Good Evening Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School Families,

We hope your child had a great week at school. Information in our message this week includes- King’s Upcoming Events, After School Clubs and Activities, the most recent MCPS Community Message, Ways to Report Bullying, The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy Saturday School, Directory Withholding, Student Dismissal, and Student Attendance.  Have a great evening and weekend.

Respectfully,

Mr. Wynne

**King’s Upcoming Events**:

* Monday, September 27 - Hearing and Vision Screening - All 8th graders, referrals, and students new to MLK.
* Wednesday, September 29 – [MCAP Math Testing](https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/siteassets/schools/middle-schools/a-f/mlkms/uploadedfiles/overview-of-early-fall-assessments.pdf)- 8:25-10:25
* Thursday, September 30 – [MCAP Reading Testing](https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/siteassets/schools/middle-schools/a-f/mlkms/uploadedfiles/overview-of-early-fall-assessments.pdf)- 8:25-10:25
* Friday, October 1 – [MCAP Reading Testing](https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/siteassets/schools/middle-schools/a-f/mlkms/uploadedfiles/overview-of-early-fall-assessments.pdf)- 8:25-10:25

**After-School Clubs and Activities -**After-school activities continue this week! We have various activities planned on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:10 to 4:35. Permission forms can be found in the main office and online on the MLK website. Students must get permission from their parent or guardian to stay for an after-school activity prior to the day they are planning to stay. Bus riders (excluding humanities students) will be provided bus transportation home on after-school activities days. Keep an eye out for clubs being added through the fall. If you don't see something of interest on our current list, find a sponsor and start your own club! Our MLK staff loves to share their talents!

Tuesday, September 28

MLK Boys Softball Tryouts with Mr. Sevilla

MLK Girls Softball Tryouts with Ms. Chahalis

MLK Boys/Girls Cross Country Tryouts with Ms. Giel

MLK **Intramural Basketball** with Mr. Nagele

MLK **Intramural Tennis** with Ms. Engestrom

MLK **Intramural Ultimate Frisbee** with Ms. Petry

Wednesday, September 29

MLK **Riding for Focus** with Mr. Glodek

MLK **Junior Leaders** with Ms. Rhee

Thursday, September 30

MLK **Intramural Soccer** with Mr. Nagele

Be on the lookout for:

RecXtra **Art Club** with Ms. Drews

RecXtra **Board Game Club** with Mr. Fair/Thursdays beginning October 7

RecXtra **Chess Club** with Mr. Lehane/Tuesdays beginning October 5

**Community Club** with Ms. Feriano/Wednesdays beginning October 6

RecXtra **Fantasy Football Club** with Mr. Gammell/Tuesdays beginning October 5

RecXtra **Gaming Club** with Ms. Winger/Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning

RecXtra **Homework Club de Español** with Mr. Portillo and Ms. Romero/Tuesdays beginning October 5

RecXtra **Junior Color Guard** with SVHS Color Guard Coach Ms. Dusell/Wednesdays

RecXtra **Library Club** with Ms. Feriano/Thursdays beginning October 7

RecXtra **Majorettes** with Ms. Rucker/Wednesday and Thursday beginning October 6

RecXtra **Makers Space** with Ms. Gammell/Tuesdays beginning October 6

MLK **Drama Club** with Ms. Kay/TBD

**MCPS Community Message (September 21, 2021) –**Please read this important message from MCPS with information about COVID-19 testing and quarantine protocols. [https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/community/school-year-2021-2022/Community-Update-20210921.html](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fdepartments%2Fpublicinfo%2Fcommunity%2Fschool-year-2021-2022%2FCommunity-Update-20210921.html&data=04%7C01%7CAjeenah_D_Chavez%40mcpsmd.org%7C2197d7b87a7e4fb6f8df08d97d2ac3d0%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637678445026251326%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=FTjcchOlRCiSvA95dFitj9yOC4H4KxGpivm%2FC3LNJDk%3D&reserved=0)

**Ways to Report Bullying –**Bullying, harassment (including sexual misconduct and sexual harassment), intimidation, hazing, incidents of hate-bias, and concerning issues involving student gender identity are not tolerated in MCPS. We are committed to ensuring our students feel safe, valued and respected in our schools. Click [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1areawDK08nMCq-2z3wW0PctPntog0eVX/view) for multiple ways you can file a report and more information.  If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our guidance office at 240-740-6360.

**The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy Saturday School –**The ***virtual***doors of The George B. Thomas. Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. - Saturday School will open for its 35th year of service on Saturday, September 25th.  Online registration started on September 1st and we have adequate space for additional students.

Classes will be offered in English and math for grades *6-8 using APEX tutorials* from 8:30am - 11:00am through May of 2022.  We will also have a special center for our *ELL students* and families.  Our dynamic programming will include weekly Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons, recreational activities and academic acceleration with opportunities for enrichment.  In addition, we are offering CODING and Robotics sessions throughout the school year for an additional fee.

Our basic Saturday School program fees are $40 for FARMS students and $85 for all other students.  These fees cover the ENTIRE year of tutoring.  Weekly attendance is *strongly encouraged* as students that attend regularly outperform students that do not. Details and registration information can be found attached or at [www.saturdayschool.org](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.saturdayschool.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7CChristopher_A_Wynne%40mcpsmd.org%7Ccdb63323030a442fde0608d97d2184bc%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C1%7C0%7C637678405659755019%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=OCMCdisS4LJuapXH8UIrXvDhCRelRPHXTF0%2FRxeNZvk%3D&reserved=0).

**Directory Withholding –**If you have chosen to withhold student information from MCPS, please submit the Annual Notice for Directory Information and Student Privacy form by Thursday, September 30th. Schools provide directory information for public listings such as honor roll, awards, and other notices in the newspaper or on the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) website. A student’s name, address, and telephone number may also be released to organizations of any combination of parents, teachers, and students of a school. Unless you tell them not to, schools can release the information without your prior consent. You will only need to return the form if you **do not** want your student’s information released. The withholding form was distributed to students in homeroom. If you need a copy, please contact our office.

**Student Dismissal**- Thank you for your patience during the dismissal of our students.  Please pay attention to our students who are using the crosswalk on Wisteria Drive by our upper parking lot at the end of the day as it is our collective responsibility to ensure the safety of our students.

**Student Attendance-**The school day begins at 8:15 a.m. This is the time that students are marked tardy by their homeroom teachers. Please be sure that students are arriving on time each morning. If your child needs to be picked up early from school, please send a note that morning requesting an early dismissal.  Your child will receive a pass and will be waiting for you in the office at the time requested.  Parents coming to pick up their child after 2:45 will be required to wait for the 3:00 dismissal bell. Students who are late due to late buses are excused from being late.