

Accelerating to Success!

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another extraordinary year at The Main Street Academy. The staff, teachers, and administrators have been working hard getting ready for the first day of school and we cannot wait for the halls to be filled with the sound of children and pattering feet. We look forward to seeing all parents and student at our "Sneak Peek" on August 8th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your classroom teachers and drop off school supplies. More information about this event will be forwarded to parents soon. Until this time, please continue to check our website for updated information.

The information in this welcome pack should answer any lingering questions many parents have expressed. Included within this pack are the instructions for the first day of school, car line policy and procedures, family car passes, information about the lunch program, uniforms, and the PTO.

The First Day of School

The school hours are from 7:45 – 3:30. Morning drop off has been extended 15 minutes for the first three days of school only. Students may begin arriving at 7:00 a.m. and continue to be dropped off in the car line until 7:40 a.m. Any student arriving after 7:40 a.m. will need to be escorted to the front office by the parent and signed into school.

If you are enrolled in the Early Morning Drop-off Program and arrive to the school at 7:15am or later, please use the car line to drop off your child(ren).

Please note: After the first three days of school, the times for morning arrival are 7:15am-7:40am. If you arrive after 7:40am, your child will be considered tardy and must be escorted by a parent to the office.

Car Line

We currently have three academies housed in two locations.

<u>Academy</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Academy Director</u>	<u>Email</u>
Primary Academy	K-2	3480 East Main St., College Park, GA 30337	Joanne Wyckoff	joanne.wyckoff@mainstreet.edisonlearning.com
Elementary Academy	3-4	1805 Harvard Ave., College Park, GA 30337	Tiffany Camp	Tiffany.camp@mainstreet.edisonlearning.com
Junior Academy	5-7	1805 Harvard Ave., College Park, GA 30337	Sherrod Camp	Sherrod.camp@mainstreet.edisonlearning.com

You can currently view the detailed carline routes for the Primary (Lower) Academy and Elementary/Junior (Upper) Academies on our website at www.tricityscharter.com. All car line passes will be distributed to parents at our Sneak Peek event. Any parents that cannot attend the Sneak Peek can come by the school on Tuesday, August 9th between 1:00-3:00 p.m. to pick up this packet. Otherwise your child will receive the car line information on the first day of school. The car line pass must be visible to the staff working the car line and should be placed on the front passenger visor, not in the window. Some parents have suggested placing a rubberband around the visor to secure it for permanent use. The car line pass is for the sole use of the parent(s) or legal guardian of the student. If you need to designate an individual (babysitter, nanny, family member, etc), please complete the Car Line Pass Authorization form and submit it to the administration building. Only one designated individual is permitted per family. **If you do not have a car pass visible during dismissal, you will have to park and come inside to retrieve your child. This will be a very slow process as our focus will be to get all students with passes out for dismissal first.**

Arrival and dismissal will be the same time at both the upper and lower academies. Morning drop off is at 7:15 for students eating breakfast and 7:30-7:40 for all other students. Students will not be allowed in the main building until 7:30. Afternoon pick up is from 3:30-4:00 p.m. Our car line extends into residential areas, so please watch posted speed limits and do not block driveways or intersections. Please be advised that if you arrive after 4:00 p.m., your child may be placed in the after school program and you will be charged \$1.00 per minute. Payment is required at the time of pick up in the form of cash or check if you are late. If parental tardiness becomes habitual, a conference will be scheduled with the academy director or principal. After repeated offenses your child will be dropped off at the local police station by our resource officer or an administrator.

Car Pool

Many families have expressed an interest in car pooling. If you have made arrangements with another TMSA family, all participants must have the appropriate car line pass for all students being picked up. Extra car line passes may be requested at the front office.

Parking

For parking at the Upper Academy, 1805 Harvard Avenue, please park in the lot directly in front of the school (across Harvard Avenue).

For parking at the Lower Academy, 3480 East Main Street, do not park in front of the school or on Hardin Avenue during car line times (Monday – Friday, 7:15am-7:45am and 3:30-4:00pm). You will risk being towed. You may park in the parking lot or on Hardin Avenue at any other times. Please remember that students may not be picked up 30 minutes prior to dismissal.

Breakfast/Lunch Program

Breakfast will be served from 7:15-7:40am. Payment for meals may be made via cash, money order, or an on-line option. Cash or money orders should be sent with the student on the first day of school if you wish for your child(ren) to participate in the breakfast and/or lunch program. If you have multiple students attending The Main Street Academy, please send each child with the appropriate monies to credit their individual accounts.

The full price for a student breakfast is \$1.50, and lunch is \$2.75. The Main Street Academy will participate in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program, sponsored by the USDA. Included in the welcome pack, you will find a copy of the breakfast and lunch menus for August/September, and the federal free and reduced meal application. We strongly suggest all families complete the application. If a child receives an alternate meal due to lack of funds, it will consist of a cheese sandwich and milk. If a child receives an alternate meal due to non-payment for more than two weeks, the household may be reported to the local authorities. Households who have been determined able to pay, but who do not pay or do not provide a bag lunch for their children may be considered guilty of neglect. A list of frequently asked questions regarding the free and reduced program has been included, however, if you should have further questions, please contact Teena Mooney, Food Service Coordinator, (404) 768-0081.

Please note: The Main Street Academy is NOT a peanut-free school. However, if your child has a medical dietary need, please contact Teena Mooney and she will be able to coordinate with the food service provider.

Snacks

Please send a healthy snack to school with your child everyday. We have an extended school day and will have a snack/break time.

Please note: This snack break will be during the school day; if your child is enrolled in the After School Program, there will also be an after school snack that you can purchase for your child or bring (see the After School program outline).

Uniforms

Please reference your student handbook for our uniform policy. Students will be expected to wear their uniforms beginning with the first day of school. There are to be no logos on any article of the student's uniform unless it is The Main Street Academy logo. Students will wear their P.E. uniforms to school on P.E. days.

Classroom Rosters

The classroom rosters will be available at the Sneak Peek on August 8th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We cannot accommodate any requests for student placement. In order to move one child, it will affect having to move or displace another child. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

School Supplies

The school supply list is available on our website. Please bring all school supplies to the school at Sneak Peek on August 8th. We request that items are NOT labeled with the students names.

PTO

The first PTO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2011. Please make every effort to attend the first meeting and to join the PTO as a member.

Generally, PTO meetings are held the first Thursday of each month, but given our start date in August, we moved the meeting to the 11th to accommodate families who are out-of-town the week before school starts.

Open House/Curriculum Night

Please mark your calendars – Open House/Curriculum Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 8 at 6:15 p.m. This is the perfect time to become reacquainted with your child's teacher, obtain critical information regarding the curriculum, see your child's classroom in the context of his/her daily schedule, and to hear more about the great things happening at TMSA.

Payment Reminders

The Main Street Academy will charge a fee of \$35.00 for all returned payments. Check writing privileges may be revoked and all replacement payments must be by cash or money order.

Email Blasts and Phone Alerts

Are you getting our email blasts and phone alerts? If not, be sure to submit your current information to our secretary as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to an amazing year!

With Main Street Pride,

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