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Monthly Newsletter of Launch Expeditionary Learning Charter School

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It Feels So Good To Be Back!

Our YEAR OF THRIVING is off to a tremendous start. Our annual goal is designed to provide an equity-driven, meaningful and rigorous EL education where every student can thrive in school because they feel like they belong and can succeed.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Please text YES to **67587** to opt in to receive messages from the Launch communication system.

A Message From The Principal

To our Launch Community:

We have been in school for well over a month now and things are off to a wonderful start! The Launch community has been enjoying Latinx Heritage Month this month with beautiful performances by our students and staff as well as Latinx Heritage themed-bulletin boards! Celebrating our diverse cultures is a highlight for us as we start our school year.

Academics are in full swing with students reading high-level, meaningful novels like *Feathers* by Jacqueline Woodson (6th grade), *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park (7th grade), and *Animal Farm* by George Orwell (8th grade). Teachers across all classes are focusing on delivering rigorous, data-driven small group instruction. We know that the more time we spend giving our students individualized support, the more we will see them **thriving!**

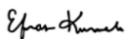
We are also addressing the importance of a safe and healthy community in many ways. Our students are diligent to keep their masks on, period by period sanitation is happening, and our weekly COVID-19 testing program has been strong.

We are also attending to a safe and healthy community by talking with our students about the impact of peer pressure and saying NO to drugs, tobacco and alcohol. At our first community meeting, I was able to address each grade level on the importance of SAYING NO to drugs. As teenagers, our students benefit from explicit guidance and mentorship to help them make wise decisions. We are actively giving students the tools to handle social situations that arise as they move into adolescence.

Please make sure to follow us on Instagram - @launchcharter - if you do not yet do so. Our posts celebrate the excellence of our community and uplift joy, achievement and growth each day!

Feel free to reach out to myself or any member of the Launch Crew anytime. We are your partners!

Ubuntu,



Efrat Kussell
Principal
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"We know that the more time we spend giving our students individualized support, the more we will see them thriving! "

Efrat Kussell
PRINCIPAL



A Message from our Family Engagement Coordinator

Greetings Launch Community,

"Launch students have been afforded wonderful opportunities to engage in clubs and enrichment programs throughout the year."

Sheryl Davis
**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
COORDINATOR**

During the last year many have had life changing events, some have made the conscious decision to change careers and/ or enter into entrepreneurship. If you and/or your child have decided that entrepreneurship is the direction you would like to explore, please join our PA on **Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6pm** to obtain information on how to start or expand your brand. We will have special guests in attendance. Students are encouraged to attend and share their YouTube channels for new subscribers to their products. Zoom link will be shared in upcoming emails.

Launch students have been afforded wonderful opportunities to engage in clubs and enrichment programs throughout the year. Please have conversations with your students about what programs they are involved in, if they participate and if they do not, then inquire why not, stress the importance of being able to take advantage of any and all enrichments to explore future options, develop adaptive skills, while bonding within the Launch Community.

In Unity,
Sdavis@launchschool.org

Launch Committees

On Wednesday, September 8th our staff had their first committee meetings. This school year each committee will be responsible to communicate and promote the work within their grade level and department teams to ensure that all staff members at Launch are apprised of the work and can give input. There are 7 committees:

- **Literacy Committee** will plan structures and events to engage students, families and staff around a culture of literacy.
- **STEAM Committee** will plan structures and events to engage students, families and staff around a STEAM.
- **Restorative Justice Council** will serve as a liaison for restorative justice work between staff members, and or students.
- **Launch Celebrations** will collaborate around planning BLM year of action initiatives and serving as a sounding board for SEL afternoon programming.
- **Launch Staff Support Committee** will uplift community-centered, equitable practices to ensure that all new to Launch staff feel welcomed and belonging at Launch.
- **New Staff Support Committee** will uplift community-centered, equitable practices to ensure that all new to Launch staff feel welcomed and belonging at Launch.
- **Data Practices Committee** will focus on developing and presenting differentiated PD to develop deeper understanding of our school data and how to implement and track actions steps to support an equitable and celebratory school culture that attends to the potential and growth of every student.



