

**Good Evening Parents**  
**Today is Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**



**Welcome Parents and Guardians**



**FOLLOW ME !!**



**To get the  
principal's Point of  
view follow:**

**@PRINCIPAL\_SILVESTRE**



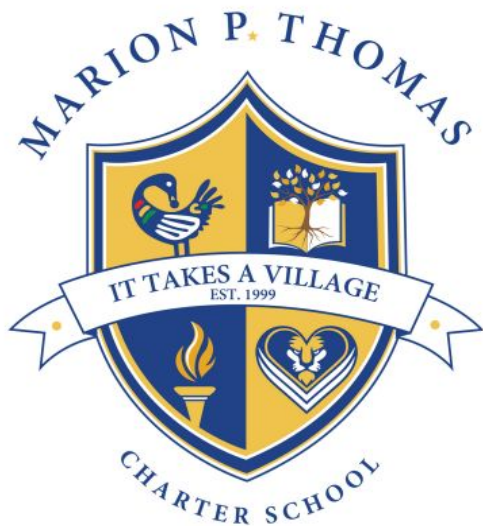
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## STEAM Academy Vice Principals



# Chit-Chat Schedule & Time

<del>September</del>	<del>9/10</del>	<del>@9:15 am</del>
<del>October</del>	<del>10/8</del>	<del>@6:00 pm</del>
<del>November</del>	<del>11/12</del>	<del>@9:15 am</del>
December	12/10	@6:00 pm
January	01/14	@9:15 am
February	02/11	@6:00 pm
March	03/11	@9:15 am
April	04/08	@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. I will do my very best to show respect, get along with my fellow scholars and staff, and help make our STEAM Academy a peaceful and productive place for everyone.
4. To recognize Everyone is important and has their own special way of seeing and doing things. When we share our ideas, we help each other learn and grow.
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



## ***STEAM Education***

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







The uniform store carries both fleece and sweaters, which are part of the official STEAM Academy Uniform. These options offer warmth and comfort, making them great additions for the cooler months ahead.

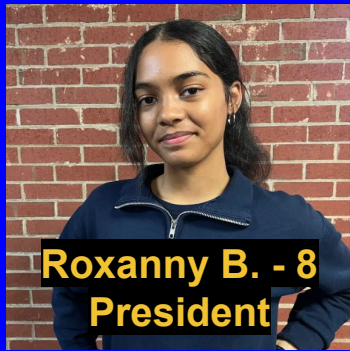
Effective **January 6th**, students will no longer be permitted to wear hoodies during recess. We kindly ask families to prepare alternative outerwear, such as jackets, or other approved attire, that adheres to our school's dress code and provides appropriate warmth for outdoor activities.

# **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.

Call the main office (973) 621 - 0060 ext.  
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**Roxanny B. - 8**  
**President**



**Nii Odoii O. - 8**  
**Vice President**



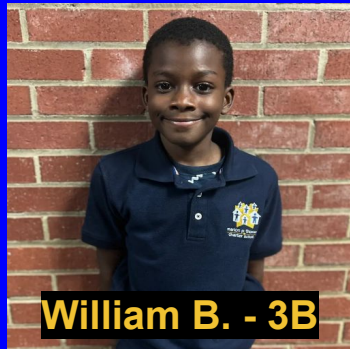
**Tiana H. - 8**  
**Secretary**



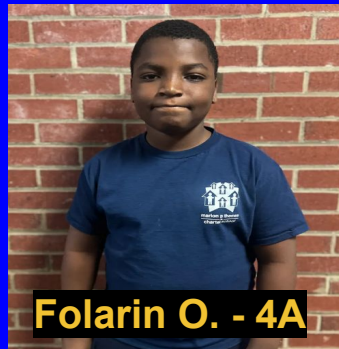
**Diego C. - 7**  
**Treasurer**



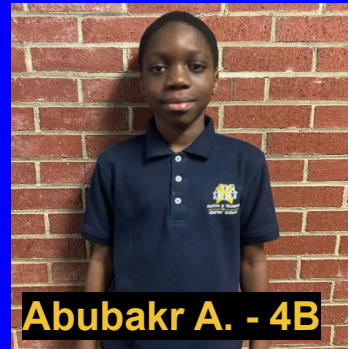
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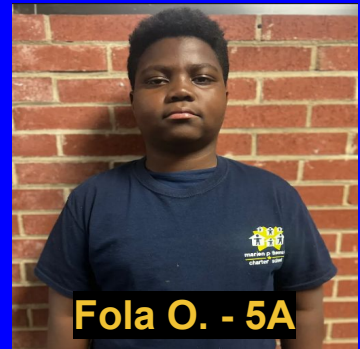
**William B. - 3B**



