



PARENT UNIVERSITY

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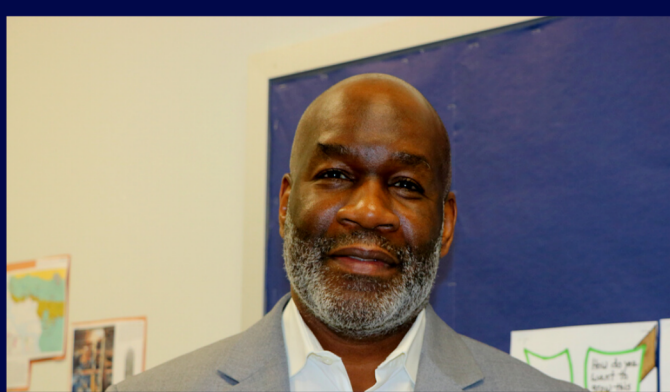
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New Year, New Beginnings



Eric Nixon
High School
Restorative Specialist and
Family & Community Engagement
Specialist

Happy New Year Parents and Guardians! For those whom I haven't met, I've been with the village for the past three years. I'm presently working in dual roles as the Restorative Specialist and FACE Specialist at the high school. As the Restorative Specialist, I've had the opportunity to work with students in resolving conflict in a positive way. As the FACE Specialist, I've had the privilege of providing parental engagement workshops and activities for high school parents and guardians. I've also had the opportunity to build partnerships with community organizations. I look forward to continuing the work in 2024.

As this year progresses, it is my hope that everyone within the village collectively put their minds and talents together to reimagine the village that Superintendent Mincy so eloquently talks about. A village where all stakeholders work together to ensure that every student who enters our schools graduates with the necessary tools that will allow them to succeed in college or a career.

I encourage all families to resolve to actively participate in their children's education by attending at least one parent event each month. These events will not only provide valuable insights into your child's academic journey but also offer a chance to connect with other parents, teachers, and community members. Beyond attending events, we encourage you to support your scholars at home by fostering a positive and supportive learning environment. Simple gestures, such as discussing their school day, and encouraging a love for learning, can make a significant impact on your child's educational experience.

Let's make 2024 a year filled with shared successes and meaningful connections. Together, we can create an environment where every scholar thrives.

Looking forward to a fantastic year of collaboration and growth.

Eric Nixon

Mission and Vision

MISSION

The mission of MPTCS is to build culturally rich, transformative educational spaces that cultivate successful, lifelong innovators who use their passions, character, and intellect to better themselves, the greater Newark community, and the world beyond.



VISION

MPTCS Parent University (MPU) is designed to help parents become full partners in their child(ren)'s education. The goal of MPU is to increase parent involvement in our schools and empower parents to raise children who are successful in school, and life.

Connect with the Principal

**Chit Chat with Principal Silvestre, STEAM Academy
Tuesday, January 9th (via Zoom) @ 9 AM**

Join Principal Silvestre for his monthly updates, ask questions and/or share your feedback.



**Parent Meeting with Principal Snipes, High School
Thursday, January 18th (via Zoom) @ 6 PM**

Principal Snipes will share the latest updates regarding important initiatives, events, and activities happening at our high school.

**PAC Principal's Corner & Zumba Night with Principal Nickerson
Thursday, January 25th, PAC Academy @ 5 PM**

Join Principal Nickerson for quick updates and fun! Come prepared to enjoy a free Zumba class, an energetic dance workout.



Events & Meetings

Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 10th, 5 PM
(via Zoom)

Parents, you're invited to share your feedback regarding all things happening at STEAM, PAC, and the high school, as well as thoughts and suggestions for new initiatives and ideas. Your opinions matter, join us for this important session.



Muffins with Mom @ PAC
Thursday, January 11th, 9 AM

PAC Academy will celebrate PreK to 2nd-grade moms at its annual Muffins with Mom event. Moms take this opportunity to hang out with your child, play games, and most of all, show them how much you care. To RSVP please email lpowell@mptcs.org

Events & Meetings

Tips for Teaching Your Child Math at Home (Virtual Workshop)

Thursday, January 11th, 6:00-7:00 PM

Parents of K-8th grade students, join us for an engaging workshop designed just for you. Learn how to promote a math mindset at home and how to reinforce math lessons.

[Click here](#) for the Zoom meeting links.



PreK Literacy & Family Game Night

Wednesday, January 17th, 5:30 PM

STEAM Academy, 370 S. 7th St.

PAC and STEAM Academies families are invited to participate in a dual event. The PreK team will host a family literacy night featuring fun literacy-related activities.

Kindergarten to 8th grade families are invited for a night of fun and games for the entire family. To RSVP for this free event, please email amunoz@mptcs.org or lpowell@mptcs.org.



Events & Meetings

**FAFSA Workshop for Parents of
Seniors @ High School**
Wednesday, January 31st, 5:00-7:00 PM

Learn all about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the form you need to fill out to get any financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college. Each year, over 13 million students who file the FAFSA get more than \$120 billion in grants, work-study, and low-interest loans from the U.S. Department of Education. Parents don't let finances prohibit your teen from attending college. Come out to find out more about this important opportunity.

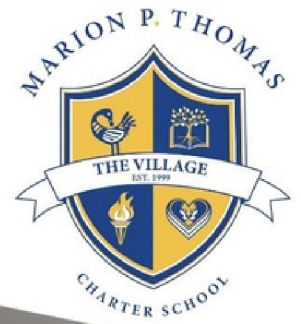


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Parents can make a big difference in
their child's education by being
involved, asking questions, and
supporting learning at home.

-National Education Association
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Invite Someone To Join Our Village!

MARION P THOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL



Attend one of our open house sessions to learn more about our village!

Families will have the opportunity to:

- Meet Our School Leaders!
- Explore Our Campuses!
- Learn about our HONORS ACADEMY!
- Participate in INTERACTIVE DEMOS in culinary, dance, art, theater, media production, and STEM!
- Hear from current students, staff, and parents!
- Meet our amazing team!

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!



Open House Dates:

- Thursday, January 11, 2024
6:00PM-8:00PM
- Thursday, February 1, 2024
6:00PM-8:00PM
- Saturday, March 2, 2024
12:00PM-2:00PM

JOIN THE VILLAGE!

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Newark, NJ 07103

Complete an application and rank us as your #1 choice!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR !

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