A Message From Our Director of School Operations

Hello All,

My name is Shakur Joseph and I am the New Director of School Operations at Launch Charter School. Listed below are a few things to look out for this month and some information to note:

In our efforts to support students through this pandemic and a possible school closure, we have developed a **Chromebook Loaner Program**. The purpose of the Chromebook loaner program at Launch Expeditionary Learning Charter School is to provide tools and resources to our students as we navigate an educational landscape that includes distance learning as part of the structure. In the case of a school closure, Students will be issued a loaner Chromebook for educational use only. Students and parents must assume full responsibility for the care and proper use of their assigned Chromebook with the serial number and/or asset tag listed on the signature agreement. We are asking that every student understand and complete this agreement alongside their parent/guardian. We will send this out on September 29th and again on October 5th, 2021 via parent emails.

Map Testing will take place on Wednesday, October 6th and Thursday, October 7th. Students will sit down for their Math and ELA test on both days. Reminders will go out prior to remind students and families about testing!

Picture Day is on Monday, October 18th, 2021. All students will have the opportunity to participate and will be provided with proofs in the event that parents/guardians want to purchase their students photos. We will be sending out information in our Friday Family Memo this month and will schedule phone reminders as the date gets closer. For more information, please reach out to the ops team at Info@launchschool.org.

As a reminder, if you haven't already, please reach out to your medical provider to update your child's **Immunizations** for the 2021-2022 school year. 6th grader students must receive a Tdap shot while 7th grader students must receive their meningitis immunization from their medical provider. If you have questions related to immunizations or other student records, please reach out to info@launchschool.org



A Message From Our Celebrations Coordinator

Greetings amazing Launch Community,

This month we will be celebrating Spirit Week - Winter Edition! Spirit Week will be October 25th- 29th. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

Please remember to ask our Launch students about their Community Meeting celebration for September! It was our first and community feedback will be helpful to continue bringing joy and belonging for our students!

October will also be Anti Bullying Awareness month. During SEL afternoons, we will focus on student discussions on what goals we can achieve to prevent bullying in our community.

Please look forward to emails and flyers sent home about our October events.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

- Spirit Week-Winter Edition
- Community Meeting Talent Show
- Character/Costume Friday- October 29th



6TH GRADE UPDATES

Message from the Grade Level Chair

Welcome to Launch! The 6th grade team is so excited to welcome all of your students to the Launch community. It has been wonderful seeing them grow and build relationships as they become middle school students at Launch! There's so much going on, with amazing discussions in Crew and class, Asase Ya teaching our students drumming and dance, SEL afternoons building our students' social awareness, and many of our 6th graders participating in Launch clubs!

As students transition from elementary school to middle school and have many more teachers, communication continues to be critical! **Please never hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers and Crew advisors - and we'll be reaching out to you as well! We look forward to working closely with you this year to support your child's growth and success!**

MATH

6th Grade Math is off to an amazing start! Your child has already begun learning about negative numbers and comparing fractions and decimals, and we're moving on to multiplying and dividing fractions and decimals! Students have **math homework every Thursday night** which is carefully designed to help them achieve at high levels on their **weekly Friday quizzes**.

A huge shout out to our first Math Student of the Month - Bethany Grant Matthews!

To support your student, please encourage them to use Dreambox at home - this is a math program that tailors it's lessons to your students needs! You can also support your student by reviewing the lessons from their text book with them. The LEARN section of each chapter reviews key ideas for the skills they are learning. You can access the workbook virtually by going to this website and entering the following information: <https://www.hmhco.com/ui/login/>

Country: United States

State: New York

District: New York City Dept of Ed

Username: student's Launch email address

Password: 1580Launch!

Please reach out if you have any questions!

Mr. Kilgore - ekilgore@launchschool.org

Ms. Rodriguez - arodriguez@launchschool.org

ART

6th graders are exploring their imagination through designing their own brand of sneakers! With our study of lines and shapes our goal is to create a powerful emotion through the use of these two very important fundamentals of art!



