

# newsletter

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CHARTER SCHOOL

## Welcome to the Village Night!



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On June 15, 2023, we welcomed over 200 new families for our first annual Welcome To The Village Night. New families met and greeted the Superintendent, school leaders, and other key stakeholders within the MPTCS Village. Parents and guardians were introduced to the mission, purpose, and history of our village. Families participated in a slideshow presentation followed by a Q&A session where they were given an opportunity to prepare their children for their first day of school. It was a great success!

# Summer Program @ PAC Academy



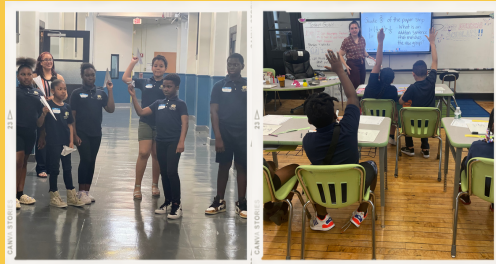
## CREDIT RECOVERY & SUMMER BRIDGE @ THE HS

Students at the high school are able to participate in our **Summer Credit Recovery program**. This provides students with an opportunity to retake any courses that they did not pass. We want to ensure we are setting up our students for success so that they are **ON TRACK** for graduation. The program runs from July 10th-August 4th, from 8:15 a.m.-12:40 p.m. The ESL program is also taking place at the HS from July 13th-August 4th.

ALL incoming 9th graders are expected to attend the **Summer Bridge program**. It takes place July 24th-July 28th. Attendance is **MANDATORY!**

The summer program at PAC is off to an amazing start! Teach for America (TFA) members have been leading instruction to close gaps in Math and ELA. They are also offering many engaging enrichment programs and activities in the classroom. Each instructional session is based on grade-level and individual needs.

At PAC, we also offer enrichment opportunities through special classes such as gym, art, makerspace, and music. Some students have even expressed their desire for the PAC summer enrichment program to be longer because they are enjoying themselves and they are learning so much! We **LOVE** to see their **EXCITEMENT!**



## SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT

Two of our rising 11th graders (Tora Miles and Awa Bah) were accepted into the Princeton-Blairstown Center's Leader-in-Training (LIT) program. The purpose of this program is to:

- Develop critical 21st Century & SEL skills like critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication, self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making
- Explore a range of leadership styles
- Learn important hard and soft employment skills
- Develop financial literacy
- Understand the process of preparing for college or technical school
- Experience the value of reflection through conversation in small groups with a focus on one's personal journey and the tools needed to navigate life
- Receive mentoring by PBC Staff to help plan for life beyond graduation, including college essay/application assistance and career planning support



**Tora & Awa will be paid a \$1000 stipend for the completion of the 6-week program from July 3rd - August 12th**



# GET TO KNOW OUR NEW PRINCIPALS



**Ms. Natasha Jones**  
PAC Academy

**Fun Facts:**

As a child, I wanted to be a fashion designer and interior decorator.

I enjoy watching Family Feud, Court TV shows, & Professional Boxing

I played Volleyball and Softball in Elementary and High School.

I loves spending time with my family.



**Mr. Erick Silvestre**  
STEAM Academy

**What is your favorite book and movie?**

Book: Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code

Movie: Braveheart

**What is your DREAM vacation destination?**

Any All inclusive resort in the Caribbean

**What is your favorite food?**

White rice with tostones and grilled salmon.

**Who inspires you and why? Please share your favorite inspirational quote...**

My father inspires me. He sacrificed so much to give my siblings and I the opportunity for a better life. He always modeled working hard, being dependable and putting family first.

Quote: "All of us are better than any one of us"



**Ms. Talia Snipes**  
HS of Culinary & Performing Arts

**Fun Facts:**

I have three amazing sons.

My birthday is January 19th and I am a Capricorn.

I was formerly a Vice Principal at Irvington High School.

## STAFF MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### ANABELA SOUSA-BERNADINO 2023 NJ Prostart Educator of Excellence Awardee



This award recognizes the educators who demonstrate excellence in the classroom and passion, commitment, and creativity in all aspects of the ProStart program to help their students make the most of the opportunities ProStart offers.

Chef B was celebrated in Dallas, TX (July 9-July 13) along with her fellow awardees.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**CHEF B HAS BEEN IN THE VILLAGE SINCE 2016!!**



PURCHASE SCHOOL UNIFORMS



GET SCHOOL SUPPLIES



COMPLETE SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

## IMPORTANT DATES



**August 10th**

10th Grade Orientation

**August 11th**

11th & 12th Grade Orientation

**August 14th-15th**

New Staff Professional Development

**August 16th-25th**

All Staff Professional Development

**August 18th**

HS Family Night Orientation

**August 28th**

1st Day of School

### What Should Our PAC & STEAM Academy Scholars Look Like?

**Grades PreK-5**  
Navy blue polo with MPTCS logo  
Navy blue pants, skirts, or shorts  
Navy blue cardigan with MPTCS logo

**Grades 6-8**  
Light blue oxford shirt with MPTCS logo  
Navy Blue uniform pants, skirts, or shorts  
Navy blue ascot or tie

**ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR BLACK SHOES OR SNEAKERS.**

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### What Should Our MPTCHS Scholars Look Like?

**Footwear:** Comfortable, closed-toe and closed-heel shoes/sneakers  
No flip flops, slides, open-toed sandals, or Crocs

**Shirt Options:**  
Royal Blue Polo with the school logo on the left  
White button down with the school logo on the left  
V-neck sweater with logo / white oxford  
Royal blue sweater cardigan with buttons & logo  
Royal blue sweater vest  
Royal blue full zip fleece  
Royal blue Quarter zip fleece

**Bottom Options:**  
Gray pants  
Gray skort/skirt

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