

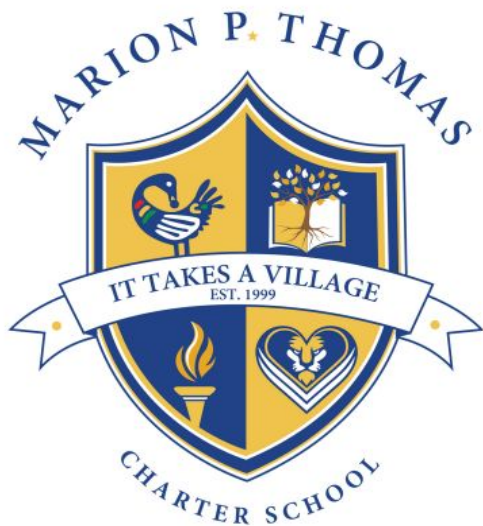
Good morning Parents
Today is Tuesday, September 10th



Welcome to our First Chit-Chat of the year!

Chit-Chat Schedule & Time

September	9/10	@9:15 am
October	10/8	@6:00 pm
November	11/12	@9:15 am
December	12/10	@6:00 pm



Our 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.*

The MPTCS Crest speaks to four core values that are designed to guide our young people and govern our work.



- ***The Sankofa Bird*** is a West African adinkra symbol which means to “go back and get it.” We want our scholars to use knowledge from the past to inform, inspire, build a successful future, and give back to the community.
- ***The Tree of Knowledge*** symbolizes lifelong learning that is rooted in rich culture and well-rounded experiences.
- ***The Torch*** represents the igniting of fire, passion, and leadership in our scholars. We want them to be trailblazers and light their own paths.
- ***The Tiger*** encased in the heart signifies the balancing of strength, boldness, resilience, and prowess with compassion and strong character. We want our scholars to be good people who are courageous and self-aware.

Scholar Pledge

I Pledge:

1. To be present, both physically and mentally, to absorb and internalize the information given.
2. To try my best in all that I do. Making mature and wise decisions, and holding myself accountable for my actions.
3. To do by the best of my abilities to respect, live in peace and harmony with my fellow scholars, our staff members, and our beloved STEAM Academy.
4. To recognize that each individual person is valuable and has a unique perspective that contributes to the growth and development of all.
5. Not to fear mistakes, but reflect, learn from them, and continue to push forward.
6. To always represent myself, the school, my family and the community by being a respectful ambassador for the city of Newark.

Teaching Beyond the Classroom

Affirmations for Success

I am:

Respectful

Responsible

Reliable

Resilient

Resourceful

School Mantra

“All of us are better than any one of us, as long as each of us, gives the best in us”

STEAM Education



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S - Science
T - Technology
E - Engineering
A - Arts
M - Mathematics

STEAM Approach

- Observation
- Creativity
- Innovation
- Planning
- Revision
- Collaboration
- Presentation

What Should Our STEAM Academy Scholars Look Like?



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CHARTER SCHOOL



Grades

Navy blue polo with MPTCS logo
Navy blue pants, skorts, or shorts
Navy blue cardigan with MPTCS logo

Grades 6-8

Light blue oxford shirt with MPTCS logo
Navy Blue uniform pants, skorts, or shorts
Navy blue ascot or tie

ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR BLACK SHOES OR SNEAKERS.

Kids Paradise

1016 Springfield Ave
Irvington NJ 07111
973-374-4700

Today Kids

1049 Springfield Ave
Irvington NJ 07111
973-374-3070

Flynn O'Hara

196-198 Ferry Street
Newark, NJ 07105
862-231-2149





Uniform Infractions

Uniforms are part of the school norm. Those of you that are continuously out of uniform will not be invited to attend any of the upcoming trips/events

Teachers, please submit a list of repeat offenders to the main office.

-Silvestre

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**SUICIDE
PREVENTION**
WEEK



WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDE:

The behaviors listed below may be some of the signs that someone is thinking about suicide.

TALKING ABOUT:



- ▷ Wanting to die
- ▷ Great guilt or shame
- ▷ Being a burden to others

FEELING:



- ▷ Empty, hopeless, trapped, or having no reason to live
- ▷ Extremely sad, more anxious, agitated, or full of rage
- ▷ Unbearable emotional or physical pain

CHANGING BEHAVIOR, SUCH AS:



- ▷ Making a plan or researching ways to die
- ▷ Taking dangerous risks such as driving extremely fast
- ▷ Withdrawing from friends, saying good bye, giving away important items, or making a will
- ▷ Displaying extreme mood swings
- ▷ Eating or sleeping more or less
- ▷ Using drugs or alcohol more often

If these warning signs apply to you or someone you know, get help as soon as possible, particularly if the behavior is new or has increased recently.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-TALK

Crisis Text Line
Text "HELLO" to 741741



National Institute
of Mental Health

www.nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention

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Staff & Student Safety

Staff and Student safety is our top priority. Whenever we have a safety concern, our expectation is for everyone to comply.

If you see something, say something.

Daily News

Happy Birthday to all September Babies



Monday, September 9th - Please be guided by the reminders for this week!

September Calendar - [STEAM Events](#) - [Village Events](#)

9/3 - 9/30: WIDA Screening

9/9 - 10/4: ESI Screener for PreK

9/9 - 9/13: IXL Diagnostic (K-8 Science)

9/16 - 9/20: IReady ELA Diagnostic (K-8)

9/23 - 9/27: IReady Math Diagnostic (K-8)

9/18: Back to School Night (6:00 to 8:00 pm)

Date	Topic	Additional Information
Suicide Prevention Week		
9/9/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10th day of school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No-Show students will be dropped from the roster HR Rosters will be adjusted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the Assessment calendar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WIDA Screener for ML Students ESI Screener for PreK Students IXL Science Diagnostic (K-8)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chromebook Password Reset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholars password has been reset to: Tigers123! User Name is student ID #, if ID # starts with a "2" skip the first number. For example ID # 21000009 will have a username of 1000009.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Meeting - Unpacking the Week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cafeteria A04 @3:45
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grandparent Day Celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read & Paint at STEAM @5:30 pm
9/10/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chit-Chat with Principal Silvestre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoom meeting @9:15 am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share flyer with parents via Dojo
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suicide Prevention Awareness Presentation in the Cafeteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KA - 1A - 2A during Period 1 KB - 1B - 2B during Period 7
9/11/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/11 Observance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A day to remember