**Folarin O. - 4A**



**Abubakr A. - 4B**



**Fola O. - 5A**



**Alaysha B. - 5B**



**Caleb V. - 6**



**Kevin N. - 6**



**Morgan D. - 7**



**Autumn B. - 7**

# December Calendar - Key Information

**December 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> - Penguin Patch Holiday Shop**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> - LinkIt Form B - Math**

- Ensure your scholar is well rested
- Encourage your child to try their best

**\*LinkIt data will be utilized to regroup students to provide additional support to those who need it.**

**\*Math Mastery Afterschool program will be mandatory for scholars that need it.**

**December 12<sup>th</sup> - LinkIt Form B - Science**

**December 13<sup>th</sup> - Village Perfect Attendance Celebration Dress Down Day**

**December 18<sup>th</sup> - Winter Concert (12:45 - 3:15 pm)**

**- Principal's Outstanding Achievement Award Ceremony (4:30 - 6:00 pm)**

**December 19<sup>th</sup> - Progress Reports Distribution**

**December 23<sup>th</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup> - School is closed, we return on January 6<sup>th</sup>.**





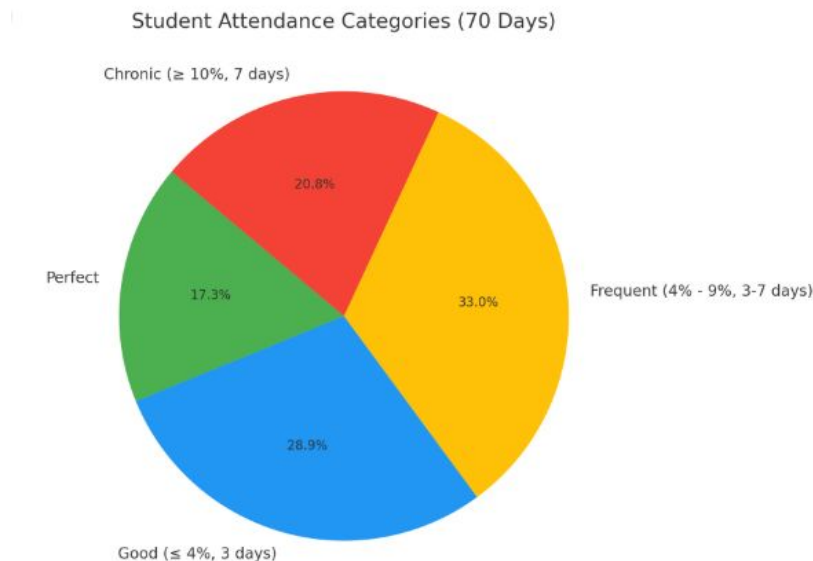
# STEAM Academy

# Attendance Data - As of 12/9/24

## School Goals:

- **97% Average Daily Attendance**
- **≤15% Chronic Absenteeism Rate**

Attendance (70 days)		
	Students	Percent
<b>Perfect</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>17.3%</b>
<b>Good</b> (≤ 4%, 3 days)	<b>132</b>	<b>28.9%</b>
<b>Frequent</b> (4% - 9%, 3-7)	<b>151</b>	<b>33.0%</b>
<b>Chronic</b> (≥ 10%, 7 days)	<b>95</b>	<b>20.8%</b>



# Attendance Data

## School Goals:

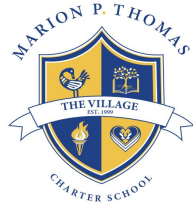
- 97% Average Daily Attendance

November avg	October avg	September avg
89.68%	95.31%	95.06%
M ▾	M ▾	M ▾
89.72%	95.62%	94.88%
T ▾	T ▾	T ▾
92.41%	96.68%	96.43%
W ▾	W ▾	W ▾
89.00%	96.11%	96.37%
Th ▾	Th ▾	Th ▾
91.36%	95.19%	95.17%
F ▾	F ▾	F ▾
85.77%	92.52%	92.14%



