



## Academic Magnet High School

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Dear Academic Magnet High School,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family enjoying your summer break and not thinking too much about school just yet. I am writing to communicate some information about the upcoming school year. This is the first of four weekly letters that you will receive from me leading into the 2025-26 school year. Each letter contains bulleted 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](#), a list of what to expect in the following letter, and all of these letters will remain available on a dedicated page on our [school website](#).

In today's letter, we will cover the 2025-26 CCSD Academic Calendar, Summer Scholars Institute, Residency Verification, our 2025-26 Bell Schedule, our 2025-26 School Counselor Assignments, School Lunches, Fall Sports, Book Pick-Up Schedule, and our AMHS Parent Organizations.

- **2025-26 Academic Calendar**- The first day for students is Tuesday, August 12, 2025. This is the link to the [full Academic Calendar](#) and here is the same information in a [List View](#).
- **The 2025 AMHS Summer Scholars Institute** will run from Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Check-in begins each day at 7:30am. The program runs from 8:00am to 1:00pm each day. Students should bring a book bag, water bottle, pens/pencils, and lunch. Transportation is not provided by CCSD or the school. Students will have their school portraits taken and will check out textbooks and chrome books on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already done so, please register your child (incoming freshmen only) using [this Google Form](#) even if they cannot attend the entire time. Registered families should have already received an email from Dr. Francis. If you have not yet received an email from Dr. Francis, please contact him at [samuel\\_francis@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:samuel_francis@charleston.k12.sc.us)

Transfer Students (10th & 11th grade) will have their orientation on Tuesday, July 29th from 10:00am-12:30pm. Students will have their school portraits taken and will check out textbooks and chrome books. A member of our counseling team will be present to address any scheduling changes. If you have any questions about the Transfer student orientation, please email Ms. Johnson at [flashette\\_johnson@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:flashette_johnson@charleston.k12.sc.us)

The make-up day for any student who is unable to attend Summer Scholars Institute or the Transfer Student orientation will be Monday, August 11th from 10:00am-12:00pm. To register, please email Dr. Francis [samuel\\_francis@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:samuel_francis@charleston.k12.sc.us)

My letters (including this one) contain a lot of information, but for our new students, you just need to come to our Summer Scholars Institute or our Transfer Student Orientation. We will make sure that every student and family is set-up for a successful school year at Academic Magnet High School.



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- Residency Verification-** Thank you all for being responsive to Ms. Fisher and making this a priority. We are 99% complete with our 2025-26 Residency Verification. If we still need an item from you, we have reached out directly by phone and e-mail. As always, any questions about residency can be directed to our Student Data Specialist at [sarah\\_fisher@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:sarah_fisher@charleston.k12.sc.us)
- 2025-26 Bell Schedule-** Though our complex high school has a not-so-complex bell schedule, there are a few items to note. Students must be in their first period class at 8:30am. A student who enters the classroom after 8:30am is considered tardy. This is the link to our comprehensive [AMHS Attendance Policy](#). We have a late lunch this year which means that we do not split an academic period. Our lunchtime does make it important to prioritize breakfast each morning for the sake of classroom focus. Most student study halls are at the following times: 12th grade at 4A, 11th grade at 4B, 10th grade at 3A, 9th grade at 3B, though there are some students (student mentors, for example) who have study hall times with a different grade level.

Time	Period
8:30am-10:05am	1st Block (1A and 1B)
10:10am-11:40am	2nd Block (2A and 2B)
11:45am-1:15pm	3rd Block (3A and 3B)
1:15pm-2:00pm	LUNCH
2:00pm-3:30pm	4th Block (4A and 4B)

- 2025-2026 AMHS School Counselor Assignments**

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- CCSD School Meals 2025-26-** Our [CCSD Nutrition Services](#) payment program is managed through [LINQConnect](#). On that site you can create a profile, fill out the Free and Reduced Meal application, and manage your account. In our back-to-school information, we will also distribute the phone friendly QR codes for parents to manage students accounts that has new features like a-la-carte items and low balance alerts. All questions about school meals can be directed to 843-746-1375 or [nutrition\\_services@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:nutrition_services@charleston.k12.sc.us)



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Breakfast	Lunch
Full Price Student \$1.50	Full Price Student \$2.75
Reduced Price Student \$0.30	Reduced Price Student \$0.40

- AMHS Raptor Athletics and Fall Sports-** We've already had a great summer with many of our athletic teams working out, practicing, and competing for the coming year. [Raptor Athletics](#) is one of many excellent outlets to explore extracurricular activities at Academic Magnet High School with enriching opportunities to grow beyond the traditional academic day. All information related to athletics, including our athletic website, social media links, contact information for coaches, and required preparticipation athletic forms, is available [here](#). Please contact our AMHS Athletic Director, Coach Knauer at [raymond\\_knauer@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:raymond_knauer@charleston.k12.sc.us) or 843-746-6376 with any athletic questions. Go Raptors!
- 2025-26 Schedule, Textbook, and Chromebook Pick-Up-** The attached flier has the dates and times for item pick-up by grade level during the week of July 28<sup>th</sup>. Freshmen times are during the Summer Scholars program. Please enter through the building 7 front entrance as all item pick-ups will be on the World Language hallway. Lockers and parking (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> only) are also addressed during item pick-up times. There will be additional details in next week's letter from me and specific questions about item pick-up can be directed to Ms. Gerideau-Grant at [kylene\\_grant@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:kylene_grant@charleston.k12.sc.us).
- AMHS Parent Organizations-** Academic Magnet High School enjoys the devoted support of several different [parent organizations](#). The three organizations we will mention today are [Partners in Education](#) (PIE), [Academic Magnet Foundation](#) (AMF), and the [Raptor Athletic Booster Club](#) (Booster). PIE supports our school in areas including school climate, staff training, student life activities, and participation in national competitions. AMF underwrites critical school initiatives like the Summer Scholars Institute and targeted test prep and college awareness programming for our upperclassmen. The Booster Club is focused on making sure our teams, coaches, and student athletes have everything they need to proudly represent our school as they pursue excellence in sports. I will send you communications from these organizations in the coming months and ask that you please consider joining and supporting them as they generously support our school and students.

We know this is a lot of material to sort through, but our returning students and families will be familiar with most of this information. For our new students and families, our Summer Scholars team will make certain you are all fully informed during that orientation. There are also online resources like the new [Class of 2029 Facebook Page](#) and our [School Webpage](#) which are absolutely full of information. Next week's letter will have information about our faculty and staff, schedule and book pick-up details, student lockers, student photos, student Chromebooks, 2025-26 activity fees and parking details (with driving directions) for 11th and 12th grade students.





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If you have questions, please just let us know. Our summer office hours are 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday through Thursday.

Back to enjoying your summer break!

With Gratitude,

*Jacob B. Perlmutter*

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