



WILDFLOWER WORD

The Family Newsletter for Malcolm Shabazz City High School



Greetings from Principal Chantel

We hope this newsletter finds you filled with excitement and anticipation for the new school year at Shabazz! We are absolutely thrilled to welcome back our scholars and see our hallways and classrooms bustling with energy.

This week, we kicked off the academic journey with a bang by organizing an all-school field trip. It was a fantastic opportunity for our scholars to come together, build connections, and create lasting memories. From conquering rope obstacle courses to making salsa in a vibrant garden, the activities were designed to foster teamwork, creativity, and personal growth.

At Shabazz, we believe in nurturing a strong sense of community. We understand that genuine connections between scholars contribute to a supportive learning environment where everyone can thrive. Our aim is not only to provide high-quality education but also to cultivate relationships that will last beyond the classroom.

As we embark on this new school year, we want scholars to know that their presence is valued and appreciated. Your unique contributions make our community stronger and more vibrant. We've missed their presence during the summer break, and now we are eager to witness each of their growth as they embrace new challenges and opportunities. Remember that each day is an opportunity for growth, learning, and making a positive impact on those around you.

Attendance matters!

We have an incredible journey ahead of us this year! Together, let's make it one filled with meaningful experiences, personal achievements, and unforgettable moments for our scholars.

-Principal Chantel Angeletti

Madison Metropolitan School District #ATTENDANCEMATTERS

Your student's success in school is a goal that is shared by parents and educators. MMSD has adopted, as one of its priorities, that all students will have 94% attendance. Missing just two days a month adds up to the maximum of 10 days to be missed during the school year!

IF YOUR STUDENT HAS UNEXCUSED ABSENCES WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

1-2 Unexcused Absences	Safe Arrival Call
3-4 Unexcused Absences	Safe arrival call from the teacher and/or visit from teacher or other school staff
5 Unexcused Absences	Letter requiring guardian meeting to develop parent/student support plan from the school's student services and administrator
6-9 Unexcused Absences	School team will continue to work with families to implement the Parent/Student Contract, and support improvement of student attendance.
10 Unexcused Absences	Attendance Review and potential court proceedings

PREVENTING HABITUAL TRUANCY

- Contact your school every time your child is not in attendance.
- Working with your school when they contact you by phone, text, email, or letter regarding your child's attendance.
- Reach out to your student's teacher and/or other student support staff if you have concerns about your child's attendance.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT?



Communicate with your student's school right away! A parent/guardian should call the school attendance line before 9:00 a.m.



Parents/Guardians may report an absence 24 hours a day. You can call the school attendance number or use the infinite campus app on your mobile device to report why your student missed.

COMMON TERMS

- **Tardy:** Missing part of a school day, may be the start of the day or period
- **Excused Absence:** Parent/guardian informs the school of the child's absence
- **Unexcused Absence:** No contact or information given to the school related to the absence
- **Truant/Habitually Truant:** Missing part or all of 5 or more days without an acceptable excuse as defined by MMSD attendance codes
- **Chronic Absenteeism:** Missing so much school for any reason, that a student is academically at risk. Missing 10% of school days within one academic year for any reason. Students should have 10 or fewer absences each school year per MMSD board policy.

THE HABITUAL TRUANCY PROCESS

In the event your child does become Habitually Truant, your school is required to begin the Habitual Truancy Process.

This process consists of four parts:

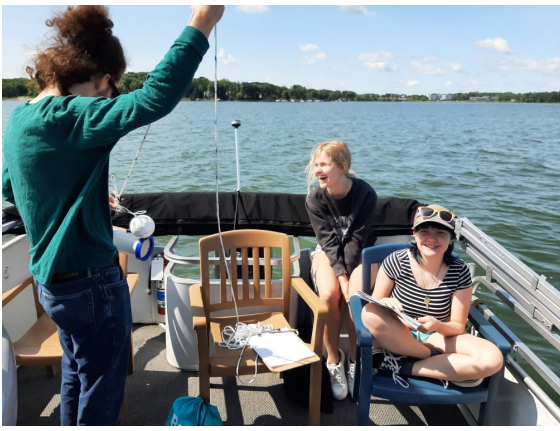
- A notification will be sent, by first class mail, when your child becomes Habitually Truant.
- A conference will be arranged, that requires your involvement, during which your child's attendance will be discussed and we will work together to find solutions that address the truancy.
- An Attendance Improvement Plan will be developed at the conference focusing on those solutions.
- Your child's attendance will be monitored for improvement and a 30-day Review Conference will be arranged that, again, requires your involvement.