# Where are we now?

## LinkIt Assessment form A: ELA (K-8)



Grade	% Average Score	Meeting (4th Quartile)	Approaching (3rd Quartile)	Partially Meeting (2nd Quartile)	Not Meeting (1st Quartile)
K (39)	60%	36% (14)	25.6% (10)	25.6% (10)	12.8% (5)
1st (31)	54%	54.8% (17)	22.6% (7)	6.5% (2)	16.1% (5)

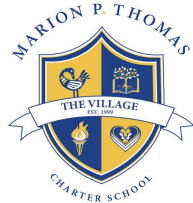
Grade	% Average Score	Exceeding	Meeting	Bubble	Approaching	Partially Meeting	Not Meeting
2nd (32)	44%	-	25% (8)	15.6% (5)	37.5% (12)	21.9% (7)	-
3rd (29)	38%	3.5% (1)	20.7% (6)	10.3% (3)	27.6% (8)	27.6% (8)	10.3% (3)
4th (42)	34%	4.8% (2)	4.8% (2)	7.1% (3)	42.9% (18)	38% (16)	2.4% (1)
5th (56)	37%	-	16.1% (9)	5.4% (3)	26.8% (15)	44.6% (25)	7.1% (4)
6th (59)	36%	3.4% (2)	16.9% (10)	8.5% (5)	37.3% (22)	30.5% (18)	3.4% (2)
7th (63)	43%	11.1% (7)	8% (5)	12.7% (5)	44.4% (28)	23.8% (15)	-
8th (56)	34%	-	17.9% (10)	14.3% (8)	28% (21.4)	33.9% (19)	17.9% (10)





# Where are we now?

## LinkIt Assessment form A: Math (K-8)



Grade	% Average Score	Meeting (4th Quartile)	Approaching (3rd Quartile)	Partially Meeting (2nd Quartile)	Not Meeting (1st Quartile)
K (39)	48%	23.1% (9)	20.5% (8)	15.4% (6)	41% (16)
1st (31)	65%	64.5% (20)	12.9% (4)	22.6% (7)	0% (0)

Grade	% Average Score	Exceeding	Meeting	Bubble	Approaching	Partially Meeting	Not Meeting
2nd (32)	51%	12.5% (4)	37.5% (12)	12.5% (4)	15.6% (5)	21.9% (7)	0% (0)
3rd (29)	45%	17.3% (5)	20.7% (6)	17.2% (5)	41.4% (12)	3.4% (1)	0% (0)
4th (42)	29%	0% (0)	4.8% (2)	4.8% (2)	38.1% (16)	52.3% (22)	0% (0)
5th (56)	31%	1.9% (1)	7.1% (4)	8.9% (5)	25% (14)	57.1% (32)	0% (0)
6th (59)	36%	1.7% (1)	5% (3)	8.5% (5)	49% (29)	37.3% (22)	0% (0)
7th (59)	41%	3.4% (2)	11.9% (7)	10.2% (6)	47.5% (28)	25.4% (15)	0% (0)
8th (57)	29%	0% (0)	3.5% (2)	1.8% (1)	40.4% (23)	47.4% (27)	7% (4)

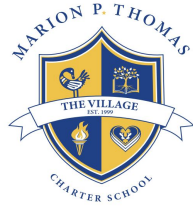


The **LinkIt Form B** assessment will serve as a valuable tool to support our academic goals and ensure every scholar receives the interventions they need. Specifically, this assessment will:

1. **Measure Student Growth:** Analyze progress over the past three months to identify individual and group achievements.
2. **Inform Regrouping and Interventions:** Provide critical data to regroup scholars strategically and offer targeted interventions for those requiring additional support.
3. **Facilitate Mastery Scheduling:** Identify and schedule students for participation in the after-school mastery program to address specific academic needs and enhance overall performance.



# *Implemented Steps Since last Meeting*



- Increase the usage time on iReady
  - Split Homework Lab time with iReady to ensure usage
- Add Writing time during our Friday schedule
- Start Mandatory Math Mastery Initiative Program
  - Middle school students meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays with Principal Silvestre, from 4:00 - 5:00 PM
  - Students in 4th & 5th grade will meet with VP Richardson on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 4:00 - 5:00 PM