



MAMS Family Newsletter

August 13, 2024

Administration update

For the 24-25 school year, Mrs. Dora Palandrano returns to MAMS as assistant principal. Mrs. Palandrano will be assistant principal for all students with last names M-Z. Before joining MAMS, Mrs. Palandrano worked in our district as a supervisor and Child Study Team member. Next, Mrs. Krysten Paone-Hurd joins the MAMS family as acting assistant principal, currently filling in for Mr. Tyburczy. Mrs. Paone-Hurd will be acting assistant principal for students with last names A-L. Mrs. Paone-Hurd has worked in MARSD since 2017 as an elementary teacher, substitute administrator, and active member of several district committees. Please join me in welcoming these new members of our administrative team!

Stay connected

During the school year, I will be sending a weekly newsletter to all MAMS parents/guardians via email and text. Please be sure to read this newsletter as it will contain important school information for you and your child. All newsletters will be archived on our school website and viewable here <https://www.marsd.org/Page/22924>.

District calendar

It's helpful to know important dates so that you can plan ahead. Be sure to view our district calendar [MARSD 2024-2025 REVISED -7.31.24.pdf](#) and the accompanying [2024-2025 District Calendar Important dates 7.25.24](#). Occasionally, the district calendar must be revised during the school year so check our website regularly.

Rules for cell phones

Please know that MAMS students may not use cell phones while at school. These devices interfere with our students' ability to focus on academic work and can be detrimental to learners' social and emotional well-being. MAMS' students may keep personal phones turned off and placed in their lockers. Cell phones are not allowed in classrooms, hallways, locker rooms, common areas, cafeteria, gymnasium, restrooms, or other school spaces. If a student is found using a cell phone, the Code of Conduct will be enforced. We would like parents/guardians to be more knowledgeable about the use of smartphones by children. We encourage parents/guardians to learn about the *Wait Until 8th* pledge which empowers parents/guardians to delay giving children a smartphone until at least the end of 8th grade. For more information, please see the attached flyer [W8 UpdatedFlyer2024 2-2.pdf](#) and resource guide [W8 ParentResourceGuide2024.pdf](#).

Orientation program

New student orientation will take place on Wednesday, August 28. This 60-minute program is for incoming 6th graders and their parents/guardians; new-to-MAMS students and parents/guardians are also invited. Attendees will learn about MAMS, receive their schedule, interact with staff, tour the building, and practice opening their locker. The orientation will be split into two sessions so please adhere to the following schedule: Students with last names A-L will attend from 8:15-9:15 and students with last names M-Z will attend from 9:45-10:45. Doors will open 10 minutes prior to the start of each session and attendees should enter through our main entrance (Door #1).

YMCA after-care at MAMS

For this school year, the YMCA will be offering after-school activities for MAMS students. To learn more, please view the [YMCA enrichment program 24-25.pdf](#).

Student schedules

All students' schedules will be viewable in the Genesis parent portal on Monday, August 26, at 4:00 p.m. If you have questions about accessing the portal, please contact our school's main office.

School hours

Prompt arrival to school each day is crucial for a student's success. Students enter the building at 8:10 daily and the Advisory period starts at 8:15; students are dismissed at 2:33. Details can be found here [MAMS bell schedule](#) including times for early dismissal and delayed opening.

Back to School Night

Establishing a strong home-school partnership is key and attending Back to School Night is a great first step in building this relationship. MAMS' BTSN will be on Monday, September 9; 6th grade will be 6:00-7:00 and 7th & 8th grades will be 7:30-8:30. There will be a general presentation for parents at 5:30 in the auditorium. Come meet your child's teachers and become familiar with our programs and classroom procedures. We hope to see you there!

Supply list

Please view the [MAMS Generic Supply List Grade 6-8](#) for students. Certain teachers may have additional requirements for their students once the school year begins.

PTSO news

Please view the PTSO's current flyers:

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