



Public Charter High School

Warrior Weekly

November 1, 2024

Happy November TMA Community,

As we approach this historic election, I want to recognize that this time might feel challenging for many of you. Each of us experiences this period differently, shaped by our unique perspectives and responses to stress. With much focus on what's happening locally and nationally, it's natural to feel concerned about the future. But I want you to know that, no matter what the outcome, our TMA community will continue to grow stronger, working together to help each of you become engaged, compassionate leaders.

I also want to give a special shout-out to our seniors who will volunteer and work at the polls on Election Day. Their commitment to making a difference and supporting a smooth election process in our District is inspiring. They set an example of what it means to actively engage in our democratic society, living out TMA's mission to make a positive impact.

For the adults in our community and new student voters, please plan to use your right to vote this fall. In DC, you can vote on Election Day or during the early voting period, whichever is more manageable. This can be especially helpful if it would be difficult or impossible for you to vote on Election Day. Early voting locations may also be less crowded. You can vote early, in person, before through Sunday, November 3. Visit [the District of Columbia Board of Elections](#) website for more information about when to vote early. On Tuesday's Election Day, polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Please know that support is here for you. Our teachers, counselors, and others on the TMA team are available to talk with students and support each of you during this time. This election season reminds us that democracy is a verb—it's something we do and build together. Each of you plays a valuable role in this community and makes a difference in the world.




Thank you for supporting each other and staying engaged in what matters to you.

Calendar Reminder

TMA has classes **EVERY DAY** next week. Monday is the first day of the second quarter. On Tuesday, we are on an early release schedule to allow our team and students time to exercise their right to vote. Please make sure your student is ready to learn every day next week.

Best,

Raymond Weeden
Executive Director

	<p>The school year calendar is linked. Please note that changes may be made as needed.</p>
<p>TMA Votes</p> 	<p>Families, we need you...to VOTE!</p> <p>Please plan to use your right to vote this fall. In DC, you can choose whether to vote on Election Day or during the early voting period, whichever is easier for you. This can be especially helpful if it would be difficult or not possible for you to vote on Election Day. Early voting locations may also be less crowded.</p> <p>When can I vote early?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">You can vote in person before Election Day between October 28 and November 3. Visit the District of Columbia Board of Elections website for more information about when to vote early.
	<p>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</p> <p>Remember, current cards expire on Sept 30, 2024. So, all students must get a new card for the new year.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>How to transfer SmartTrip Card to Apple Wallet</p>

Cedar Hill Urgent Care – GW Health

DC Health 2024 Pediatric Vaccine Locations

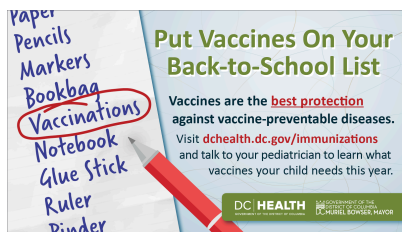
DC Health has updated its resource that lists locations for pediatric vaccinations throughout the District. Schools are encouraged to share this information with families. The resource is available [here](#). Families may get their children vaccinated at the School Based Health Centers regardless of where the student is enrolled, for a vaccination-only appointment. Please call ahead to schedule as days and times vary by location. Find a list of school-based health centers at dchealth.dc.gov/service/school-based-health-centers.

Student Immunization Opportunities (reminder)

The best place for DC families to access immunizations is with your family medical provider as part of their comprehensive well-childcare. If a family does not have a health care provider or they have difficulty securing an appointment, they can select from DC Health’s list of [pediatric vaccine providers](#) in every ward. Visit the DC Health [website](#) for up to date information on vaccine requirements and opportunities.

An additional vaccine opportunity:

Cedar Hill Urgent Care – GW Health at 2228 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave SE, Washington, DC 20020: Open daily from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. For appointments, call (202) 715-4444.



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.



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



x2VOL, an on-line community service tracking program, will allow you to enter community service hours online at any time and view your number of approved hours on file. Please remember that all hours submitted through **x2VOL** will still require verification from your site and approval from a Thurgood Marshall Academy staff member. Please check in with Ms. Ames at zames@tmapchs.org if you have questions.

Please use the instructions included below when accessing **x2VOL for the first time**. If you have logged into **x2VOL** previously, please use your login credentials on the main log-in page.

Please Click

[x2VOL Instructions](#)



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.

Below are the following markets.

- **Thursday, November 7, 2024**
- Thursday, December 12, 2024
- Thursday, January 16, 2025
- Thursday, February 20, 2025
- Tuesday, March 18, 2025
- Thursday, April 24, 2025
- Thursday, May 15, 2025

FYI- This is also an opportunity for students to earn community service hours. Please have them email Ms. Ames at zames@tmapchs.org to join the Pantry Club.

Join the My Afterschool DC
Parent Advisory Group

My Afterschool DC (MADC) is a new initiative stemming from Mayor Bowser's goal of Afterschool for All. The vision for MADC is that all children, youth, and families across the District of Columbia have knowledge of and access to an increased number of high quality OST programs through the MADC portal. The Parent Advisory Group will consist of DC parents who will serve as "internal testers" for the MADC portal. Parents/caregivers will be debriefed on build out updates, including design, access site navigability, and functionality. The group will also support the amplification of the initiative through parent community engagement in their schools and neighborhood. The Parent Advisory Group will meet bi-weekly on Wednesdays from 12:15- 1:00p.m.

Sign up [here](#)! For questions, please contact Tabitha Burnett at tabbithaburnett1@dc.gov or call 202-285-7640.

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