ELA

6th grade ELA is off to an amazing start! Your student is currently reading the novel called Feathers by Jacqueline Woodson. **So far your child has read up to chapter 6 in the book and completed a variety of learning activities that correspond with those chapters.** Two skills your child has been focusing on is finding the main idea of a text and analyzing who characters are in the text. At the end of last week students had an exam in class on chapter 7. On this exam your child read chapter 7 and answered comprehension questions. This exam was taken in class, on the platform GoFormative. **To support your student, please encourage them to read their independent reading for at least 30 minutes daily--- this helps your student grow as a reader by building stamina.**

SCIENCE

6th Grade Science is off to a strong start! We have started our first unit, Geology on Mars. In this unit, students are taking on the role of Planetary Geologists, gathering evidence to support their claim about what created the channel landform on Mars. Students will demonstrate their understanding through scientific writing in which they will defend their claim with evidence and scientific reasoning. Students have been completing assignments in class and have also taken their first quiz. **Shout out to our Student Scientist Nazdur Kelley, our first Science Student of the Month!!**

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr. Krugielki - mkrugielki@launchschool.org

SOCIAL STUDIES

6th Grade Social Studies is beginning their journey diving into Africa as social explorers. In Social Studies, we are leaping into the history of Ancient African Civilizations. We will be specifically focusing on the importance of the birth of Africa and the beginning stages of African Civilizations. Students have Social Studies homework every Tuesday, which continues the critical thinking process bringing students a step closer to answering, **Why is Africa Important?**

Huge shoutouts to Joy Lewis (6.1) and Avian Knight (6.2) and Nakaij Woodruffe! These students continue to highlight all Habits of Heart and Mind each and every class! These students also contribute their big thinking ideas creating fun and spicy class discussions.

6th Grade Students of the Month

Math Student of the Month September 2021

Bethany Grant Matthews

Bethany has gotten off to an outstanding start in Math this year! She's consistently focused on her work, putting in her best effort. She frequently participates by asking and answering questions, and helps the whole class grow by sharing her thinking. Keep up the outstanding work!

Science Student of the Month - September 2021

Nazdur Kelley

Nazdur is ALWAYS on point in Science class. He performs at a high level and is always eager to participate during class. He adds to our discussion and is focused everyday! We look forward to your growth as a student scientist! Thanks for being amazing, Nazdur! You're a rock star scientist!

Social Studies Student of the Month - September 2021

Joy Lewis

Joy is a light in the classroom. Over the course of this first month, Joy has executed ALL HABITS OF HEART AND MIND. Joy is always on point in social studies and is always focused in class. Joy's Big Thinking has definitely sparked great discussions in CREW AND SOCIAL STUDIES. KEEP UP THE DEDICATION and We can't wait to see your journey as a Social Explorer throughout the year!

ELA Student of the Month September 2021

Avian Knight

Avian has started off the year very dedicated and focused during class time. He is always on task and is very precise about his work. He cares about his work and he also cares about his class as a whole. He makes sure that the expectations are met and he is a joy to have in class. His daily contributions to class discussion make the class thrive.

Fine Art Student of the Month September 2021

Cephiar White

You have been thriving in art class this semester!! Your artwork is imaginative and energetic! Continue being that creative genius in art class!! It's very inspiring!

Phys Ed Student of the Month - September 2021

Joy Lewis

This student from day one was a natural leader and a hell of an athlete. The way your energy was during our cardiovascular endurance stations was amazing and you make your peers around you more confident and I appreciate it so much! Keep it up and always stay Legendary!

Habit Hero Dedication and Practice

Dakota Smith

Dakota has demonstrated Dedication and practice daily since starting 6th grade. Dakota is always looking for ways to improve in her classes, whether it's asking teachers for help, leaning on classmates for support, or even asking for feedback on ways to improve. Dakota has been a sunshine in class dedicating herself to her learning by being a critical thinker and adding big thinking points throughout class discussions, especially in social studies!

Habit Hero Kindness and Collaboration

Genesis Barnes

Genesis has shown outstanding Kindness and Collaboration since the start of the year by working closely with her partner in class, supporting her partner, and advocating on her partners behalf when she needs something. She is showing great responsibility not only for her own growth and learning but is also working hard to support her friend. Keep being awesome!

