

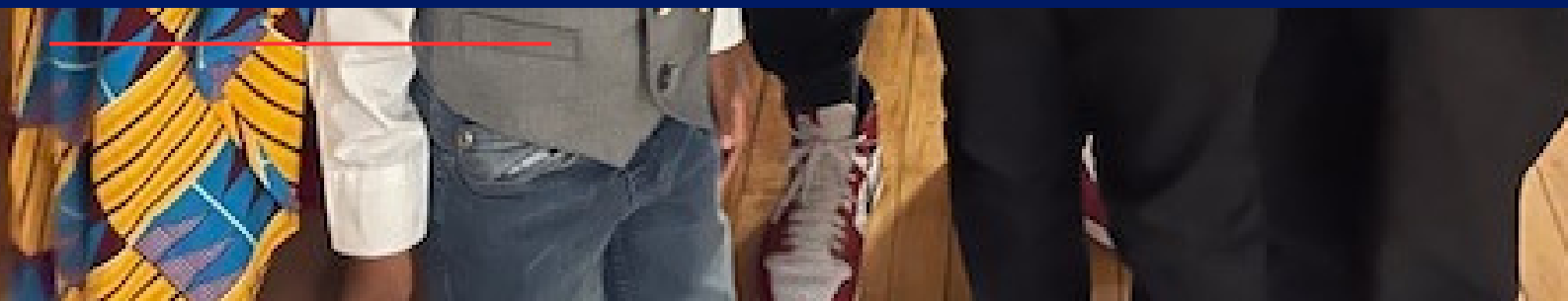


Marion P. Thomas  
CHARTER SCHOOL



# MPTCS PARENT UNIVERSITY

FEBRUARY 2024



MPTCS families met Victorious Cornwall, the author of "This is our History" and other great children's books, at our Family Literacy Night.



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# BLACK HISTORY MATTERS



## **Rashon Mickens**

***Executive Director of Athletics & Community Relations***

As we step into the month of February, we are excited to share the latest updates and upcoming events in our school community. Your involvement in your child's education is paramount, and we are grateful for the partnership we share with you.

### ***Celebrating Black History Month: Embracing Legacy***

February is Black History Month, a time to celebrate and honor African Americans' rich history and impact on our nation. Throughout the month, our students will engage in various activities and lessons that highlight the accomplishments, achievements, and struggles of African Americans. We encourage you to have conversations at home about the significance of Black History Month and its relevance in fostering a more inclusive and equitable society.

### ***Parental Involvement: A Key Ingredient in Your Child's Success***

No matter the grade level, parental involvement is crucial to a child's academic journey. Whether your child is in preschool, early elementary, middle school, or high school, your active participation positively impacts their educational experience. We urge you to remain involved by:

- *Attending Student Events:* Join us for our upcoming Black history school performances, exhibitions, and other events where your child can showcase their talents and achievements. Your presence means the world to them.
- *Participating in Parent Workshops:* Stay informed and engaged by attending our parent workshops. These sessions provide valuable insights into your child's education, offering tips on supporting their learning at home and fostering a strong school-home connection.

We look forward to seeing you at these events and appreciate your ongoing support in creating a vibrant and nurturing learning environment for your children.

Regards,  
*Rashon Mickens*

# PRINCIPAL CONNECTION



## **Chit Chat with the STEAM Principal**

*Wednesday, Feb. 13th @  
9:00 a.m. (via ZOOM)*

Join Principal Silvestre for his monthly updates, Q&A session and/or share your feedback.

## **PAC Principal's Corner Comedy Show**

*Saturday, Feb. 24th @ 3  
p.m. at MPTCHS*

Principal Nickerson will bring laughter to the Village by hosting a Parent Comedy Show. Enjoy a night of food and fun. All MPTCS parents are invited to attend. Please refer to page 9 for more information or **email [lpowell@mptcs.org](mailto:lpowell@mptcs.org)**.



## **High School Principal's Parent Check-In**

*Thursday, Feb. 15th, from  
1-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.*

Principal Snipes will open the Parent-Teacher Conference event with her monthly message. She'll also be available throughout the night for a brief check-in with parents.



# FEBRUARY EVENTS & MEETINGS

## **Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) Meeting**

*Monday, Feb. 5th @ 5 p.m. via Zoom*

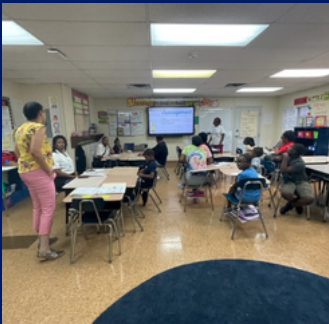
ECAC is an advisory group of early elementary educators and leaders (preK to 3rd grade), parents, and community stakeholders interested in the education and welfare of early elementary school students. All interested parents are invited to participate in this meeting. Please come with your ideas and feedback regarding our early elementary program. The Zoom link will be sent via email and text to all pre-K to 3rd-grade families on Feb. 7th.



## **STEAM Grade Level Meetings**

*Tuesday, Feb. 6th @ 5:00 p.m. via Zoom*

Parents it is your opportunity to check in with your child's primary teachers. Each teacher will share a link for each classroom meeting.



