

Good morning Parents & Guardians
Today is Tuesday, May 20th



Welcome to our Last Chit-Chat of the
School year 2024-25



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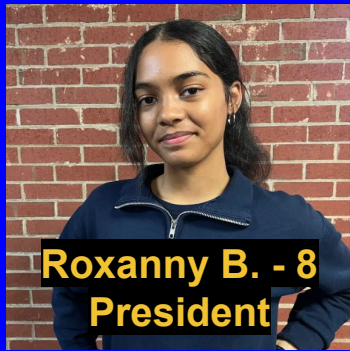
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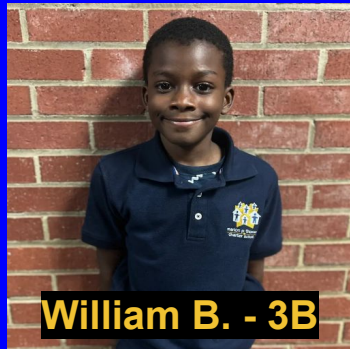
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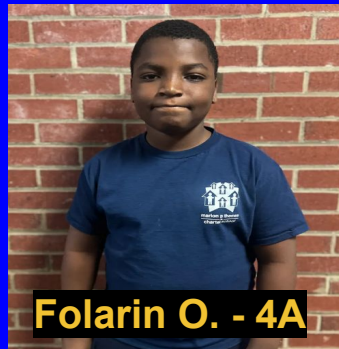
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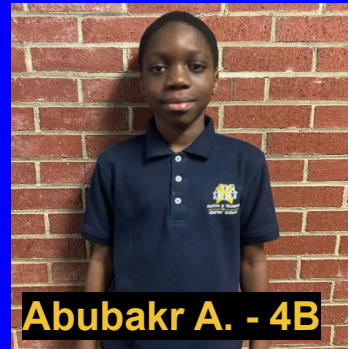
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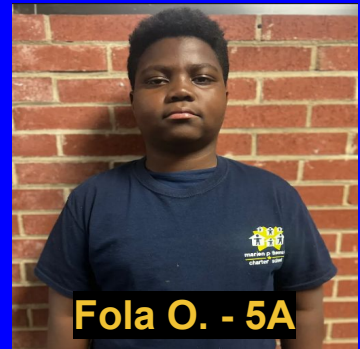
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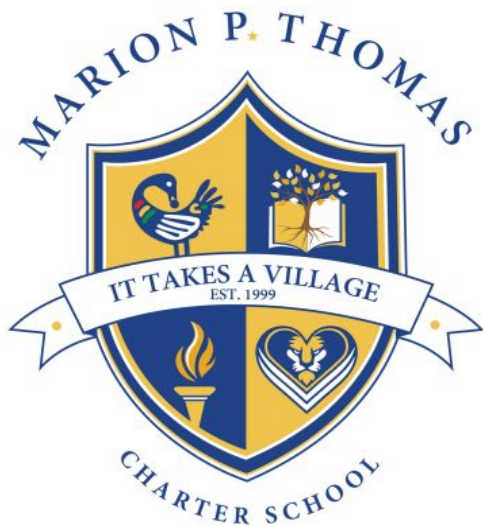
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Autumn B. - 7



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 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

Pillars 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





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.
2212

May & June Calendar - Key Information

May 22: Quarter 4 Progress Reports will be distributed

May 22: Chronic Absenteeism Students will receive their retention letters

May 23: April Perfect Attendance Students will be able to Dress Down. It is an early dismissal (12:30 pm). All staff members will be able to leave at 1:00 pm

May 26: Memorial Day, School is Closed

May 29: 5th to 7th graders End of the Year Celebration (Sneaker Formal)

May 29: 8th Grade class trip

June 4: 8th Grade Social

June 10: STEAM Fun Day (9:00 - 1:00 pm)

June 11: Leap into Middle School - 5th grade dinner (5:30 - 7:00 in Cafeteria)