Habit Hero Integrity and Stewardship

Amari Pierce

Amari has demonstrated integrity and stewardship as a 6th grader since day one! He is always helpful in his classroom community, especially within his role of technology manager. He models to other students the importance of doing well in class but also being kind to the community. Thanks Amari for being a Habit Hero!!

Habit Hero Spirit and Imagination

Bethany Grant Matthews

Bethany has gotten off to an outstanding start in Math this year! She's consistently focused on her work, putting in her best effort. She frequently participates by asking and answering questions, and helps the whole class grow by sharing her thinking. Keep up the outstanding work!

7TH GRADE UPDATES

Message from the Grade Level Chair

We have just completed our first full month of the 2021-2022 school year! **I am happy to share that we have had an incredibly successful school year so far.** Our 7th graders are clearly happy to all be back together for full school days. They are enjoying the benefits of the increased level of socialization with their classmates and contact time with their teachers. Our 7th graders are engaging in class discussions, diving into clubs, and joining in our school wide programs such as Asase Yaa. We love connecting with our families, so please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. We look forward to growing more as a strong 7th grade community this school year!

MATH

In Class: We are learning how to evaluate and solve problems involving positive and negative numbers. We are extending their previous knowledge of whole numbers and their negative opposites to all numbers, including fractions and decimals. Students are engaged in real-world applications of these skills by investigating changes in temperature, elevation, and money.

Homework: Given every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday (Completed in their Math homework book)

Quizzes: Quizzes are given every Friday.

Upcoming Tests: End-of-Unit test is on Thursday, October 14th

ART

We have begun to dig deeper into the lives of Hispanic, Latina, Latino and Latinx surrealist artists like Frida Kahlo, Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali, Remedios Varo and more! They will begin their very first project using photoshop by creating their very own surrealism practice project and selecting a characteristic of surrealism they'd like to explore such as juxtaposition, metamorphosis, scale, repetition, and impossible action. **Once students have mastered the basic tools of photoshop they will begin to paint surreal self portraits in photoshop late October.**



ELA

Current Text: *A Long Walk to Water*, by Linda Sue Park

Students are cruising through our first ELA class text, which we will finish reading in early October! Following our analysis of the novel, students will be working to craft compare and contrast writing pieces which analyze the different perspectives of Lost Boys and Lost Girls of the Sudan. We will jump into our next unit by the end of the month, which focuses on LatinX character-driven novel studies. **Homework: Assigned Nightly! Want to check it? Ask for the indigo ELA folder! Quizzes: Weekly, covering vocabulary and applying reading skills to a new text**

SCIENCE

We are currently making our way through Amplify's Harnessing Human Energy unit, where students are exploring all things energy. Different types of energy, how energy is transferred, and stored. Our design problem for the entire unit focuses on brainstorming inventions to help rescue workers charge their electrical devices when/if the power goes out! **In late October, we will move on to our Force and Motion Unit, which will conclude with an Engineering Internship Project!!**

SOCIAL STUDIES

Current Case Study: 13 colonies!

Students are completing their colony advertisement project. Each student has been assigned a colonial region and did tons of research. Their job is to persuade colonists to want to live in their region using the information they collected. Moving forward in the next week students will be kicking off their new case study about modern day colonialism. Students will get a closer look on the history of Puerto Rico and decide whether they believe Puerto Rico should remain a colony/territory, become a state, or an independent nation. Following building their background knowledge of modern day colonialism in Puerto Rico a socratic seminar will take place for students to share their voice on this very important topic.

Homework: If students did not complete classwork it may turn into HW to be completed for full credit.

Quizzes/Test: End of each case study.

7th Grade Students of the Month

Reader of the Month: Joshua Pabon



Congratulations, Josh !

Throughout the school year so far, Josh has consistently and actively demonstrated advanced thinking and reading skills in ELA. Not only that, but the writing he produces shows tremendous amounts of dedication and expertise. An avid reader, Josh has most definitely earned this month's ELA Student of the Month Award! Keep up the great work!

