



*Happy Holidays*

AND HAVE A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR

**Good morning Parents**  
**Today is Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**



**Welcome Parents!**



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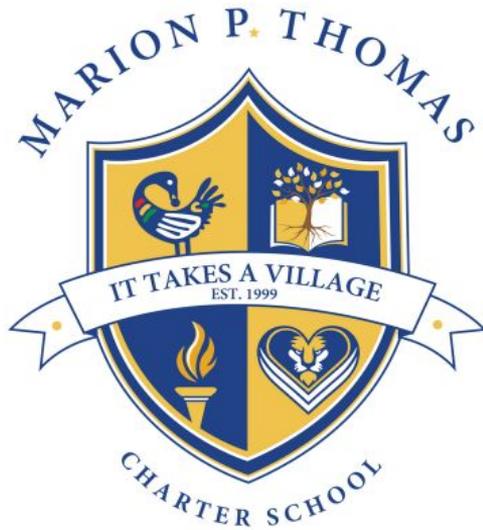
**STEAM Academy Vice Principals**



# Chit-Chat Schedule & Time

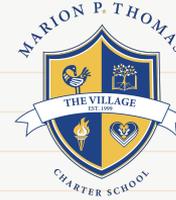
Second Tuesday of Every Month  
9:15 to 10:00 am

Next Meeting will be on  
January 13<sup>th</sup>



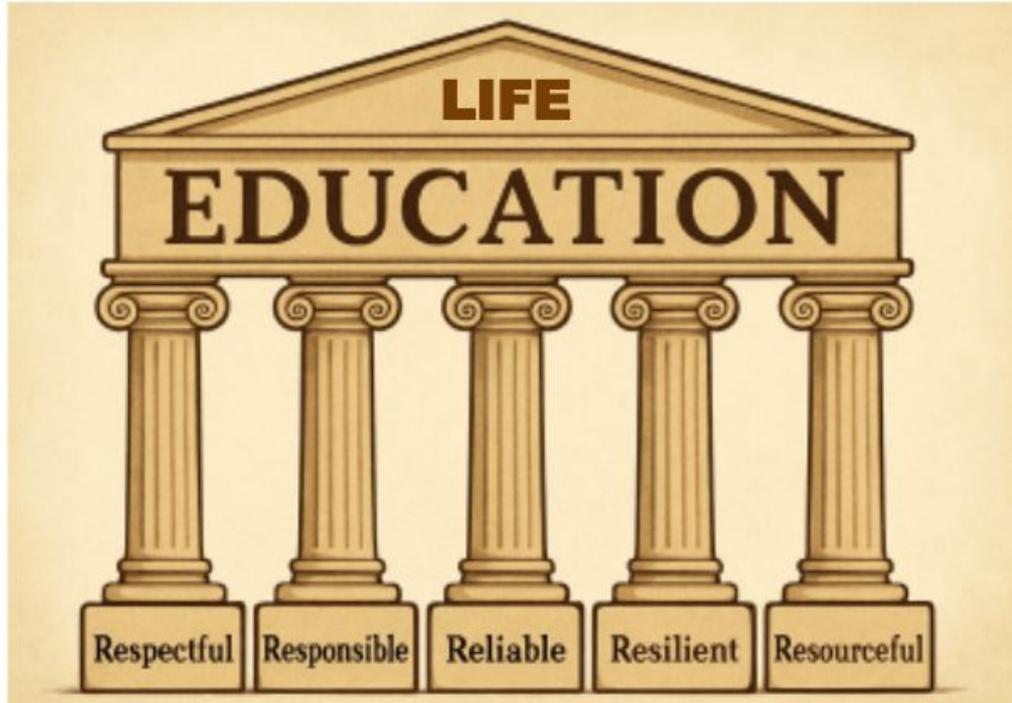
***Our Mission:*** *The Mission of Marion P. Thomas Charter School is to build culturally rich, transformative educational spaces that cultivate successful, lifelong innovators who use their passions, character, and intellect to better themselves, the greater Newark community, and the world beyond.*

***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.

# 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”*

# 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.

# 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 PK-5

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



**NO**



**HOODIES**

# STEAM Support TEAM!



E. Silvestre - Principal  
A. Richardson - VP  
E. Pride - VP  
D. Purnell - Operations  
A. Munoz - FACE  
K. KJ - Culture & Climate  
N. Burgwyn - O. Manager  
B. Lucas - Att. Counselor  
L. Valdez - Social Worker  
N. Ndichie - Nurse



**School President - Morgan D.**  
**School Vice President - Jihad H.**  
**School Secretary - Mia P.S.**  
**School Treasurer - Kevin N.**



- 8th Grade:
  - Kaylee M.
  - Eugenia K.

- 7th Grade:
  - Karissa H.
  - Caleb V.

- 6th Grade:
  - Oluwasikemi O.
  - Aanuoluwapo D.

- 5th Grade:
  - Avalyn A.
  - Carla R.

