



# MERION MERCY ACADEMY

August 2, 2019

Dear New Students, Parents, and Caregivers,

Welcome to the MMA community!

This letter provides information and directions about orientation on Monday, August 26th for new students who are transferring from other schools. It also provides details regarding the meeting for parents/caregivers of all new students (freshmen and transfers, alike) on the evening of that same day.

The new student orientation will take place on August 26th from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. All new students are expected to attend and must report to school in complete uniform on this orientation day. Students need no books on the first day; however, they must bring their iPads or Mac laptops.

Students will arrive at school and enter through the front lobby doors where administrators and staff will greet them and direct them to the student center to begin their programming. The orientation will include general school information, an assembly and prayer with the freshman class (who will participate in their own orientation that day), information regarding MMA's student technology platform and good digital citizenship, and a tour of campus and school. Students will receive their personal schedules and begin to have a sense of the location of their homeroom and their various classes. There will also be time for questions, clarifications, and any other topics that the students may wish to address.

Lunch will be provided on August 26th.

## **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 new student will be in attendance. Freshman parents/caregivers will also be there. 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.

New (transfer) students will have the option of being dismissed on August 26th at 2:30 pm; alternatively, they can wait at school and join their parents/caregivers at the conclusion of the meeting at 5:30 pm.

## **SUMMARY**

- August 26th arrival between 10:00 am and 10:30 am through front lobby doors.
- New (transfer) students will be directed to the student center for the beginning of orientation.
- Students must be in complete fall term uniform; bring an iPad or Mac laptop, as well.

- Lunch will be provided during orientation.
- Dismissal for new students at 2:30 pm; they are also welcome to stay until the end of the parent/caregiver meeting.
- Parents/caregivers arrive between 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm for meeting with administration in the gymnasium.
- No township bus service on August 26th; Prep Bus system runs on a “modified” service schedule, an explanation of which will be emailed to families from the Office of Student Affairs later in August.

I look forward to welcoming all the new transfer students and to meeting each of you.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seth Pidot", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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