

# **Marshall Math Science Academy**

**2018-2019**

**Mr. Ryan Jones, Acting Principal**

**Ms. Leni Cordero, Assistant Principal**



**Parent & Student Packet**

**(This packet you keep)**



## MARSHALL MATH SCIENCE ACADEMY

Service Through Science!

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**Mr. Ryan Jones, Principal**  
**Ms. Leni Cordero, Assistant Principal**

Dear Marshall Math Science Academy Parent/ Guardian:

We welcome you to our school! The Math Science Academy's motto is "180 Days to Make a Difference. The staff and students use every day of the school year to make a difference in their classes, their school, their community, and their world. This is accomplished through project-based learning activities that build lasting student-teacher relationships and a sense of community in our school. Some of these projects extend beyond the regular school day.

A few of the activities we did this year were:

Tiny House Project

National History Day

Math Escape Room

Poetry in Place

and many more....

Through a project-based philosophy the Academy fosters student creativity along with developing problem solving, critical thinking, communication, and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. We need your support to make a positive difference this school year.

*Our Mission* is to provide a social and emotional, STEM-focused education that enhances students' creativity, innovative skills, critical thinking, communication and problem-solving skills, preparing them for a successful transition into high school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Jones, Principal & Ms. Leni Cordero, Assistant Principal



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Marshall Math Science Academy is launching a Bring Your Own Device initiative this school year. Students in Grades 5-8, will be able to bring laptops, netbooks, tablets, or smartphones to use for educational purposes. Having ongoing access to technology will help your child develop greater independence, increase engagement, and develop skills required to thrive in the 21st Century.

### **Educational Activities**

Student devices will be used to access resources, complete assignments, and for personal organization. Educational activities may include researching information, producing documents, analyzing data, participating in surveys, producing videos, reading e-books, creating blogs, taking notes, or scheduling events. The use of the device is at the sole discretion of the teacher.

### **Digital Citizenship**

A focus of this initiative is digital citizenship, which is the responsible use of technology. Your child will learn digital skills, ethics, etiquette, and online safety. These are important aspects of participating in today's world.

### **Safe and Secure**

To maintain a safe and secure learning environment, a filtered Internet connection will be provided for students. Students will only be able to use their device under the supervision of an adult. Any unauthorized use can result in the device being confiscated, searched, and privileges being revoked.

### **Responsibility**

Students are solely responsible for their device. They must bring it fully charged to school. Similar to other personally owned items, Marshall Math Science is not liable for loss, damage, misuse, or theft. If a student or parent is not comfortable bringing their device to school one will be provided by the school when necessary for instructional purposes only.

### **Technical Support**

Each student at Marshall Math Science has received lessons regarding Digital Citizenship and our responsible use policy. Your child must be familiar with how to use their device. Teachers will incorporate the use of your child's device into learning. However, they will not provide technical support.



## Bring with you the first week of school:

- 1) \$3.00 and a white t-shirt for tie-dying for field day.
- 2) Completed summer packet returned to your homeroom teacher the first day. The completed student work counts as grades in each academic class.
- 3) All completed and signed forms.
- 4) An order form for the MMSA t-shirt is included in this packet. Purchasing a Marshall Math Science Academy T-shirt is important because we wear them on all of our field trips and Spirit Days.
- 5) School supplies.
- 6) If you have any questions, please email our principal or assistant principal at [rjones1@hbgasd.us](mailto:rjones1@hbgasd.us) or [lcordero@hbgasd.us](mailto:lcordero@hbgasd.us)

## Supply Lists

**The following is a list of supplies with which your child will need to start the year. Everything can be purchased during “Back-to-school” sales at any discount retail store, like Kmart or Walmart. The total cost should be under \$50.00.**

*(\* turned into teacher on 1<sup>st</sup> day)*

### 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

4 packs of lined paper\*

1 pack of copy paper\*

2 box of tissues\*

1 large hand sanitizer\*

4 Marble Composition books

1-inch 3-ring binder

6 Pocket folders

2 highlighters

1 zippered pencil case and handheld pencil sharpener

2 twelve packs of pencils and erasers

2 glue sticks

Calculator (TI-15) for math and science classes

Sturdy book bag

USB Jump Drive (a must!)

## Supply Lists

**The following is a list of supplies with which your child will need to start the year. Everything can be purchased during “Back-to-school” sales at any discount retail store, like Kmart or Walmart.**

*(\* turned into the homeroom teacher on the 1<sup>st</sup> day)*

### 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

2 packs of lined paper\*

2 pack of copy paper\*

2 box of tissues\*

1 large hand sanitizer\*

5 Marble Composition books

2-inch binder with dividers

6 Pocket folders

1 pack of 12 colored pencils

1 pack of markers

1 pack of multiple-colored highlighters

1 zippered pencil case and handheld pencil sharpener

2 twelve pack of pencils and erasers

graphing calculator

USB Jump Drive (a must!)

