



Public Charter High School

Thurgood Marshall Academy's

Family Advocate

INVOLVED FAMILIES HELP STUDENTS ACHIEVE

Secondary education students believe that they can do better at school if they know that their families are interested in their schoolwork and expect them to succeed, thus challenging the prevalent view that adolescents do not want their parents involved at all. (Harvard Family Research Project, 2004)

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THURGOOD MARSHALL ACADEMY MAKES AYP

Thurgood Marshall Academy made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the second consecutive year. 2009 DC CAS test scores show that 67% of Thurgood Marshall Academy students were proficient in reading and 72% of Thurgood Marshall Academy students were proficient in math.

Thurgood Marshall Academy scored 3.1 times higher in reading and 3.7 times higher in math than neighborhood schools in Ward 8. Thurgood Marshall Academy ranked first in math and second in reading among DC open enrollment high schools (schools without an entrance requirement).

The school has made AYP for two straight years, and as a result, Thurgood Marshall Academy became the first school in the District to exit School Improvement status.

Our impressive results are reflection of the tremendous work of all our students, faculty, and staff. In particular, we would like to acknowledge all the teachers and staff who worked closely with the Class of 2011: **Ms. Peterson, Mr. Somerville, Ms. Jones, Ms. Pike, Mr. Edge, Ms. Horn, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Otrrosina, Ms. Rene, and Ms. Allison.** Additionally, we would like to those faculty and staff members who worked with our students in additional remediation sessions: **Ms. Celestine, Mr. London, Ms. Allison, Mrs. Hutchinson, Ms. Dalton, Mr. McCullough, and Mrs. Julien.**

Eleven students were identified as "advanced" in reading and eight students were identified as "advanced" in math.

Congratulations!

Important Contact Information

Main Number: 202-563-6862

- Security: x116
- MPD School Resource Officer (Officer Tracie Cannon): x147
- School Nurse (Mr. Ganiyu): x109
- Attendance (Ms. Short): x204
- Dean McCullough (9th grade): x174
- Dean Stewart (10th & 11th grades): x121
- Dean Bobo (12th grade): x161
- Academic Director (Ms. Pardo): x124

Does Thurgood Marshall Academy have your e-mail address?

If not, please e-mail **Ms. Hutchinson** at kporter@tmapchs.org so you can be added to our e-mail list and receive important school information. In your e-mail, please make sure to include your students' name and grade level.

Visit our website for upcoming events and information.

www.thurgoodmarshallacademy.org

Student Achievements

DC CAS

Thurgood Marshall Academy is pleased to announce that the following students were identified as “advanced” in reading and math through the DC CAS.

Reading

Markus Batchelor
Maya Butler
Dream Jackson
Domonique Johnson
Moo Hoo Johnson
Jasmine Murray
Emarchez Riley
Akasha Rodgers
Jereme Speight
Sheresse Williams
Nye'al Wise

Math

Markus Batchelor
Isiah Boddie
Thomas Delaney
Domonique Johnson
Moo Hoo Johnson
Tiana Long
Emarchez Riley
LaJuan Washington

Advanced Placement

The following students received a passing grade on Advanced Placement (AP) exams in May 2009.

English Language

Keiona Davis
Deycha Robinson
Demetrius Suggs

US History

Ashley Bryant
Mache Chase
Alicia Hargrove
Brittany McGhee
Jasmine McPhaul
DeSean Suarez
Shatericka Turman

Get Involved!

A new school year means new opportunities for students and families alike. Thurgood Marshall Academy offers a variety of programs that need family support to succeed.

Homework Help Tutoring

Homework Help, the school's most popular after-school activity program, runs Monday–Friday until 6:00 pm. Students can receive individualized tutoring from teachers, college students, and volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering as tutor, please contact **Mr. Guggenheimer** at 202-563-6862 x126 or at sguggenheimer@tmapchs.org.

Parent Teacher Organization

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meets monthly before each Open House. The PTO helps shape decision-making at the school, offering guidance to the Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees. To join the PTO, please contact **Ms. Short** at 202-563-6862 x204 or at sshort@tmapchs.org. Free childcare is available.

Athletics

With the completion of the new gym, we look forward to increased crowd-support at home games. Team schedules will be posted on the school's website and published on the family calendar. To get involved with the school's new Pep Squad, please contact **Athletic Director Thompson** at mthompson@tmapchs.org or **Ms. Dougherty** at jdougherty@tmapchs.org.

