



# MERION MERCY ACADEMY

Educating young women to live mercy and seek justice

**To: Freshman Parents and Students**

**From: Sister Christine McCann, Head of School**

**Date: August 3, 2018**

**RE: Freshman Orientation**

This memo will provide additional information and directions for freshman students for their orientation on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and for freshman parents regarding the parent meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Merion Mercy's school year officially starts with Freshman Orientation. Therefore, August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> are official school days for all freshmen. Freshman students who are absent must present a note to the attendance office. All students should be in full uniform on both days. Students need no books on the first day; however, they must bring their iPads.

Here is the schedule for the two days of Freshman Orientation.

## **August 27, 2018**

All freshmen should arrive on August 27<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., entering through the front doors. Doors will be open at 9:30. Administrators and staff will greet them and send them to their new homerooms where their homeroom teachers will be. If it is necessary for you to drop your daughter off earlier, students should ring the bell and someone will be there to greet her. Student orientation leaders will lead some pre-orientation activities for those arriving early. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. all students will go to their homerooms. Homeroom officially begins at 10:30 a.m.

Throughout this first day of orientation students will gather for an assembly and prayer to begin the year, meet their homeroom moderators, learn their class schedule, engage in class activities, receive their locker assignments, and be oriented to MMA's technology platform for students – a few of the many planned activities. The day is intended to be informative, community-building, fun and hopefully any anxiety or stress reducing. A pizza lunch and beverage will be provided as well as snacks in the later afternoon. Dismissal will be at 5:30 p.m. to coincide with the conclusion of the Parent Meeting.

At 4:00 p.m. all parents/guardians are requested to attend the Parents' Meeting. We hope that at least one parent/guardian for every freshman and transfer student will be in attendance. This is the opportunity to hear about the school's programs, services, and events and to address any needed clarifications or questions. This meeting will take place in the school's gymnasium. Registration will begin at 3:30 p.m. so that we can begin the program on time. Light refreshments will be provided. The meeting will conclude by 5:30 p.m.

## **August 28, 2018**








On Day 2 of Freshman Orientation students will report directly to their homerooms by 9:00 a.m. The school doors will be open by 8:00 a.m. On this day students will have the opportunity to go through their complete class schedule, meeting their teachers and getting a sense of class expectations. Guidelines and

MMA's expectations for good digital citizenship will be reviewed. Students will also have a tour of the building and campus. Students will be able to purchase lunch, or they may bring their lunch. They will be able to pay in cash or if you have already set up a lunch account, they will be able to pay through their lunch account. (You will receive an e-mail with information about setting up a lunch account.) Dismissal on August 28<sup>th</sup> is at 2:05 p.m.

Township buses are not providing service on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Students riding the Prep bus are asked to please refer to Mr. Pidot's email for information.

I look forward to welcoming the Class of 2022 and to meeting each of you. God bless.

## SUMMARY

-  August 27<sup>th</sup> arrival between 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. through front doors; students will be dismissed at 5:30 p.m. to coincide with the end of the parent meeting.
-  August 28<sup>th</sup> arrival and report to homeroom by 9:00 a.m.
-  Students in complete school uniform; bring iPad.
-  Lunch will be provided on Monday; students may purchase or bring their lunch on Tuesday.
-  Parents arrive between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on August 27<sup>th</sup> for meeting with administration in school gymnasium.
-  Dismissal at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.
-  No township bus service on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.