Sturdy book bag

## **Home Survival Supply List**

Throughout the school year, projects will be assigned that require certain materials. A parent's worst nightmare is finding out that his/her child needs to finish a project for the next day, without having the sufficient supplies in the house!

Listed below are recommended supplies that all students should have and keep at home. Hopefully, this will ensure that you do not experience a "parent's worst nightmare"!

Blue/black pens

Colored pencils

Poster board

Crayons or markers

Glues sticks

Notebook paper

#2 pencils and erasers

Metric/standard ruler

Scissors

Transparent tape

White out

## **MMSA Agenda Policy**

At the start of the year, every MMSA students will receive a school agenda. This agenda will be used to help keep your student organized. We also use the agendas as a way to communicate with our parents and guardians. Lastly, the agenda is your student's pass to move around the school. We order custom agendas to make sure that the agenda has all of our requirements.

We will provide every student an agenda at the beginning of the school year. We also order replacement agendas. If your child loses their agenda, they may purchase a replacement agenda for \$5.00 in the main office.



**Marshall Math Science Academy Expectations:**

1. Be in your seat when class begins.
2. Come to class prepared with books, writing instruments, homework, notebooks and folders.
3. Jackets, book bags and hats must be stored in a designated spot (locker, closet or cubbies) at the beginning of the day.
4. Electronic devices are permitted in certain locations in the building and at the discretion of the staff.
5. No food, gum or beverages are permitted outside of the cafeteria.
6. Follow directions the FIRST time they are given.
7. Stay in your seat, unless you have permission to leave it.
8. Raise your hand to speak and wait until you are called upon.
9. Keep your hands, feet, objects and any negative comments to yourself.
10. Come dressed in uniform.

**Consequences:**

*Breaking the rules may result in the student filling out a fix-it plan, which accrues one or more demerits.*

Time Out of Class.....	1 demerit
After School Detention .....	1 demerit
ISS .....	2 demerits per day assigned
OSS .....	3 demerits per day assigned
Out of uniform .....	1 demerit
Other .....	1-3 demerit(s)

***Earning 12 demerits is grounds for removal from the Marshall Math/Science Academy***

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Parent signature

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Date

## Dress Code Policy

### Boys shall wear:

- Tan, navy, gray or black pants belted at the waist
- Tan, navy, gray or black knee-length shorts, belted at the waist, may only be worn April 15<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Solid color polo, uniform-style or button down shirts (short or long sleeves permitted)
- Solid-color cardigan sweater
- Uniform colored socks – blue, black, white

### Girls shall wear:

- Tan, navy, gray or black pants belted at the waist
- Tan, navy, gray or black knee to ankle length skirts
- Tan, navy, gray or black knee-length shorts, belted at the waist may only be worn April 15<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Solid color polo, uniform-style or button down shirts (short or long sleeves permitted)
- Solid-color cardigan sweater
- Uniform colored socks – blue, black, white

### Students are NOT permitted to wear the following:

- Cargo pants or short (with large pockets on the sides)
- Polo shirts with stripes, emblems or designs larger than the size of a quarter
- Printed or multi-colored undershirts
- T-Shirts
- Clothing made from any kind of stretch material, e.g. spandex, lycra or knit blends (specifically leggings or jeggings)
- Length of skirts, dresses and shorts that are shorter than 2 inches above the knee
- Hats, do-rags, scarves, bandannas and hair nets
- Bare shoulders and midriffs
- Pants sagging below the waist
- Patterned or bright socks

I understand that if my child is out of uniform they will receive a demerit and will call home to have someone bring them a change of clothes.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Student Name

**Harrisburg School District**  
**Internet and Information Systems Users**  
**Acceptable Use Policy**

**Purpose**

The Board of School District Directors recognizes the important role that computers and other forms of technology play in a student's education and in the pursuit of the District's educational goals. The Board, therefore, has authorized the Superintendent or his/her designee to make available computing and networked information resources such as the Internet, which may be used by District students, faculty and staff. These resources, however, are intended to be used solely for educational purposes and to carry out the legitimate business of the District. As well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities and developmental levels of students.

**Authority**

The use of these resources by the students, faculty and staff is considered a privilege which may be denied for inappropriate and/or illegal use as set forth in this and related policies. Furthermore, violations of the guidelines set forth by the District or other improper use of these resources may result in disciplinary action in accordance with established disciplinary action in accordance with established disciplinary procedures for students, faculty, and staff.

The Board expects all students, faculty and staff to be law-abiding citizens, to respect the rights of others, and to refrain from behavior which tends to impair the District's purpose or its reputation within the community. The framework for responsible, considerate and ethical behavior expected by the District, as set forth in policy and guidelines, covers the use of District microcomputers, workstations, computing laboratory facilities, general access timesharing systems, network and networked resources.

