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Academic Magnet High School

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Dear Academic Magnet High School,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well and enjoying the final weeks of the 2023 summer break. I am writing to communicate some information about the upcoming school year. This is the third summer letter that I have sent. Each letter contains essential information and the school contact person for that item should you have any further questions. Each letter will also have a [link to the earlier letters](#) and these letters will remain available through our [school website](#) as well.

In today's letter, I will cover the AMHS volunteer clearance process, school bus information, the weekly Academic Magnet Raptor Report, free college assessment (SAT or ACT), our 2023-24 open house date, the CCSD Football Jamboree, the Magnet Mile Event, and campus driving directions.

School Volunteers- In order to create the safest possible learning environment, all volunteer applicants in the Charleston County School District must undergo a criminal background check. That can be accessed [here](#) and the reason that I am sharing that link in advance of actual school volunteer opportunities is that the clearance process can take up to 10 days. When you are prompted to select a school, please know that SOA and AMHS are listed as "Bonds Wilson Campus." Please contact Ms. Ryan at debra_ryan@charleston.k12.sc.us with any questions.

School Bus information- The Charleston County School District School bus information will be available by early next week through the [Transportation Tab](#) on the CCSD Webpage. There are features to help find bus stops ([bus stop look-up tool](#)) and get notifications directly regarding routes. Our school code is **HH8H** when using the First View Phone Notification System. I will resend these links next week once they are updated for 2023-24.

Raptor Report Sign Up- If you haven't already, please [sign up](#) for the weekly parent newsletter published by our Partners in Education (PIE) team. This weekly e-mail with current events and links is an important avenue of information at our school.

SAT and ACT- The South Carolina Department of Education provides funding for one administration of either the ACT or SAT to every student in their third or fourth year of high school. All AMHS Juniors and Seniors will be given a form titled "College Entrance Exam Choice" that should be completed and returned to AMHS by August 22nd. We will explain this opportunity directly to all impacted students but wanted to give a heads up since it is a paper form that needs a parent signature with a short turnaround time.

2023-24 AMHS Open House- Save the Date -The AMHS open house will be on Wednesday, September 6th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. At this event, families will have the opportunity to meet our faculty and staff and see the school. We will share full details as we design the event, but we know that both school calendars and family calendars fill up quickly at this time of year and wanted to share a save the date.

2023 CCSD Dave Spurlock Football Jamboree- Please come out and support your Raptors varsity football team this Friday, August 11th, as they take on the North Charleston Cougars in the 2023 Dave Spurlock CCSD Football Jamboree. This year's jamboree is at the CCSD D4 Stadium on W. Montague Ave. in North Charleston. The Raptors are scheduled to play at 8:50 pm and will be on the away sideline (closest to 526) for this matchup. [Tickets are available online](#) or at the door with cash. The cost for admission is \$6. Children 5 and under are free and CCSD follows a clear bag or no bag policy for all athletic events. Go Raptors!

The 2023 Magnet Mile- On Saturday, August 19th the AMHS Cross Country teams are hosting a 1 Mile Race/Walk/Run around our campus at 8:30am to raise funds for our teams. The Cross Country teams appreciate your support! Here is [the link for registration and run details](#).

Campus Driving Directions- As a county-wide magnet school, we recognize that students and families drive from different directions each day and there are several ways to get to the Bonds Wilson campus. We have an

easy-to-read [driving direction one pager](#) that has the preferred routes to campus. These routes are both the most direct routes and have the least traffic impact on our neighbors.

I know these letters contain a lot of information to sort through, but our returning students and families will be familiar with many of these processes already and we are happily available to clarify information and answer questions at the school. Next week, we return to normal work hours and will be available Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm.

We are all looking forward to an exciting 2023-24 school year AMHS!

Your proud principal,

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