



# WILDFLOWER WORD

The Family Newsletter for Malcolm Shabazz City High School



## Greetings from Principal Chantel

As we bid farewell to an eventful year, we wanted to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who joined us for the recent Parent-Teacher Conference. Your presence and active participation are vital components of our strong school community.

### □ A Year of Milestones □

This year has been nothing short of remarkable, and we're excited to share some highlights:

#### 1. First School Dance:

The energy and enthusiasm at our inaugural school dance were simply electrifying! It was a joy to see students come together for fun and camaraderie.

#### 2. After School Movie Extravaganza:

Movie buffs, rejoice! Our after-school movie event brought students together for a cinematic experience filled with laughter, snacks, and shared moments.

#### 3. Community Fest in November:

Our hearts are still filled with warmth from the incredible turnout at our November Community Fest. From diverse dishes to lively performances, it was a true celebration of the rich tapestry that is our school community.

### □ Culinary Delights: Staff and Students Showcase Talent □

One of the most delightful surprises at the Community Fest was witnessing the culinary talents of both our dedicated staff and enthusiastic students. The array of dishes showcased not only the diversity of our community but also the passion that goes into every creation.

### □ Winter Break Wishes and New Year Cheers □

As we approach the winter break, we want to extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. May this festive season be filled with joy, laughter, and moments of togetherness.

Looking ahead to the new year, we are excited about the possibilities it holds for our school community. Your continued support and engagement make all the difference, and we can't wait to create more memorable moments together.

We thank you for being a valued part of the Shabazz family. Wishing you a rejuvenating winter break and a New Year filled






with prosperity, good health, and countless moments of happiness.

*We look forward to seeing everyone back at Shabazz when school resumes on January 3rd 2024.*

Warm regards,  
-Principal Chantel Angeletti

## Be on the lookout! Student Growth Summaries Coming Soon

 <b>Student Growth Summary</b>	
<b>Student Name:</b> Text Here	<b>Student ID Number:</b> Text Here
<b>Semester One 2023-2024 School Year</b>	
<b>9 Week Midpoint Teacher Reflection</b>	
<b>Hour 1 Class Name:</b> Text Here <b>Teacher Name:</b> Text Here	<b>Academic Growth Reflection:</b> Text Here <b>Grad Profile Growth Reflection:</b> Choose grad profile Text Here
<b>Hour 2 Class Name:</b> Text Here <b>Teacher Name:</b> Text Here	<b>Academic Growth Reflection:</b> Text Here <b>Grad Profile Growth Reflection:</b> Choose grad profile Text Here
<b>Hour 3 Class Name:</b> Text Here <b>Teacher Name:</b> Text Here	<b>Academic Growth Reflection:</b> Text Here <b>Grad Profile Growth Reflection:</b> Choose grad profile Text Here

Shabazz has revamped its evaluation process to provide feedback to students and families mid-way through the semester. Our hope is this feedback will help students with growth and goal setting.

We will be sending Growth Summaries to families on Friday December 8th, via email. Please be on the lookout and note the end of the summary will be filled out by teachers at the end of the semester.

## WEDNESDAYS AT SHABAZZ

**Wednesdays are important days to attend school at Shabazz!**

The day begins with E3 and concludes with students working in their learning labs.

**Learning Labs:** These are dynamic learning lab days where classes are often utilizing the flexible schedule to work with community partners, get out in the community on field trips, and/or work on hands-on projects.

**What is E3?** E3 is designed for students to explore, experience, and engage with both themselves and the Shabazz community in meaningful ways.

This includes:

- Community events and connections
- Exploring course offerings and scheduling
- Reflecting on personal growth
- Planning for post high school

Questions? Check in with your scholar's E3 leader!

## #AttendanceMatters!

We appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra time off during the winter break. As long as your child is healthy,



please encourage showing up to class when school is in session. Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as to connect to their peers and teachers. [MMSD Attendance Website](#)

**We thank:**

~Our students and their families who do their best to show up daily even when it isn't easy.