You represented **Mercy and the Scholar's Collaboration crew** so well!



Historian of the Month: Jaylen Charles



Jaylen is a dedicated historian who always gives her best effort in social studies, whether we are reading, writing or discussing. She shows a curiosity for the subject and is always eager to learn more. We look forward to lots more awesome work from Jaylen this year, as she is off to such a great start!

Congratulations, Jaylen!

You represented **Buffalo and the Mighty Tigers** well!



Scientist of the Month: Tyeqail McCall



Since day 1, Tyeqail, you have been open-minded, curious, and brave. You have asked excellent questions, made fantastic contributions, and have been a model scientist for your classmates. The work you have done has laid a solid foundation for the rest of this year's science learning journey, and it's been such a pleasure to have you in class and to teach you! Very proud of you!!!

Congratulations, Tye !

You represented **Mercy and the Scholar's Collaboration crew** well!



Mathematician of the Month: Alan Galvan



Congratulations on being Math scholar of the month!! You are always willing to collaborate with your classmates. You are proactive, advocate for yourself, and for consistently trying your best. When faced with difficult problems, you always persevere and never give up!

Congratulations, Alan!

You represented **Columbia and the Watchful Wolves Crew** well!



Artist of the Month: ERIK LANFRANCO



Erik is a kindhearted and hard-working young man. He is always willing to help others and comes into class every day with a smile on his face and ready to learn. Erik's strong sense of responsibility and character make him a great peer role model. He isn't easily pulled into drama or immature behavior that may be taking place and always stays true to who he is. Congrats, Erik!

Congratulations, ERIK!

You represented **Columbia and the Watchful Wolves Crew** well!



Athlete of the Month:

LEGENDARY

I have to be honest this young lady stole my heart with her passion and hard work since welcome week. Please continue to come to Phys.Ed with that great energy every week, its students like you that makes me feel good in what I do. Stay Legendary!

Congratulations, Narali Acosta

You represented **CLASS and your Crew** well!



STEM Student of the Month Luciano Marcos



Luciano has challenged himself in STEM by requesting higher level work. He also takes on great happiness by helping his peers if they are struggling. Luciano shows Dedication and Practice by always being open to taking on challenges. He also shows Spirit and Collaboration when helping his classmates.

Congratulations,! Luciano Marcos
You represented **Bowie State University** well!



STEM Student of the Month Jeanette Brown



Jeanette has shown great enthusiasm towards learning since the first day of school. Her ability to take on challenges to pursue a positive outcome displays great Dedication and Practice. Jeanette also brings great Spirit and Collaboration to each class. We look forward to seeing great growth from Jeanette in the future.

Congratulations,! Jeanette Brown
You represented **Bowie State University** well!



8TH GRADE UPDATES

Message from the Grade Level Chair

We're happy to have our 8th graders back in the building demonstrating their Leadership skills here at Launch. **We are focused on academic excellence and high quality assignments while supporting students as they continue to transition back into the norm of in person learning.** In addition to academics, our 8th graders engage in joyous cultural enrichment activities such as Asase Ya, which brings African dance, drumming and hip hop dance classes to our building each week. You can check your child's progress by viewing their grades on Google Classroom. We love hearing from our families, so please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

MATH

In October, we will be continuing our unit on exponents. 8th graders will continue to grapple with exponential notation through discovery tasks and application assignments. They will understand and apply the law of exponents to simplify expressions. **Homework is given on Monday and due by Friday and we have weekly quizzes every Friday.**

ART

We have begun to dig deeper into the lives of Hispanic, Latina, Latino and Latinx surrealist artists like Frida Kahlo, Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali, Remedios Varo and more! They will begin their very first project using photoshop by creating their very own surrealism practice project and selecting a characteristic of surrealism they'd like to explore such as juxtaposition, metamorphosis, scale, repetition, and impossible action. Once students have mastered the basic tools of photoshop they will begin to paint surreal self portraits in photoshop late October.