Open Houses

Open Houses are a great time for parents and guardians to catch-up with teachers. Held monthly, Open Houses allow families to discuss student progress, concerns, and goals. We hold Open Houses after all PTO meetings.

Thurgood Marshall Academy Debuts New Athletics Program

Thurgood Marshall Academy is pleased to announce that the athletic department has expanded for the 2009–10 school year.

Students can now compete in Volleyball, Co-ed Flag Football, Boys' Basketball, and Girls' Basketball in the Washington Charter Schools Athletic Association (WCSAA). In addition, the school's award-winning dance team and cheerleading squad will continue to bolster school spirit and compete throughout the school year. We will offer Baseball and Club Soccer in spring 2010.

School Updates

Accreditation

Thurgood Marshall Academy was accredited by the Middle States Association in May 2008. As part of the ongoing accreditation process, Thurgood Marshall Academy tracks data throughout the year to ensure that we are on-target to meet the goals we set to reach by 2014. In the 2009 Annual Review, the school demonstrated progress in reaching all nine of our goals. The school is scheduled to have its mid-point review in May 2010. For more information about the accreditation process, please contact **Ms. Dougherty** at 202-563-6862, x207 or jdougherty@tmaphs.org.

New Faculty & Staff Members

Thurgood Marshall Academy is pleased to welcome new faculty and staff members to our team.

- Ms. Bell—Algebra I Teacher
- Ms. Gall—Programs Associate
- Mr. Ganiyu—School Nurse
- Ms. Johnston—Biology Teacher
- Ms. S. Jones—Special Education Coordinator
- Ms. Joswick—Development Assistant
- Ms. Joyce—Clinical Counseling Intern
- Mr. Kaplan—Programs Associate
- Mr. Mitchell—College Counselor
- Mr. Morean—Technology Teacher & Portfolio Coordinator
- Ms. Shabazz—Art Teacher

Phase II Gym Project

Our gym, shared with Savoy Elementary School, is nearly complete! The new gym offers a fitness/weight room designed especially for our students, including treadmills, weights, and 42" flat screen televisions. The gym also houses a stage and courtside seating for up to 200 people during games. The gym is set to open in late-September for public use.



The Class of 2013 is becoming acclimated to their new school.

Upcoming Thurgood Marshall Academy Events

What?	When?	Where?
Discipline Class	October 1	TMA
Dress Down Day	October 2	TMA
Senior Portraits	October 3	TMA
Field Trip	October 5 & 6	National Archives
Law Firm Tutoring	October 6	DC
Volleyball vs. Chavez	October 6	TMA
Rewards Lunch	October 7	TMA
Football vs. IDEA	October 7	TMA
Volleyball vs. Doar	October 8	Doar Charter HS
Benchmark Testing	October 8–9	TMA
Mentee Training	October 8–9	TMA
SAT Testing	October 10	DC
Columbus Day— School Closed	October 12	DC
Law Firm Tutoring	October 13	DC
Philadelphia College Trip (Grade 12)	October 14	Philadelphia, PA
PSAT Testing (Grades 9–11)	October 14	TMA
PTO Meeting	October 14	TMA
Open House	October 14	TMA
Football vs. Doar	October 14	TMA
Volleyball vs. Booker T.	October 15	Booker T. Washington Charter HS
ADL Training	October 15–16	TMA
Mentor Day	October 17	TMA
Football vs. Hospitality	October 17	Hospitality Charter HS
Field Trip	October 19 & 20	C&O Canal— Georgetown
Law Firm Tutoring	October 20	DC
Volleyball vs. Options	October 20	TMA
Half Day	October 21	TMA
Discipline Class	October 21	TMA
Volleyball vs. Chavez	October 22	Chavez HS
Law Day (Grade 9)	October 23	DC
ACT Test	October 24	DC
Football vs. Young America Works	October 24	Young America Works Charter HS
Law Firm Tutoring	October 27	DC
Football vs. New Beginnings	October 27	TMA
Volleyball vs. Doar	October 27	TMA
Football Quarter Finals	October 28	TBD
Football Semifinals	October 29	TBD
Faculty & Staff Retreat—School Closed	October 30	TMA
Football Championships	October 31	TBD