June 12: PreK Moving Up Ceremony (9:00 am)

June 12: Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony (11:00 am)

June 13: 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony (9:00 am)

June 17: Last Day of School

End of the Year Events

Sneaker Ball (5th to 7th)

May 29th, 5:00 pm

8th Grade Social

June 4th, 5:00 pm

PreK Ball (Dance)

June 5th, 4:30 pm

Fun Day

June 10, 9:00 am

Great Adventure Trip

June 11th, 8:00 - 4:00 pm

5th Grade Banquet

June 11th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Prek Moving Up Ceremony

June 12th, 9:00 am

K Moving Up Ceremony

June 12th, 11:00 am

8th Moving Up Ceremony

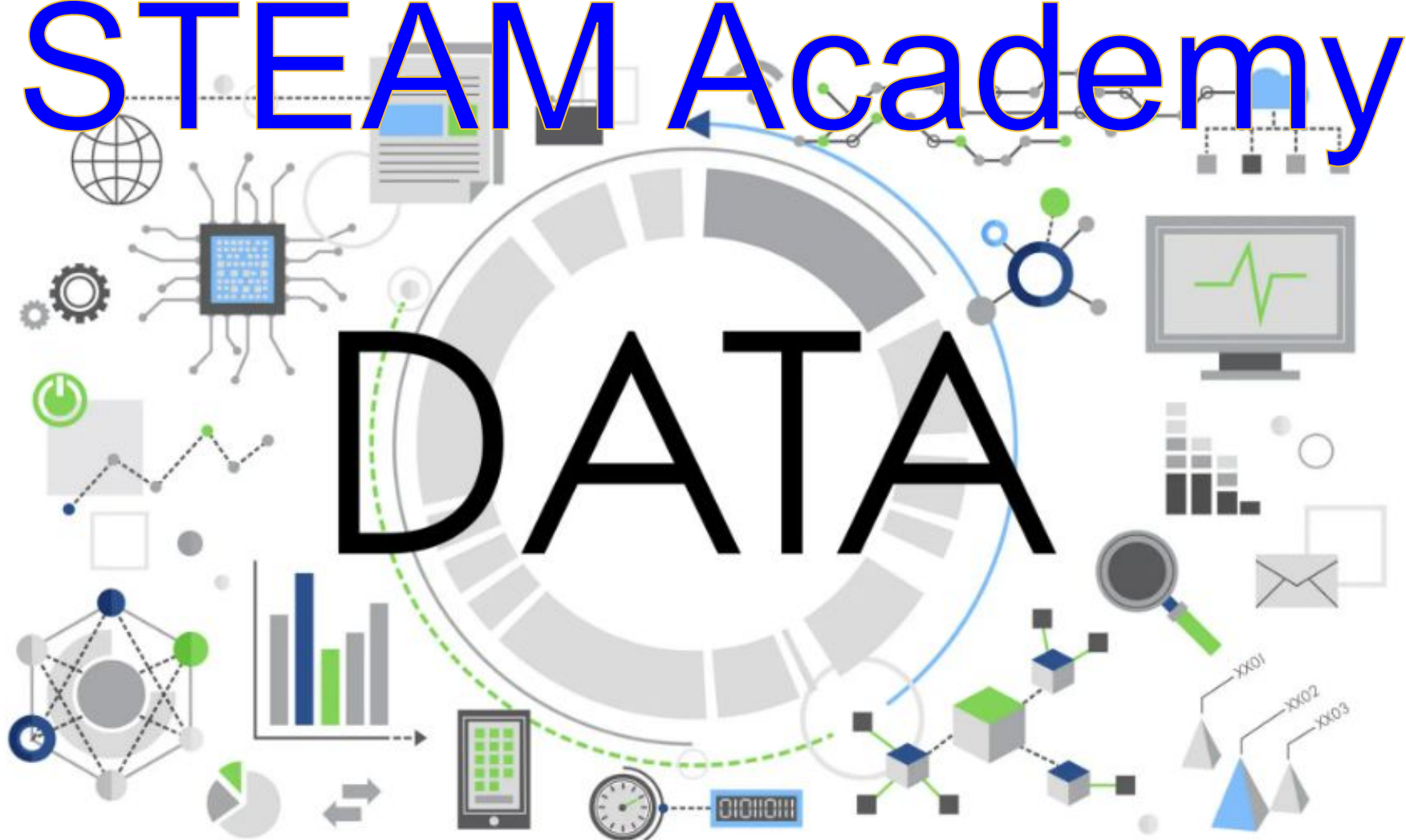
June 13th, 9:00 am

End of the Year Student Dues

- All dues must be paid in order for students to receive their end of the year report cards or diplomas (8th grade).

Student's records will be held until all past dues are paid

STEAM Academy



DATA

Participation Rate



The state requires a 95% participation rate for all school districts

ELA: 99.7%

MATH: 98.8%

Science: 98.2%

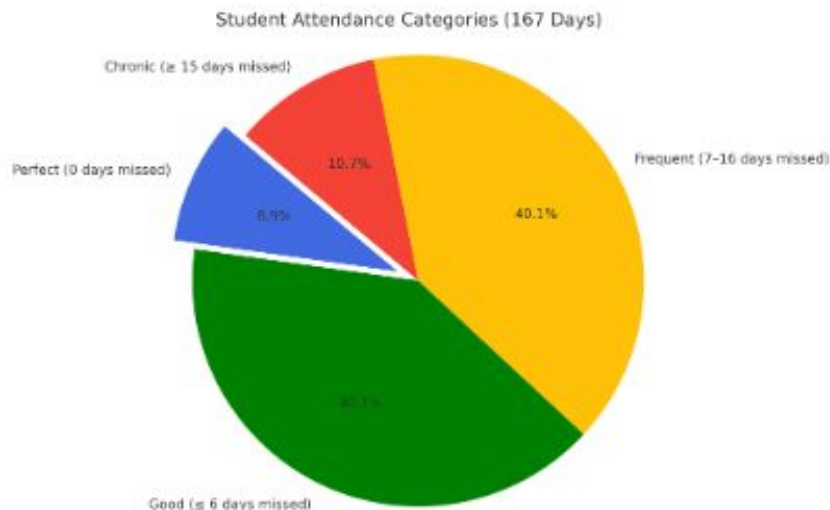
Thank you for your support

Attendance Data - As of 5/19/25

School Goals:

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

Attendance (167 days)		
