



MERION MERCY ACADEMY

August 2, 2019

Dear Freshman Students, Parents, and Caregivers,

Welcome to the MMA community!

This letter provides information and directions for freshman students regarding orientation on Monday, August 26th and Tuesday, August 27th and for freshman parents regarding the parent/caregiver meeting on August 26th.

Merion Mercy's school year officially starts with New Student Orientation. Therefore, August 26th and 27th are official school days for all freshmen. Freshmen who are absent must present a note to the attendance office. All students should be in full fall term uniform on both days. Students need no books on the first day; however, they must bring their iPads or Mac laptops.

Here is the schedule for the two days of orientation.

Monday, August 26, 2019

All freshmen should arrive on August 26th between 9:00 am and 10:00 am., entering through the front lobby doors. Administrators and upperclassman leaders will greet them and send them to their new homerooms where they will meet their homeroom teachers/moderators. 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 am, all students should be assembled in homerooms; programming will then begin.

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. The day is intended to be informative, community-building, fun, and hopefully stress-reducing. A pizza lunch and beverage will be provided, along with snacks during downtime for socializing. Dismissal will be at 5:30 pm, which coincides with the conclusion of the parent/caregiver meeting.

At 4:00 pm, all parents/caregivers are requested to attend a meeting with administration. We hope that at least one parent/caregiver for every freshman 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. The meeting will take place in the school's gymnasium. Registration will begin at 3:30 pm so that the program can begin on time. Light refreshments will be provided. The meeting will conclude by 5:30 pm.

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

On day 2 of orientation, freshmen will report directly to their homerooms by 9:00 am. The school doors will open by 8:00 am. On this day students will have the opportunity to go through their complete (but abbreviated) 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 email with information about setting up a lunch account. Dismissal on August 27th will take place at 11:45 am.

Township buses are not providing service on August 26th and 27th. Students riding the Prep Bus system are asked to please refer to a forthcoming email from the Office of Student Affairs regarding "modified" service that will be in place during orientation days.

SUMMARY

- August 26th arrival between 9:00 am and 10:00 am through front lobby doors;
- Students will be dismissed at 5:30 pm to coincide with the end of the parent meeting.
- August 27th arrival and report to homeroom by 9:00 am; dismissal at 11:45 am.
- Students must be in complete fall term uniform; bring an iPad or Mac laptop, as well.
- Lunch will be provided on Monday; students may purchase or bring their lunch on Tuesday.
- Parents arrive between 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm on August 26th for meeting with administration in school gymnasium.
- No township bus service on August 26th and 27th; Prep Bus system runs on a "modified" service schedule.

I look forward to welcoming the Class of 2023 and to meeting each of you.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy school year in Mercy. God bless.

Sincerely,



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