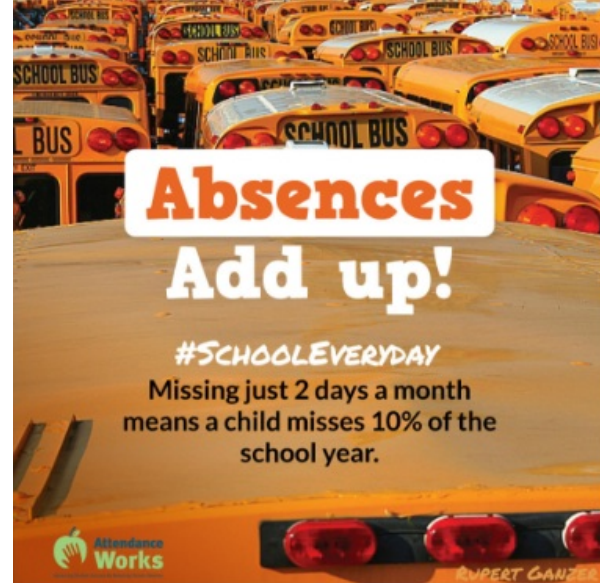
~Our teachers who go above and beyond to make school a welcoming and safe place for all students to learn.

~Our support staff who help us work together to ensure we create a physically and emotionally safe and engaging learning environment.

~Our many, many healers and helpers - the school staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need.

**Important Reminder About Pre-Planned Absence:**

Per school board policy each student may only have 10 pre-planned absences per school year. Once 10 PPA absences are recorded in IC, any additional requests for pre-planned absences will have to be denied and if the student is absent without other excusable reasons per school board policy, the student will be marked These 10 excused absences may be flexible to cover things like hair appointments and family celebrations.



Business of Merch -MATC screen printing

## Shabazz Project Based Learning...



Work It! - PJ at NBC15



Work It! - Catalyst for Change ride along



Business of Merch - Airbrushing



## Looking Back...

Shabazz in the News - check out this [Northside News Article](#) - wow!!!

Work It! At Shabazz

*Shabazz Work-Based Learning Program*

As an alternative high school in the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD), Malcolm Shabazz City High School draws students from all corners of the city. The school's appeal lies in its history of fostering a strong sense of belonging among both students and staff, as well as its dedication to project-based learning, utilizing the surrounding community as a classroom. Although the majority of students come from areas outside the Northside, their sense of unity and connection, fostered in collaboration with community partners, makes them feel like lifelong members of the Northside.

Three current Shabazz seniors who exemplify this community-centered approach to teaching and learning are Avril Ramirez, Dominic Angeletti, and Leon Freeman.

As a junior, Avril Ramirez participated in Work It!, a class that allows students to explore careers through internships and work-based learning. Avril completed internships at two northside organizations: ARTS for ALL and the Madison Public Library's Lakeview Branch. At ARTS for ALL, which provides programs in the arts for children and adults with disabilities, Avril lent her talents as an artist to help the staff prepare for the classes they offer. Avril was a huge help to the



organization, undertaking and completing projects with little to no supervision. At the Lakeview Branch of the Madison Public Library, Avril assisted the Youth Services Librarian with “facing” books, book reviews, decorating the Teen Room, and helping organize youth activities. In a short time, she became a vital part of the youth services team. Avril used her experience in these internships to secure employment as an afterschool program leader with Madison School Community Recreation (MSCR). After graduation, Avril plans on attending college.



Another student who has reaped the rewards of Northside community partnerships is senior Dominic Angeletti. Similar to his classmate Avril, Dominic opted for an internship through Work It! and quickly became an indispensable member of The River food pantry team. Dominic thrived in this role, finding common purpose with community members who shared his commitment to addressing food insecurity within the local area. When the Friends of the Lakeview Library sought volunteers for its spring and fall book sales, Dominic stepped in, helping move hundreds of books from storage to the library. His efforts contributed to record-breaking sales during the fundraiser. Looking ahead, Dominic has ambitious plans, including attending Madison College in January to complete certified nursing assistant coursework before enlisting in the US Army after graduation or pursuing a career as a nurse.