	Students	Percent
Perfect	39	8.9%
Good (≤ 4%, 6 days)	177	40.3%
Frequent (4% - 9%, 7-16)	176	40.1%
Chronic (≥ 10%, 17 days)	47	10.7%



Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic absenteeism is when a student misses **10% or more** of the school year. As of 5/19, we have accumulated a total of **167 days of school**, chronic absenteeism applies to students who have missed **17 or more days**. For the entire school year, chronic absenteeism applies to students that miss **18 or more** days of school.

Chronic absenteeism is a key indicator of academic risk, as it can lead to lower achievement, disengagement, and increased dropout rates. It can also lead to retention and put your scholar in jeopardy of not returning to STEAM Academy next school year.

# of students Chronic for the year ≥ 18	# of students in jeopardy to end up Chronic $10 \leq \text{Days} < 18$
43 Students	112 Students

Our goal for the year is $\leq 15\%$, which equal to ≤ 66 students.

Students finishing the year with more than 18 absences will not have accumulated sufficient “seat time” as required by the State of New Jersey, and will be retained.

Attendance Data

May avg
93.94%
M ▼
93.01%
T ▼
96.92%
W ▼
96.24%
Th ▼
95.90%
F ▼
89.38%



QUESTIONS?

COMMENTS?

CONCERNS?