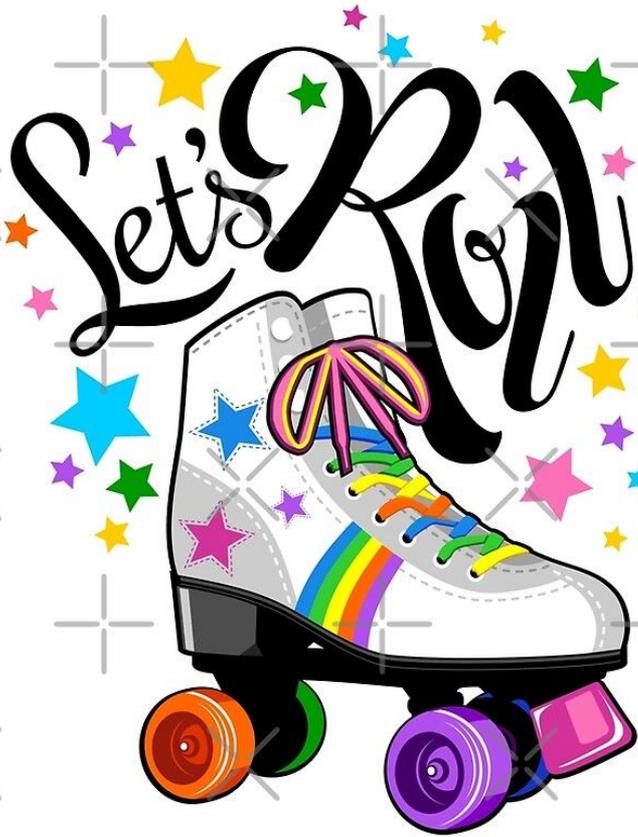
- 4th Grade:
  - William B.
  - Ava E.

- 3rd Grade:
  - Janice I.
  - Nathaniel M.

# **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.



January 2026  
Perfect Attendance  
Roller-skating Party

# Next Week

WINTER 2025  
**SPIRIT WEEK**

**MONDAY**  
15th **CANDY CANE DAY**  
*Wear Red and White*

**TUESDAY**  
16th **HOLIDAY TWIN DAY**  
*Find a friend and dress alike with festive holiday attire*

**WEDNESDAY**  
17th **HOLIDAY HEADWEAR DAY**  
*Wear a festive holiday hat or headband*

**THURSDAY**  
18th **FLANNEL & PLAID DAY**  
*Get Cozy...wear your flannel or plaid outfit*

**FRIDAY**  
19th **UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER DAY**  
*Kick off winter break wearing a holiday sweater*

MARION F. THOMAS  
THE VILLAGE  
CHARTER SCHOOL

# December - Key Information

**12/10: November Exemplary Scholars Trip (Perfect Attendance, Good Behavior & Good Academic Standing)**

**12/15: November Perfect Attendance Celebration - Cookies & Coco + Raffles**

**12/16: McCloud Cares Trip (K-3rd grade) - American Dream Mall**

**12/17: Winter Concert (1:30 - 3:00 pm)**

**12/18: Operation Scholar**

**12/19: Holiday Candy Gram Distribution**

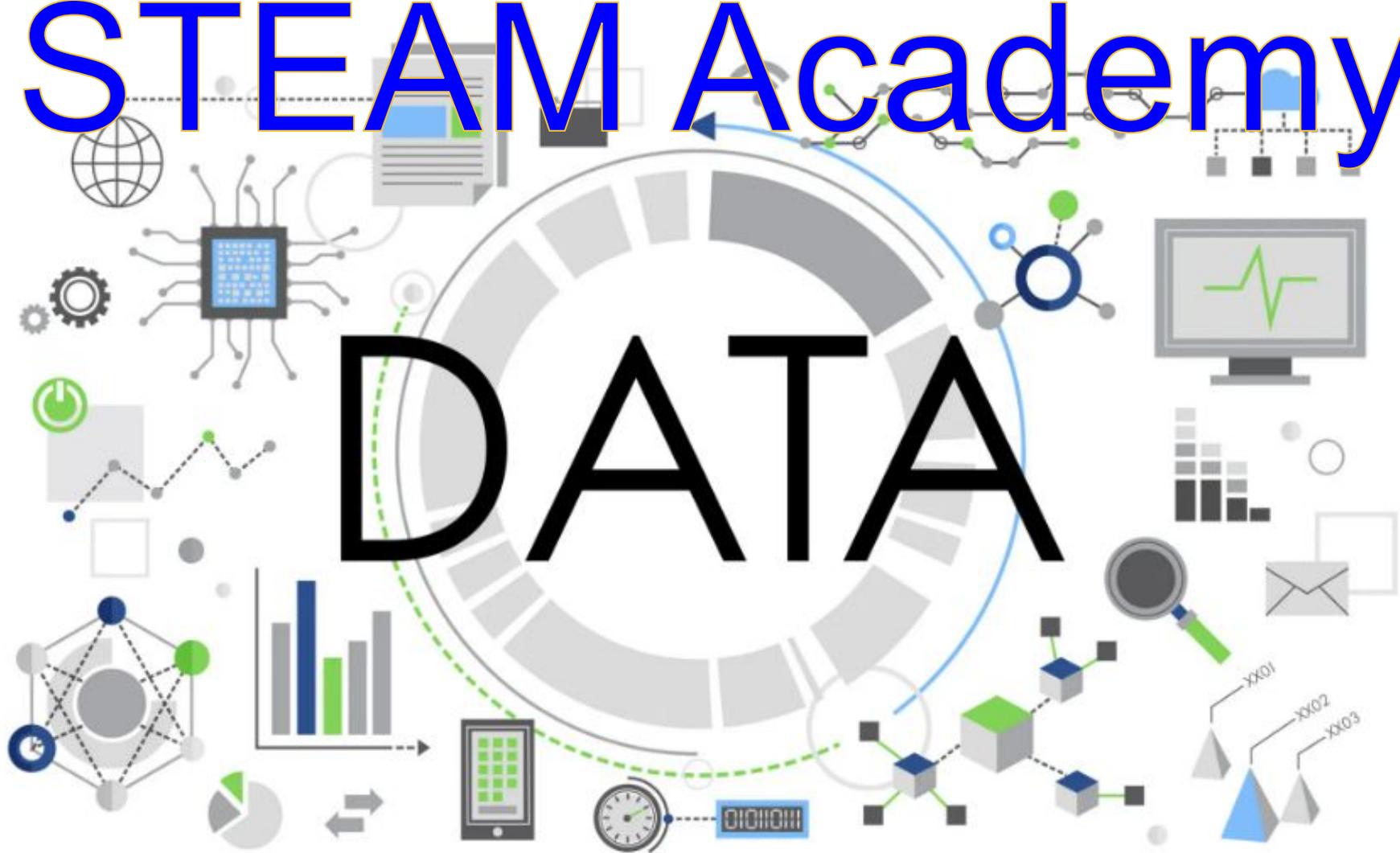
**12/19: Last day of school - 12:30 pm dismissal**

