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Welcome to the 2024-25 School Year!

Today marks the start of a new school year in CMS, and our 85 Site Coordinators are ready to welcome students across the district! Embedded in [these CMS schools](#), our Site Coordinators work closely with students and families, building trust, identifying needs, and removing barriers to success. Our team is committed to assessing students' individual strengths and setting tailored goals using our ABC+P model — focused on Attendance, Behavior, Coursework/College & Career readiness, and Parent Engagement.

Last year, our Site Coordinators provided personalized support to over 6,000 students in 55 CMS schools, primarily in Title I/high-poverty areas. Additionally, we reached 33,000 more students through school-wide services and in-kind resources. As the number of high-poverty schools continues to grow, the need for our work has never been greater. To meet this increasing demand, we need our community's support. **Whether through [volunteering](#) or [financial contributions](#), your involvement directly helps remove barriers and expands the opportunities available to our students.** Together, we can empower more students to take control of their path and future, ensuring they have the resources and support needed to thrive.



SouthPark Community Hosts "Back To School" Event for Staff

As the school year begins, Albemarle Corporation, Coca-Cola Consolidated, and SouthPark neighborhood corporations have united to support our Site Coordinators. Their generous donations of essential items, like snacks and hygiene supplies, empower our staff to better serve students. This initiative highlights the SouthPark community's ongoing

commitment to our students' success and well-being. We extend our heartfelt thanks to these partners for making a significant impact on our community. [Read More](#) | [View Photo Gallery](#)

Celebrating the Class of 2024

The 2024-25 school year has begun, but we are still proudly celebrating our seniors who graduated in June. If you missed our Senior Spotlights on our social media channels, you can find them [here](#) on our website. Meet CIS grads [Najahla](#), [Folu](#), and [James](#), just a few who shared how CIS supported them during their high school journey and as they prepared for life after high school. Congrats again to all of our graduates in the Class of 2024!



[Najahla](#)



[Folu](#)



[James](#)



The Hartford Donates 60 Laptops to CIS Graduates

In an era where digital literacy and access to technology are paramount to success, The Hartford has stepped up in a big way to support the future of CIS students in our community. Recognizing the critical need for digital equity, The Hartford recently made a generous donation of 60 laptops to CIS graduates, ensuring they have the tools they need to thrive in college and the workforce. [Read More](#)

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Sharing our FY23 Annual Report

We are pleased to share this digital version of our [FY 2023 Annual Report](#). In 2022-23, Communities In Schools provided individual case management services to 6,395 students in grades K-12, and another 33,000 students received broad school-wide services. We are grateful to our many financial and in-kind donors, volunteers, and community partners who join us in this important work to ensure that every child has the support and resources they need to achieve success in school and beyond.



Calling All CIS-Charlotte Alumni

CIS-Charlotte is excited to announce the development of our new Alumni Program, a comprehensive initiative designed to support our graduates as they transition into adulthood and embark on their professional journeys. We are building a robust support system for our alumni, ensuring they have the resources, skills, and community connections needed to achieve their goals. If you are a CIS graduate from past years, we

want to re-connect with you! Please reach out to our Alumni Program Manager, [Holley Brown](#), or complete this [Alumni Contact Form](#). And please spread the word to other CIS graduates you know!

[Alumni Contact Form](#)



Do you know? August is **Black Philanthropy Month!** In Charlotte, the localized celebration of Black Philanthropy Month is led by the New Generation of African American Philanthropy (NGAAP) and Share Charlotte. The goal is to highlight and support local nonprofit organizations that are Black-led and/or Black-benefiting.

With more than 50% of our staff and more than 60% of the students we serve identifying as Black, CIS-Charlotte is proud to participate in #BPM2024CLT. The month culminates on August 28 with **Give 8/28**, a day recognized nationally to celebrate Black giving and support Black-led and Black-benefiting nonprofits.

Thank you for considering a [donation](#) during Black Philanthropy Month and as we begin the new school year. Our students are counting on you!

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Time to Re-link Your VIC Card

Another way you can support our students this school year is by participating in Harris Teeter's "Together In Education" program and linking your VIC Card to our CIS-Charlotte account. You can link up to five schools (CIS counts as one), and you must re-link your card once each year. August is a great time to re-link your VIC Card! CIS-Charlotte's VIC Card number is **5257**. You can visit the Harris Teeter website here to [re-link your card online](#) (or register for a VIC Card if you don't have one), or you can ask the cashier in the store to re-link it for you - just tell them #5257. Thank you!



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