



Dear STEAM Academy Families,

Welcome to the **2026–2027** school year!

It is with great excitement that I welcome you back to another year of learning, growth, and success at Marion P. Thomas Charter School – STEAM Academy. As I begin my fourth year as Principal and my 23rd year in education, I remain honored to serve the Newark community and committed to ensuring every scholar receives a safe, engaging, and high-quality educational experience.

As we reflect on last year, we have so much to celebrate. Thanks to the dedication of our scholars, families, and staff, we continued to strengthen our school community and foster an environment where every child can thrive. While we are proud of our progress, we know our work is not finished. This year, we will continue to focus on strong academic achievement, daily attendance, positive school culture, and meaningful partnerships with our families.

At STEAM Academy, we firmly believe that every scholar can succeed when school and home work together. Our MPTCS mantra reminds us that "It takes a village," and our STEAM Academy theme continues to guide our work:

"All of us are better than any one of us, as long as each of us gives the best in us."

This year, our dedicated staff will continue providing rigorous, grade-level instruction that is engaging, culturally relevant, and designed to challenge every learner while providing the support they need to succeed. We will also continue emphasizing the habits that lead to success, being present every day, demonstrating respect, taking ownership of learning, and striving for excellence both inside and outside the classroom.

Your partnership plays a vital role in your child's success. We encourage you to stay actively involved throughout the school year by:

- Visit www.mptcs.org for updates and resources.
- Follow our social media pages and staying active on Class-Dojo for announcements and celebrations: Instagram ([Principal_Silvestre](#), [MPTCS_STEAM_Academy](#)), Class Dojo (TBD).
- Reach out to our main office with questions, feedback, or ideas at (973) 621-0060 ext. 2212 – your voice matters.

As we prepare for another exciting year, I encourage every scholar to come to school each day ready to learn, grow, and represent our STEAM Academy community with pride. Together, we will continue building a school where every scholar feels valued, challenged, and inspired to reach their fullest potential.

Full STEAM Ahead!

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Principal Silvestre