## **Adult English Classes | Clases de Inglés**

*Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 27 & 28 @ 5:30 p.m. at STEAM Academy, 370 S. 7th St..*

Are you new to the country? Struggling to understand and speak English? Please register for our FREE English class for parents. All MPTCS parents interested in learning to read and speak English, please take advantage of this opportunity. Email [amunoz@mptcs.org](mailto:amunoz@mptcs.org) for more information.



# EVENTS & MEETINGS

## **STEAM Parent & Scholar Valentine's Dance**

*Wednesday, Feb. 7th, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at STEAM Academy*

Parents join us with one of your favorite sweethearts (your child) for our Parent & Scholar Valentine's Dance. Bring your energy to keep up with your dance partner. If you plan on attending this special event, **RSVP to [amunoz@mptcs.org](mailto:amunoz@mptcs.org) by Monday, Feb. 5th.**



## **Making Math Understandable**

*Thursday, Feb. 8th @ 5:30 p.m. at STEAM Academy*

Our Parent Math Series continues. Fraser's Mathematics Solutions will join us again to provide a comprehensive math workshop for parents of students in Kindergarten to 8th grade. Learn more about math concepts and how you can help your child excel in math. RSVP at



## **PreK Fashion Show**

*Friday, February 9th @ 11 a.m. @ PAC Academy*

Our youngest scholars at PAC Academy will celebrate the conclusion of their learning unit about clothing with a fashion show. Please support our young innovators.



## **Parent Council Meeting**

*Tuesday, Feb. 13th @ 5:00 p.m. via Zoom*

Families from all Marion P. Thomas Charter Schools are invited to our monthly Parent Council Meeting. This is your opportunity to share what is working in our Village and where we need to improve. We'll also share feedback relevant to questions from last month's meeting and the results of our parent survey.



# EVENTS & MEETINGS

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

*Thursday, Feb. 15th @ 1-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.*

Parents plan to check in with your child(ren)'s teachers regarding their progress for the 2nd marking period. Please look for an email/text from each school for details on securing appointments with each of your child(ren)'s teachers.

## Black History Celebration @ STEAM Academy

*Wednesday, Feb. 21st @ 5:30 p.m.*

Our eSTEAMed scholars will present a Black History celebration at our annual assembly. Students will honor those from the past through song, spoken word, and art. Parents, please make every effort to attend to encourage and applaud your children.

## The Colored Museum @ MPTCHS

*Thursday, Feb. 22nd @ 5:30 p.m. at MPTCHS*

Our high school visual and performing arts team will present *The Colored Museum*, a play that explores prominent themes and identities of African-American culture. Join us for a night at the theatre as our students bring new life and energy to this

## Parent Career Day @ MPTCHS

*Friday, Feb. 23rd @ 9:00 a.m.*

MPTCHS will be hosting it's first Parent Career Day and parents are invited to come out and speak to students about their careers. If you're interested in participating please complete [this form](#).



# EVENTS & MEETINGS

## **PAC Academy's Black History Celebration** *Wednesday, Feb. 28th, 5:30 p.m. at PAC Academy*

PAC Academy students will be featured in a Black History Celebration that will highlight the impACT Black people and culture have had on our nation and the world. The visual and performing arts leaders are spearheading what will be a memorable event. Parents please plan to attend to applaud your children.

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## **Invite Your Family & Friends to Our Open House**

*Thursday, Feb. 1st, 6- 8 p.m.*  
*Saturday, March 2nd, 12-2 p.m.*  
*125 Sussex Ave., Newark*

Do you have a family member or friend in search of a school for their child for the 2024-2025 school year? Invite them to attend one of our Open Houses to find out more about our Village. At each Open House visitors will have the opportunity to:

- Meet School Leaders
- Participate in interactive demos in culinary, dance, art, theatre, media production, and STEM.
- Hear from current students, staff, and parents
- And more!

To register a relative or friend, [click here](#).



*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 Campus!
- 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!

125 Sussex Avenue  
Newark, NJ 07103

Complete an application and rank us as your #1 choice!  
[www.newarkcommonapp.org](http://www.newarkcommonapp.org)





Saturday, February 24th  
2024



**Principal's Corner Hosts:**

# PAC ACADEMY'S COMEDY SHOW FUNDRAISER

## Featuring



DJ Jess



Freddie Ricks



Monique Latise



Imagine

**LIVE AT THE MPTCS HIGH SCHOOL BLACKBOX**



**HOSTED BY RON SNIPES OF DEF COMEDY JAM,  
COMEDY CENTRAL, AND BET'S COMICVIEW**

**\$35 ENTRY**

**MEAL**

**INCLUDED**

**FREE PARKING**

**DOORS OPEN AT 2PM**

**125 Sussex Avenue, Newark NJ 07103**

**ADULTS ONLY (21+)**

**EMAIL MS. POWELL, FACE AT [LPOWELL@MPTCS.ORG](mailto:LPOWELL@MPTCS.ORG)**

for more information

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# MPTCS MISSION

The mission of Marion P. Thomas Charter School 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.

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# MPTCS PARENT UNIVERSITY 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.



# IT TAKES A **VILLAGE**



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