



MARION P. THOMAS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. Chanelle Wolfe, Interim Principal

August 10, 2026

Dear Marion P. Thomas Charter High School Village,

On behalf of the leadership team at Marion P. Thomas Charter High School (MPTCHS), I am excited to welcome you to the 2026–2027 school year! I hope you had a wonderful summer filled with opportunities to rest, recharge, and spend meaningful time with family and friends

As we continue to **REIMAGINE THE VILLAGE**, we remain grounded in our vision:

Excellence by Design: Excellence Is Not Accidental, It's Intentional!

Throughout the summer, our leadership team has been planning, collaborating, and preparing to ensure that every scholar has an exceptional high school experience. We carefully reviewed feedback from last year's student and parent surveys, and we are excited to build upon our areas of strength while being intentional about improving our areas for growth.

This year, we will bring our vision of **EXCELLENCE** to life in exciting new ways. One of our newest initiatives is [The Collegiate Academy](#). Our inaugural cohort of sophomores began coursework on the Essex County College campus this summer. Scholars who remain on track will have the opportunity to graduate with both an associate degree and a high school diploma. This is an incredible milestone for our school community and network, and we look forward to watching our scholars thrive. A special shout-out to DC Patino for spearheading this exciting opportunity!

And there is even more to look forward to this year—additional student incentives, expanded extracurricular and athletic offerings, pep rallies, celebrations, and opportunities to strengthen our school community.

As we prepare for the start of the year, please take note of the following important dates:

Date	Event	Details
Monday, August 24th 9:00 - 11:00 am (Doors open at 8:45 am)	9th Grade Orientation	During these <u>mandatory</u> grade-level orientations, we will discuss academic and extracurricular programming, new policies and procedures, student schedules, and more. Scholars will also have an opportunity to meet with counselors to complete necessary schedule changes. RSVP Here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNRDhh0KWT7EE38QvkIgLylyXMc1VjDNLTjfqTFVfOYNOvFA/viewform
Monday, August 24th 1:00 - 3:00 pm (Doors open at 12:45 pm)	10th Grade Orientation	
Tuesday, August 25th 9:00 - 11:00 am (Doors open at 8:45 am)	11th Grade Orientation	



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Tuesday, August 25th 1:00 - 3:00 pm (Doors open at 12:45 pm)	<u>12th Grade Orientation</u>	
Thursday, August 27th	VIRTUAL Family Orientation	We invite all parents and guardians to join us for our Virtual Family Orientation . We will review important policies and procedures and share information about upcoming events and expectations for the school year. <u>RSVP Here</u> .
Monday, August 31st	First Day of School	Doors open at 7:35 a.m. 1st Period begins at 8:15 am.
Wednesday, September 2nd	<u>Picture Day</u>	Students and staff will take photographs for school IDs. Student photos will also be used in the Senior Yearbook.
Thursday, September 3rd	<u>Senior Picture Day</u> - Session #1	Senior Booking Link: https://seniors.legacystudios.com/marion-p-thomas-charter-school-newark-nj/
Friday, September 4th	1st Week Perfect Attendance Celebration	We are starting the year by celebrating scholars who show up and show out! All students who maintain perfect attendance during the first week of school, 8/31-9/4, will be invited to an Ice Cream Party .
Tuesday, September 8th	All Summer Assignments are due!	Summer assignments will be reviewed during the first weeks of school and will count toward Quarter 1 assessment grades. Students who have not completed their summer assignments by 9/8/26 will be required to attend Saturday Remediation to complete their work and ensure they begin the school year on track.
SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, September 17th 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Back to School Night	We invite our entire Village to join us for Back to School Night!

Be on the lookout for the first edition of our weekly parent newsletter, **Pulse of the Pride**, on Sunday, August 30.

P.S. Follow me on Instagram at **@principalwolfe**, our school at **@mptcs_highschool**, and the network at **@marionpthomas**.

Educationally yours,

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