



Public Charter High School

Warrior Weekly

October 4, 2024

Warrior Families,

Thank you to those who were able to join us for Parent Teacher Conferences. These meetings aim to ensure students, families, and the TMA team are on the same page about your student's progress and ways we can work together to continue growth this school year. If you could not attend, please make sure you check your students' grades in Infinite Campus and reach out to any teacher to whom you may have questions.

Students have a short upcoming week. As a reminder, school is closed for students on Thursday and Friday for professional development training for our team. The school will also be closed the following Monday for Indigenous People's Day, October 14.

Warm regards,

Raymond Weeden
Executive Director



Waffles with Warriors - A Brunch for Parents/Guardians

Date: October 12, 2024

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Thurgood Marshall Academy (Library)

Purpose: The **Waffles with Warriors** meeting aims to unite parents in establishing a parent organization for our Title 1 school. We will discuss important updates, re-establish our parent organization, plan events, and explore ways for parents to get involved, all to enhance student success and strengthen our school community.

Please RSVP by clicking this link [RSVP HERE](#). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ms. Ames at 202-607-4216.



The SAIL program at Thurgood Marshall Academy (TMA) is income-based, ensuring it is accessible to all students. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity for your child to develop valuable leadership skills and build lifelong friendships!

Learn More About SAIL: [SAIL Program Overview](#)

Register Now: [Registration Link](#)

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Brittney Jones at bjones@anbrycefoundation.net. We look forward to welcoming your students into our dynamic and empowering community!



Applications Open for United State Senate Youth Program (reminder)

DC public and public charter high school juniors and seniors with a strong interest in government, public service, and history are encouraged to apply today for the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP), a unique and annual educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service.

Typically, two student leaders from each state will spend a week in Washington, DC, experiencing their national government in action. Student delegates will hear primary policy addresses by Senators, cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense, and directors of other federal agencies and participate in a meeting with a Justice of the US Supreme Court. The Hearst Foundations will provide all transportation, hotel, and meal expenses.

In addition, each delegate is awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate studies, with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science. Rising high school juniors and seniors may obtain a USSYP application and inquire directly to their state selection contacts through the [program website](#) (see selection contacts listing on home page). All student delegates to USSYP are selected by state-level education

officials—the United States Senate and the Hearst Foundations do not provide individual states’ applications or choose the delegates and alternates.

To learn more, [click here](#). The deadline to apply is Oct. 28, 2024.



All students are eligible for a Kids Ride Free SmarTrip Card. Please ask your dean to get on today. Enjoy free rides on Metrobus, Metrorail, & DC Circulator

Remember, current cards expire on Sept 30, 2024. So, all students must get a new card for the new year.

Keep your student’s #KidsRideFree SmarTrip Card handy by adding it to Apple Wallet! Students 13+ can now enjoy more convenient, card-free trips across #DC. Whether you choose plastic or digital, the choice is yours. Learn how to add below.

[How to transfer SmartTrip Card to Apple Wallet](#)

2024-2025 School Calendar

The [school year calendar is linked](#). Please note that changes may be made as needed.



New Cell Phone Policy

To maintain a focused and productive learning environment, we will collect cell phones from students at the start of each school day. Phones will be securely stored in a locked room and returned to students at the end of the day. This policy aims to minimize distractions and encourage students to fully engage in their educational experience.

We understand that cell phones are essential for communication and safety, and we want to assure you that students will still have access to their phones after school hours. If you need to reach your child during the day, please contact the school office or your child’s grade-level Dean, and we will ensure the message is delivered promptly.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in creating our students' best learning environment.



The latest episode of [Making Connections](#) is out. Catch up on the season here. [Listen on Spotify here.](#)



Thurgood Marshall Academy will host Joyful Food Market from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm on the dates listed below. Please come out and help yourself to some fresh produce and pantry items.

The first market will be **Thursday, October 17, 2024**

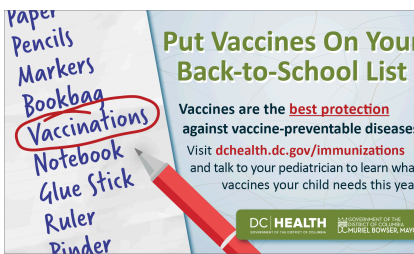
Below are the following markets.

- Thursday, November 7, 2024
- Thursday, December 12, 2024
- Thursday, January 16, 2024
- Thursday, February 20, 2024
- Tuesday, March 18, 2024
- Thursday, April 24, 2024
- Thursday, May 15, 2024



Free Eye Exams

This summer, DC Public Library is teaming up with [Vision To Learn](#) to provide no-cost eye exams and, if necessary, glasses for children (Pre-K-12 grade only). Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity—**book your appointment now!**



Add Vaccines to your Back to School Checklist

Back-to-school season is here! Ensure families stay on track with their child's vaccinations. Parents and caregivers should collaborate with their child's medical provider to catch up on missed well-child visits and school-required vaccines. Learn how to stay on track by visiting dchealth.dc.gov/immunizations.

TMA
Wellness Team

Who:

Ms. Whieldon - Clinical Social Worker/Mental Health Coordinator;
Ms. Hayden - Clinical Counselor/McKinney Vento Liaison;
Ms. Black- Department of Behavioral Health Clinical Social Worker
Dr. Horton - The Mecca Group Clinician Georgetown MedStar Wise Center Team
Dr. Rivers - Clinical Social Worker; Dr. Williams- Psychiatrist

What:

If your student is in need of therapy/counseling services, referral to an outside therapist, psychiatry consultation, contact the grade level deans, an administrator, and/or Ms. Whieldon, swhieldon@tmapchs.org, to be connected Contact Ms. Hayden -yhayden@tmapchs.org, if your family needs support in a transitional living situation.

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