The electronic information available to and prepared by faculty and staff does not imply endorsement of the content by the District nor does the District guarantee the accuracy of information received on the Internet.

The District reserves the right to log network use and to monitor fileserver space utilization by all District users. Accordingly, system users possess no privacy expectation in the contents of their personal files on the District system. Specifically, routine maintenance and monitoring of the system may lead to discovery that the user has or is violating this or other policies of the District and/or the law of the United States of America or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Moreover, an individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that a user has violated the law or the District's policies. Finally, District employees should be aware that their personal files may be discoverable under state public records law.

**Responsibility**

Use of the resources as well as any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The District makes no warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied, that the functions or the services provided by or through the District system will be error-free or without defect. Specifically, the District **will not** be responsible for any damage users may suffer, including, but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of services. The District also **will not** be responsible for accuracy or quality of information obtained through or stored on the system. Finally, the District **will not** be responsible for any financial obligations arising from the unauthorized use of the system.

The District shall make every effort to ensure that this educational resource is used responsibly by students, faculty and staff, including, but not limited to, taking every reasonable step to control access to material inappropriate to the educational mission of the District.

The Superintendent or his/her designee will have the responsibility, of developing administrative guidelines and forms governing use of the District network to include, but not limited to, (i) the establishment of "*User Contracts*" and/or individual accounts; (ii) procedures by which parents will be notified of the particulars of the District network and the policies governing its use;



### **FIELD TRIPS**

- ❖ Due to the nature of the theme-based learning, every child is required to participate in group projects and field trips.
- ❖ If you are unable to financially afford a particular trip, please send a note to your child's teacher **at least 48 hours prior** to the due date.
- ❖ At LEAST one fundraiser is held to help defray the cost of field trips. We HIGHLY encourage each child to participate in the fund raising activity.
- ❖ Accounts will be set up for your child- 50% of the profit of the fundraiser(s) will be placed into your child's account and the other 50% will help defray school activities- i.e. group project supplies, Student of the Month rewards and end of the year awards.
- ❖ Field trips must be paid in advance.
- ❖ Academic work will be given on each trip and this work will be graded and counted in each academic class.
- ❖ If your child is unable to attend a field trip, an alternate assignment will be given which will be graded.
- ❖ Since many trips last an entire school day, students will need to pack, purchase or receive a school lunch.
- ❖ If a student is suspended from school during the school year, their privileges for field trips will be limited to only academic/required field trips.

I have read and understand the fieldtrip policy for MMSA.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Consent Form – PG-13 Rated Movies

Dear Marshall Math Science Academy Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Occasionally, the staff at our school reviews a movie or video which is rated PG-13, but is appropriate for the students to view as part of the curriculum or school theme. More than one teacher watches the movie or video and makes a recommendation to the rest of the teachers that the movie or video should be seen by the students.

This parental consent form will allow PG-13 movies to be seen by your child.

Please complete the information below.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

- My child has permission to view PG-13 movies/videos recommended for viewing by the Marshall Math Science Academy teachers.
  
- My child does not have my permission to view PG-13 movies/videos recommended for viewing by the Marshall Math Science Academy teachers.

## PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOTAPING

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please complete and return this form to your child's teacher indicating whether or not your child can be photographed or videotaped and/or to have his or her image by the Harrisburg School District in any publication(s), including the website.

- I do wish to have my child photographed or videotaped by the Harrisburg School District.
- I do not wish to have my child photographed or videotaped by the Harrisburg School District.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Building: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

(To be filed in the building office with a listing of names forwarded to the Community Relations Office, Administration Building.)



## HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Marshall Middle School Academy

301 Hale Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17104

(717) 703-1400 • FAX (717) 703-1420

Mrs. Marisol Craig, Principal

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

### Team Building Trip to Local Park

I, the parent/guardian of the above named student, hereby give permission for my child, to participate on this trip.

I acknowledge that my son/daughter will be obliged to abide by the school based rules and the codes of conduct of Harrisburg School District.

By executing this Release and Parent Permission Slip and granting the permission stated herein, I, for myself, heirs, personal representatives and/or assigns, hereby release the Harrisburg School District and its respective officers, directors, agents, employees from and against any liability, damages, claims or causes of actions arising out of my child's participation in this activity, except as otherwise provided by law.

I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Harrisburg School District from any claims, causes of action, or other judicial proceedings, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorneys' fees, brought solely as a result of my child's negligence, willful misconduct, and/or failure to adhere to the school based rules and the codes of conduct.

I have read this Release and Parent Permission Slip and understand its terms. I acknowledge that I am signing the Agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

The students of Marshall Math Science Academy will begin the school year with a Field Day at a local park. The \$3.00 donation will help cover costs of the BBQ lunch.

The trip is planned for August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 and the buses will leave school by 9:00 and return by 2:00.

Please wear your tie-dyed shirt to identify your team.

Sincerely,

*The Teachers of MMSA*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child may go on this bus trip.