ELA

We have begun our study of *Animal Farm*. Through this unit, we will be discussing the text itself and key literary elements like characterization, motif, and theme; we will also be looking at the social psychology principles that influence the behavior of the animals. We'll be putting on our psychologist hats to discuss concepts like scapegoating, gaslighting, fear, propaganda, and belonging.

SCIENCE

Students will continue to explore the ecosystem throughout the month of October. They will finish writing from the perspective of journalists exploring an ecosystem and then begin to dive deeper into interactions of living things and how humans impact ecosystems and what impacts affect our local ecosystem. Please ask your child about their ecosystem project! They have written some amazing work!

SOCIAL STUDIES

We have begun our "**Leaders Of the Free World**" Unit. We will be diving into the different leaders of our country and the decisions they made throughout history. We will be analyzing primary and secondary sources to understand more about how our country began through discussions about the founding fathers, the principles of the declaration of independence, and the constitution. We will be investigating and critically thinking as historians to come to our own conclusions about the history of this country.

8th Grade Students of the Month

Student of the Month Science

Javin Hall

Javin exemplifies what it means to be a scientist through his genuine curiosity of the world around him and engagement in every lesson! Keep up the good work!

Ms. Alexander

Signature: Your Name

Ms. Cooper

Signature: Your Name

Student of the Month Math

Kalifa Nathan

Kalifa has shined in this first month in Math class. Kalifa completes all assignments with high quality work and shows great collaboration skills by helping classmates.

Ms. Webb

Ms. Webb

Ms. Fears

Ms. Fears

Student of the Month ELA

Kizonnia Bowen

You are an enthusiastic reader with lots of great contributions to class discussion. We appreciate your engagement!

Ms. Duran

Ms. Duran

Ms. Milota

Ms. Milota

Student of the Month Social Studies

Treasure Daniel

Treasure exhibits the skills of a historian through her high quality work and responses. We appreciate your dedication!

Ms. Otiti

Ms. Otiti

Ms. Wright

Ms. Wright

Student of the Month Art

SHAQUANY GRANT

Shaquany is a great student who participates in class, encourages classmates, and is always eager to learn to do more. He asks questions and never afraid to take a risk. Keep up the amazing work.

Ms. Scott

Signature: Ms. Scott

Student of the Month Physical Education

Infinity Maulsby

This one right here is what growth is all about and it's personal for me. I watch this young lady mature and became the class top leader, not to mention the huge improvement on your athletic ability. Keep working and ALWAYS

Mr. Leslie

Signature: Mr. Leslie

Stay Legendary!

Student of the Month Humanities

Bryanna Price

Bryanna is a pleasure to have in class. She pushes herself to read, ask questions, and participate in class discussions. She is supportive of her peers and has a healthy sense of humor.

Ms. Andy & Ms. P

Signature: Ms. Andy & Ms. P

Student of the Month Humanities

Violette Greenberg

Violette is inquisitive and engaging. She asks deep questions and contributes to class discussions. She supports her classmates and is a pleasure to have in class.

Ms. Andy & Ms. P

Signature: Ms. Andy & Ms. P

MULTI-SUBJECT UPDATES

Message from the Grade Level Chair

We are going into the Fall season and feeling very acclimated to the flow of the 2021 -2022 school year. In our small Multi Subject family we have welcomed the new, excited about our 2020 6th graders who are now 7th graders and enjoying the last year we will have with our 8th graders before they venture into High School. **In addition to our small family of students we have also created a strong support system for our parents and guardians.** We are looking forward to continuing our strong connections to provide the best education for your children.

STEM

Hello Launch Families for our STEM Multi-Subject students! We are ELATED to have started our hands on science experiments in our classes!! We opened up our unit with making predictions about what might happen when sugar is burned and taking a deep dive into the study of elements, their atomic numbers and how atoms are rearranged. In math, we are taking a deep dive into our **NEW curriculum from Beast Academy** in which scholars are learning in a really fun way, through comics!! This is a high interest amongst our scholars and we are overtly joyful that this approach to math will capture their attention and aid in them gaining a deeper understanding of math standards.

The greatest support we can ask of you all at home is to allow your scholar to log on to i-Ready each night and work towards completing independent lessons to keep their skills sharp!