The purpose of the Habitual Truancy Process is to identify the cause(s) of attendance problems and identify supports within the school and community that can assist your student and your family.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

There are three ways to excuse absences:

- Fill out the [online form](#)
- Leave a message on the attendance line: (608) 204-2441
- Email Jaren at jkchristians@madison.k12.wi.us



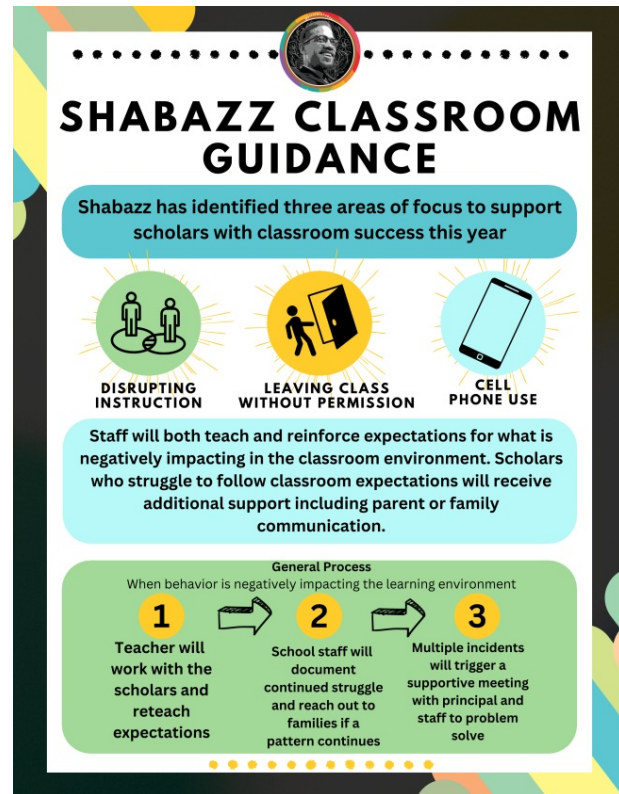
Ecology Summer Class

Shabazz Summer School

The thing I enjoyed the most about summer program was all the hands on work we did. We spent most days outside working on restoring forests and prairies. This made me feel like I was contributing to my community in an impactful way, I got to watch my classmates experience spin casting which I have always enjoyed as a past time. Watching them learn new joy with the hobby.

~Theo, Senior Class

Shabazz has identified three areas of focus to support scholars with classroom success this year. Here is a snapshot of the classroom guidance and process.



Mark Your Calendars

Below are some important dates to note for the upcoming month

Sept 11-Safety Week/Presentation

11th-Practice Fire Drill

12th-Practice HOLD

13th-Practice SHELTER

14th-Practice SECURE

15th-Practice LOCKDOWN

Sept 25-Picture Day



Oct 20-No School/Staff PD
Oct 26-Picture Day Retake
Oct 30-Spirit Week Begins

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY: FRIDAY, 9/25!

Our school picture day will be the morning of Friday, September 25rd in our LMC! It's especially important that we have good attendance on this day, because this is also how students have their official MMSD Shabazz ID created.

If you would like to order school photos from Lifetouch, order forms and flyers are available on the front counter of the Shabazz Welcome Center. All students will also receive proofs about a week after picture day, if they would like to order prints.

EARN FREE COLLEGE CREDIT

Did you know that as an upcoming Junior or Senior you can take college classes through Madison College or UW Madison for FREE? You can also get a head start on the program you're interested in completing OR begin with one of Madison College's Academies.

- Basic Early Childhood Educator
- Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Emergency Medical Responder
- Fire Recruit
- Fitness Instructor
- Medical Office/Scheduler

Check out the [MMSD Early College website](#) for more information! Applications are available by contacting Elizabeth Long, Shabazz Counselor, and are due September 29, 2023.



Call for Donations Healthy Snacks!

Greetings Families!! We are accepting donations of healthy, single-serve snacks for our snack bowl! This may include cereal/granola bars, individual cracker/veggie straw packs, fruit snacks, etc. These snacks help keep our students stay happy and fresh!

THANK YOU!!!!!!



Where in the World Are Our Shabazz Grads?

We want to hear from you! Our monthly newsletter often

includes a column about our Shabazz graduates. So tell us what's new, where you are, and what you're doing these days.

[Click here to fill out the survey](#)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

What is required each and every day is for your student to bring their Chromebook and charging cord.

Unlike elementary and middle, high schools do not have official school supply lists. However, high school students still need school supplies! Students should be familiar with the basic supplies needed for classes, and what works best for them to stay organized.

- Water bottle
- Backpack or tote bag
- Basic school supplies (writing utensils, notebooks or loose leaf paper, folders or binders)

If a class requires special supplies, the teacher will communicate this with students and parents. If students would like a locker and loaner lock for the year, they know to check in with Cyndi in the Welcome Center!

*Personal pencil sharpeners are not allowed on campus. All classrooms have electric sharpeners available for student use as needed.

GET FREE/REDUCED MEALS & A BUS PASS

We are asking that everyone creates an account for their student in School Cafe and then fills out the free/reduced meal application. [Please click here to create an account and apply!](#)

When a student qualifies for free or reduced meals, I can also assign them a coveted Madison Metro Bus Pass, which is good 24/7 for the entire school year! Even if you don't plan on eating school meals, you do want to get a bus pass!



**We are off to a great start to the 23-24 year!
Welcome back!**



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