



Academic Magnet High School
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Dear Academic Magnet High School,

Welcome to August! I am writing to share some more information about the upcoming school year. This is the third of four weekly letters that you will receive from me on Fridays leading into the 2025-26 school year. Each letter contains bulleted information and a [link to the earlier letters](#), and these letters will remain available on a dedicated page of our [school website](#).

In today's letter, we will cover buses, parent volunteering at AMHS, some of our school safety protocols.

- **School Bus Information-** As a county-wide magnet school, we offer centralized, parent-assisted bus transportation service. Bus stops are within five miles of a student's primary residence. Attached to this email you will find our routes, bus stops and times in a PDF and in an excel spreadsheet. The [CCSD Transportation Page](#) has updated information as well as links to the [bus stop look-up tool](#) and the [school bus tracking app](#) that many of our families find useful. The Firstview Classic app was updated to Firstview 1.0 so if you currently have the Firstview Classic app on your phone from last year, you should delete it and [download the new one](#). This year's bus code is N6G3F. We will send a school bus one-pager next week.
- **Volunteering at AMHS-** Volunteering at AMHS- In addition to our organized parent support groups, we are fortunate to have a healthy cadre of parent volunteers. Ms. Ryan manages and coordinates that effort and if you are interested in volunteering at the school, the process begins with filling out [this volunteer application](#) form which does include a criminal background check. When you are prompted to select a school site, we are listed as "Bonds Wilson Campus."
- **Student Weapons Screening-** At Academic Magnet High School, we have numerous school security measures to enhance the safety of our students and school. Among those security measures are two different random weapons screening programs. The first one is a universal weapons screener on random days when students enter the buildings in the morning. On those days every student and visitor at AMHS passes through the weapons screening system before entering any building on the Bonds Wilson Campus. The second is a program coordinated by the Charleston County School District School Security Team where a [randomly-selected classroom](#), its occupants, and their belongings are searched. We conduct both screenings using the [CEIA Opengate Screeners](#) which is same system that we have utilized at athletic events and is commonly employed at larger events and concerts. Screeners are calibrated to detect weapons so common metal objects like keys and cell phones can be carried right through the devices. We work closely with our colleagues in the [CCSD Security Department](#) and School of the Arts to minimize impacts to our proudly academic school culture from these screenings.
- **Make-up Schedule, Textbook, Chromebook, and Item pick-up-** Any student in any grade level who was unable to retrieve items this past week is invited to come in on Monday, August 4th from 9:00am-12:00pm to collect those.

If you have questions, please just let us know. We now return to our normal campus operating hours which are 8:00am-3:30pm, Monday through Friday. It was great to have some more activity on campus this week with item retrievals and the summer scholar's orientation programming. We're getting closer to the start of a great school year!

Enjoy the cooler weekend ahead!

With Gratitude,
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