HUMANITIES

We are so excited to encourage a love for learning for our MS students. Let's encourage them to read at least 15 minutes a day! **Reading every day doesn't just improve reading comprehension; it increases vocabulary. It empowers readers to empathize with others and helps create productive citizens. It even decreases stress and helps them sleep better!**

We are also focusing on American History this year, starting with the rich culture and history of Native Americans. We will then examine history from Colonial America to the American Revolution and the reconstruction. Why? Studying history enables our students to develop a better understanding of the world in which they live and enables them to develop a much greater appreciation for current events today.

Ms. Rodriguez - arodriguez@launchschool.org





Clubs at Launch

What is a Launch Club?

A Launch Club is structured choice time for students who meet weekly attendance standards as a celebration of their hard work. It also provides space for students who did not meet restorative expectations to reflect and plan how they will improve in a quiet, focused, space outdoors, or indoors.

The different Clubs are Running, Volleyball, Skills & Drills, Flag Football, Soccer, Tennis, Launch Diamonds (Step), Dance, Art (high school portfolio prep), Cooking, Dazzle & Dip, Business & printing, BSU (Black Student Union), Communications & Social Media and Sunshine committee.

Launch Clubs is a way to focus on social bonding, interest, and extracurricular activities. Fun is a fundamental need that all people have. At Launch Clubs we are a balance between academic learning and social and emotional learning. Launch clubs are a place for students to discover their passions.

Launch Clubs provide:

- 1hr of an activity (Thursdays 3:15pm-4:15pm)
- Real life skills
- Space to showcase students' talents
- Building on our Habits of Heart & Mind
- Virtual and/or outdoor outlet
- Social bonding and Crew
- Community Collaborations

Message from our Counseling Team

Greetings Family,

As the school year has gotten underway, The Counseling Team is excited to provide services to students and families. Our team has grown to include 4 full time counselors. This allows for greater support to students and a wider range of services available. This year we are excited for collaborations with various outside programs including Girls Inc. Girls Inc is a program designed for girls of color to build self esteem and learn about caring for their mind and body.

In addition to this partnership, The Counseling team is providing resources for families in temporary housing through the food justice program with Campaign Against Hunger. We look forward to meeting and connecting with you all through Parent Meetings and future workshops.

If you or your child is interested in counseling services or need a referral to a community resources please do not hesitate to reach out via call or email.

Dominique Marshall (718) 715-1573
Counseling Dept Chair
counselingteam@launchschool.org



Message from our Restorative Practices Coordinator

Greetings Launch Community,

As we are getting acclimated back in the building with our students, we want to remind students that masks should always be worn above the nose. Remind students to come in uniform:

- Launch uniform shirt, and or college T-shirt and black pants or Launch sweats Monday - Thursday
- On Friday a Launch T-shirt, and or college T-shirt with any pants (No ripped jeans, biker shorts, mini skirts)

If your child is dealing with any type of conflict, they can reach out to the Restorative Justice team in room 309.
If you have any questions about our Restorative approach to discipline, please reach out to Mr. Antoine at 718-559-9064 via text or call and/or Email: wantoine@launchschool.org

Ubuntu “ I am because we are, We are because we are”,

Winsdy Antoine



October 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2 TCAH Harvest Festival - Launch Diamonds Perform!
4	5	6 MAP Assessment #1 Launch Recruitment Open House 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	7 MAP Assessment #1	8 1/2 Day for Students Dismiss at 1pm	9
11 School Closed - Indigenous People's Day	12	13 Parent Association Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	14	15	16
18 Picture Day	19	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2 Election Day - Remote	3	4	5 End of Quarter 1	6

If you don't already please follow us on:

Instagram

@launcher

Facebook

@LaunchSchool

Linkedin

Launch Expeditionary Learning Charter School

Twitter

@Launchcharter1

Do you know any 5th graders?

The Launch application for the 2021-2022 school year is open! Please spread the word and check out our website (scan the QR code) to find the application and recruitment event information. **If you refer a family who applies, please let us know. We love to thank your current families for spreading the word.**

Questions?

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