

The Gentlemen's League



TGL Reading Program

The Gents League will be partnering with Dr. Steve Perry and Yusuf Salaam to start a reading program. The program will pilot with 5 lucky sixth graders (Deshawn McKay, Cederia Stinson, Jarvarrie Johnson, Marquis Raines, Mikey Williams). Featured in CNN's Black in America series, Dr. Perry is the most talked about innovative educator on the scene today. Perry is the founder and principal of what U.S. News and World Report has cited as one of the top schools in the country, Capital Preparatory Magnet School in Hartford, Connecticut.

Upcoming Events:

- December 11- Whitewater Spirit Night at Mt. Island Chik-fil-a 5 to 8pm
- December 16- Whitewater Winter Concert 6pm
- December 18- Afterschool Retreat 4 to 6pm
- December 19- Fresh Fridays

Welcome to the Fall Edition of the Gentlemen's League Newsletter!

The overarching goal for The Gentlemen's League Mentoring program is to reduce Charlotte Mecklenburg's suspension rates, and to improve student achievement and increase Charlotte Mecklenburg's graduation rate, which will ultimately decrease the juvenile violent crime rates in Charlotte for homicide, assault, and violent behavior. Our mission is to educate, empower, and elevate our males.

Why is the Gentlemen's League needed?

African-American and Hispanic America males account for 55% of all suspensions in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. 49% of male students in Title 1 schools are not proficient in reading and 50% in math.

Important Numbers

51

The number of Gents at Whitewater Academy & Middle School apart of the Gentlemen's League.

916

The amount of non perishable items that were collected at Whitewater Middle School.

2.2

The average GPA for the Gents at Whitewater Middle.



Educate ~ Empower ~ Enrich

What's Really Scary...



"...is black and brown males are not graduating high school."
 -Brandon Thomas, 7th Grader

"...is black and brown boys are never going to have the same opportunities [jobs, true freedom] as white boys."
 -Jamirious M., Former TGL President

2014-2015 Officers

- President- Daniel Lancaster
- Vice President- Ahmid Fofana
- Treasurer- Kobe Osborne
- Secretary- Rohan Burnett
- Historian- Amuri Brown
- 5th Grade President- Kaleb Thomas
- 5th Grade VP- Ambrosia Smith



The State of Black Males in Society

In the wake of the grand jury decision on the Michael Brown case, which found Officer Darren Wilson not guilty of murder, The Gents League felt the need to entertain the conversation around the value of Black Males in our nation. The morning after the controversial decision was made, some Gents (more specifically Historian, Amuri Brown) texted TGL founder, and asked to discuss the need for a special meeting. He stated that we needed to discuss the events taking place in Ferguson, MO. The meeting began by reading off the names of some young, black males who have recently been killed: Trayvon Martin, Jordan Davis, Kimani Gray, Oscar Grant, Jonathan Ferrell, Michael Brown. The question was then Asked "Who's Next?" The verdict might have influenced the public perception of black men in America, but it does not determine black male's true value or worth.



Homecoming 2014

Whitewater Middle students who participate in the school's Gentlemen's League have taken the lead in organizing food drives, College Day, Spirit Week and their school's second annual homecoming celebration. Students helped raise over \$200 to help fund the event and collected over 900 canned goods to address the hunger issues in Mecklenburg County. Whitewater's Homecoming Celebration drew a crowd of over 400 people. Shout out to TGL's Vice President, Ahmid Fofana for being voted the Homecoming Prince (7th Grade).

TGL Gold Club (3.0 GPA or Higher)!!!

Marquis Raines, Michael Wimberly, Ahmid Fofana, Malik Anthony, Kobe Osborne, and Carlos Rivera.

THE GENTS LEAGUE IS EXPANDING!

We are proud to announce that the Gents League will be expanding to its 3rd school, Eastway MS.