**12/22 - 1/2: Winter Break**

**We return on January 5<sup>th</sup>.**

# STEAM Academy

# DATA

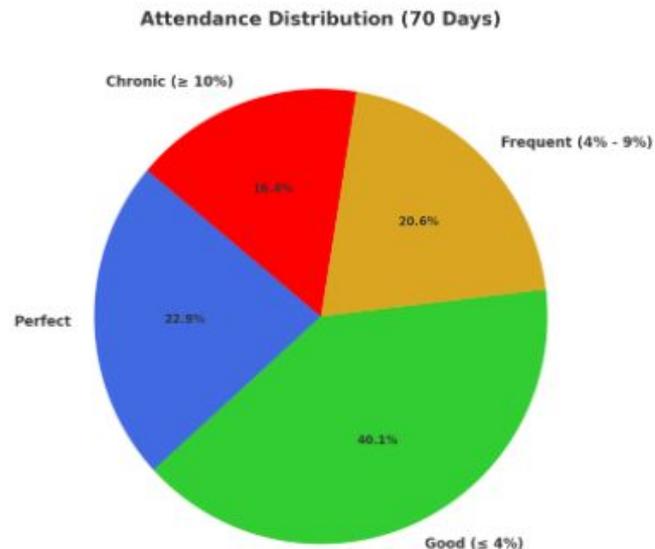


# Attendance Data as of December 8, 2025

## School Goals:

- **97% Average Daily Attendance**
- **≤10% Chronic Absenteeism Rate**

Attendance (70 days)		
	Students	Percentage
<b>Perfect</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>22.9%</b>
<b>Good (≤ 4%)</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>40.1%</b>
<b>Frequent (4% - 9%)</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>20.6%</b>
<b>Chronic (≥ 10%)</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>16.4%</b>



# Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic absenteeism is when a student misses **10% or more** of the school year. As of 12/8, we have accumulated a total of **70 days of school**, chronic absenteeism applies to students who have missed **7 or more days**. For the entire school year, chronic absenteeism applies to students that miss **18 or more** days of school.

Here's how chronic absenteeism affects promotion:

- **18–20 Unexcused Absences:** Summer school will be required to make up missed seat time and be eligible for promotion
- **21+ Unexcused Absences:** The student will be required to repeat the grade due to insufficient seat time

# of students currently chronic	7 Absences	8-9 Absences	≥10 Absences
64 Students	11 Students	19 Students	34 Students

Our goal for the year is **≤ 10%**, which equal to **≤ 39** students.

# Attendance Data

## School Goal:

- **97% Average Daily Attendance**

December avg	November avg	October avg	September avg
92.42%	93.01%	94.49%	95.95%
M	M	M	M
93.09%	93.65%	94.71%	95.61%
T	T	T	T
93.22%	95.43%	96.77%	96.45%
W	W	W	W
96.98%	90.25%	95.47%	96.73%
Th	Th	Th	Th
93.22%	93.69%	94.48%	97.36%
F	F	F	F
84.92%	91.71%	91.09%	93.50%



## *Next Steps*



- Sign up for Morning Homework Lab & Hot Breakfast
  - 7:15 - 8:00 am
- Sign up for after school Homework Help & Tutoring
  - 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Stay in the know!



55%

**PARENT PORTAL**



Tailored instruction for our scholars



**QUESTIONS?**

**COMMENTS?**

**CONCERNS?**