowl test results were ranked third in the state.

Thank you Rayla, for your outstanding leadership in our TSA chapter at CVMS and on our Competition Team.



CVMS TSA Competition Team Members are Bryan Ballew, Naomi Cantrell, Fuller Crumley, Jayden Curtis, Chandler Davis, Logan Fouts, Jacob Gregory, Rayla Haag, Ryson Haag, Betsy Hixon, Ethan Kennedy, Kate Kennemore, Madeline Moore, Molly Pickard, Nic Sosebee, Reagan Thacker, Kylie Thurman, Ben Wilhelm, and Luke Wilhelm.



## Students of the Month

Congratulations and thank you to the students of the month. Your actions and attitude make our school a better place! The outstanding students of March are Michael Bennett, Julia Spivey, Haley Swearengin, Cheyenne Womble (6th grade), Kaden Chapman, Kelsey Goines, Malachi Hutchinson, Jackie Morgan, Wyatt Taylor (7th grade), Baron Byrd, Lexie Elswich, Katherine Ewing, Nathaniel Gorto, Daniel Johnson, Robin Morgan (8th grade), and Lexi Outlaw (Agriculture).

## April Events

- 1-8 - Spring Break, No School
- 8 - Teacher In-service, No School
- 12 - Pre-K Lottery Drawing
- 15 - Boxtops for Education Collection Day
- 16 - ELA Milestones Testing (All Grades)
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- 18 - Math Milestones Testing (All Grades)
- 23 - Science Milestones Testing (8th Grade Only)
- 24 - Social Studies Milestones Testing (8th Grade Only)
- 25 - 8th Graders Register for RHS Classes

## What Families Can Do to Help Students During Milestones Testing

Students who are prepared, calm, and rested perform better on tests. Here are some of the many ways to help your student approach Georgia Milestones in a relaxed, positive way:

- Encourage your student to employ good study and test-taking skills. These skills include following directions carefully, avoiding careless errors, and reviewing work.
- Explain the purpose of the tests. The assessments give students an opportunity to show what they have learned in school. They also give teachers information that helps them plan instruction.
- Point out that some items may be more difficult than others.
- Be certain your student gets plenty of sleep and has a healthy breakfast and lunch. Taking tests is hard work for many students and can require a lot of energy.
- Be certain your student is at school on time. Rushing and worrying about being late could affect performance on the tests.
- Remember to ask your student about the testing at the end of the day.

Resources to help your student prepare for Georgia Milestones are available on the Georgia Department of Education's web site at <http://testing.gadoe.org>. To see what online testing is like, you and your student may visit the Experience Online Testing Georgia website at <http://gaexperienceonline.com>. The items on the demonstration tests are general and represent multiple grade levels. they do not assess student achievement.

### ***TSA Conference Top Three Placement***

First Place, Outstanding Middle School Student, Rayla Haag

First Place, Essays on Technology, Rayla Haag

First Place, VEX IQ Tournament, Kate Kennemore and Luke Wilhelm

Second Place, VEX IQ Skills Challenge, Kate Kennemore and Luke Wilhelm

Second Place, Technology Bowl, Rayla Haag, Ryson Haag, and Ethan Kennedy

Second Place, Off the Grid, Rayla Haag, Jacob Gregory, and Madeline Moore

Third Place, VEX IQ Skills Challenge, Kylie Thurman

Third Place, VEX IQ Tournament, Kylie Thurman

Third Place, Structural Engineering, Nic Sosebee and Jacob Gregory



### **Home Games**

| Date | Opponent           | Time         | Sport    |
|------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
| 9    | Christian Heritage | Boys 5:40 pm | Soccer   |
| 11   | Lafayette          | 5:00 pm      | Baseball |

### **Away Games**

| Date | Location   | Time                        | Sport    |
|------|------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| 9    | Gordon Lee | 4:30 pm                     | Track    |
| 11   | Ridgeland  | Boys 4:30 pm, Girls 5:40 pm | Soccer   |
| 12   | Gordon Lee | 5:00 pm                     | Track    |
| 13   | Walker Cup | TBD                         | Baseball |
| 15   | Heritage   | 4:30 pm                     | Track    |
| 23   | LFO        | 4:30 pm                     | Track    |

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