Leon Freeman’s passion for the food industry has guided his learning at Shabazz, where he has taken every culinary-themed class offered and has participated in field experiences at The River, Willy Street Co-op North, and Troy Gardens. Leon recently began a culinary internship at The Delicouser, where he is learning from some incredible chefs, including Patrick O’Halloran. After graduation in June, Leon plans on enrolling in the culinary arts program at Madison College. In the meantime, he will get a head start by completing one culinary course this spring at Madison College.

The students and staff at Shabazz are always on the lookout for new community partners. This could include internships, workshops, mentors, guest speakers, tours, or other forms of engaged learning! If you or your organization would like to collaborate, please contact Brian Counselman ([bcounselman@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:bcounselman@madison.k12.wi.us)) or Erik Shager ([eshager@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:eshager@madison.k12.wi.us)).

## Looking Forward....

Your student matters and so does their attendance - 90% of success is showing up! Your student can now check out the bulletin board in the office to see where their attendance percentage landed at the end of the first quarter and track how they are doing weekly in the second quarter.

- Ask them to look for their ID number on the rainbow of data and let you know what their percentage rate is each week.
- There is a lot for our community to celebrate!
- Reminder: improved attendance supports improved academic performance and strengthens our community.

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Financial aid from the federal government can help you pay for education expenses at an eligible college or career school. Grants,



loans and work-study are types of federal student aid.

**FAFSA OPENS in  
DECEMBER!**

You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to apply for this aid. The first step is to create your FSA ID. [More information here > > >](#)



## Shabazz Student Support Day Guidance

We had our first Student Support Day on November 1st, that allowed many scholar's a chance to work with individual content teachers to make up incomplete or missing work.

There are THREE more Student Support Days this school year:

**January 17 ~ April 3 ~ May 29**

All families are encouraged to review the [student support day guidance](#) document. All parents/guardians should review student progress in IC and can excuse your scholar (PPA) from attending student support day IF the student is passing projects and meeting expectations in ALL their classes.



### INFINITE CAMPUS

The "Campus Student" and "Campus Parent" apps are designed to provide real-time access to student information. The easy-to-use design displays what is currently happening in the classroom so you can understand, monitor, and participate in the

educational process.

Announcements - Quickly see district announcements as they are posted.

Assignments - Browse assignments by specific class or due date.

Attendance - Review attendance events in summary and detail form.

Grades - Immediate access to grades as they are posted.

Schedule - Review schedules from anywhere, at any time.

[Download on the App Store](#)

## Shabazz December-January Calendar of Events

**Below are some important dates  
to note for the upcoming months  
December 20 -No School (Staff PD)**

**December 21- Jan 2- Winter Break**

**January 3-School Resumes**

**January 15- No School (Martin Luther King Jr)**

**January 17- Student Support Day**

**January 25- No School (PBL Prep Day)**

**January 26- No School (Grade Reporting, End of 1st Semester)**

**January 29- New Student Orientation (No School for Semester 1 Scholars)**

**February 2- Next Wildflower Newsletter**

[Shabazz December/January Calendar of Events](#) - quick link to all upcoming school events such as field trips, celebrations, and other things!



## 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](#)

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### QUICK LINKS & HELPFUL RESOURCES

- Staff contact info [\\_\\_\\_](#)
  - Sign up for text message updates [\\_\\_\\_](#)
  - Attendance form online [or call 608-204-2440](#)
  - Schedule
  - Infinite Campus Portal/App
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## Shabazz Monthly Factoid

Shabazz students used to volunteer at an early childhood program that was run downstairs

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