

# NEWSLETTER

The Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School  
of Philadelphia, Inc.

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## Annual Parent Conference

Be a student and learn our teaching methods  
and how to teach your child.

**Saturday, October 31, 2015**



8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the school

A Continental Breakfast will be available  
Door Prizes for the first 100 Parents/Guardians

*for*

**The Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School  
Parents and Guardians Only!**

Attend morning classes with your child's teacher(s)

- Meet your child's teachers
- Observe teachers teach lessons
- Understand our curriculum
- Understand The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) and The Keystone Exam
- Learn how to teach math, reading, writing skills and more!!
- Discuss our Homework Policy

*Please  
encourage your child to  
eat the school's nutritious  
breakfast and lunch.*

*All school meals are free!*

*Special invitation to all parents to  
meet with Mrs. Veronica J. Joyner, Founder and Chief Administrative Officer.  
Especially 8th grade parents!*

*Mrs. Joyner will be available at 11:00 a.m. to meet with parents to discuss the school  
and to answer any questions, in our music room.*

# Some of The Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School College Graduates

**Kurk** is a 2008 graduate of MCSCS. He graduated from Slippery Rock University in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics.



**Kurk Watson**

**Kurk** is employed at Greenfield Elementary School as a Program Director.

**Jessica** graduated from MCSCS as valedictorian in 2010.



**Jessica Morgan**

**Jessica** graduated Magnum cum Laude from Howard University in 2014 with a Business Administration degree in Accounting. **Jessica** completed her **Master's degree** in Accounting at LaSalle University, 2015 and is employed at Anita T. Conner & Associates, PC in Elkins Park, PA.

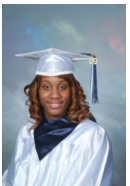
**Andrea** graduated from MCSCS in 2009.



**Andrea Jones**

**Andrea** graduated from Kutztown University in 2013 with a Business Administration degree. **Andrea** currently attends Liberty University and is pursuing a Master's degree in Business Administration.

**Amanda** graduated from MCSCS in 2009. She graduated from Benedict College in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. **Amanda** is employed at The Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School as a teacher.



**Amanda Brown**

**Ari** is a 2004 graduate of MCSCS. **Ari** graduated from the Philadelphia Police Academy in August 2015. He is now a Philadelphia Police Officer.



**Ari Summers**

**Angelo** graduated from MCSCS in 2005. He attended Temple University for his real estate license. **Angelo** passed the PA Real Estate Exam and is employed at Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc. as an agent. **Angelo** is also the co-founder & CFO of Levels Up Music Group, LLC.



**Angelo Porter**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO SOME OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS

### **Ayana Hardy, 10th grade**

#### **2014 Sonny Hill/Interstate Basketball Scholar**

Ayana will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship to Community College of Philadelphia, College or Trade/Technical school of her choice. The scholarship will be held in Ayana's name until accepted to an institute of higher learning.

**Ayana Hardy**

accepted to an institute of higher learning.

### **Deanna Long, 11th grade**

#### **2015 Math, Science Upward Bound Program at Temple University**

**WON!**  
**2015 Debate Champion**

**Deanna Long**

"Should the U.S. take a Non-Intervention Stance?"

*Mark Holt, 10th grade, Jazer Willis, 10th grade, Christopher Burwell, 12th grade, Orianna Samuels, 10th grade & Alexis Harrison, graduate*

Mark, Jazer, Christopher, Orianna and Alexis are members of Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Alyn E. Waller. MCSCS students had the highest combined grade point average (GPA) and earned the distinction of being members of the Pastor's honor roll. As a result, MCSCS was awarded a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 as an investment in the lives of our students.



**Mark Holt, 10th grade**



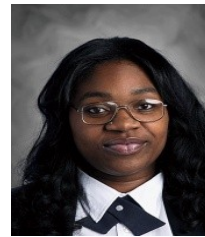
**Jazer Willis, 10th grade**



**Christopher Burwell, 12th grade**



**Orianna Samuels, 10th grade**



**Alexis Harrison, graduate**

# *Why The Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School of Philadelphia, Inc. is the Best Charter School in Philadelphia*

Philadelphia  
Top 10 Schools  
Philadelphia  
Inquirer

100%  
Graduation

High  
Academic  
Standards

SAT  
Prep

Zero Drop  
Out Rate

Participation in  
Mock Trial  
Competition  
PA Bar  
Association

Strong  
Parent  
Involvement

Tutoring  
available  
during school  
hours and after  
school

According to The  
Philadelphia School  
District Report  
Highest  
High School  
Graduation Rate

According to a  
School District  
Report  
Highest College  
Placement

Academies  
1st - 12th grade  
Law, Medical,  
Education,  
Computer Science  
& Accounting

Won 1st Place in  
Individual and 1st  
Place in Team  
Categories  
DeVry University  
Math Competition

According to a  
Philadelphia  
School District  
Report  
Safest School

Small  
Classroom  
Size

PIAA Class A  
Girls' and Boys'  
Varsity Basketball Teams  
2011 PIAA Boys' Class A Champions  
2012, 2013 & 2015 Boys' State  
Semi-finalist  
2014 Boys' Class A  
Runner-Up  
2015 Girls' Class A Champions

Advance  
Placement (AP)  
Classes

Dedicated  
Staff

Pennsylvania  
State Certified  
Teachers

1st Place in  
PA Stock Market  
Competition out of  
163 Pennsylvania  
schools



# The Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School of Philadelphia, inc.

**The Mission of The Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School is to graduate students prepared to enter two and four year colleges, trade schools and today's workforce.**

## SCHOOL POLICY

**Good attendance is mandatory for academic success.**

### School Hours

1st - 5th grade 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

6th - 12th grade 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

When a student is absent or late it can interfere with their academic success.

### Uniform Policy

All students are required to wear the school uniform every day. No Dickie pants with cargo pockets. Pants should not be worn below the waist. All pants must be hemmed, and belts worn (no big buckles). The required length of the skirt is below the knee. Sneakers, ballerina shoes, clogs, high heeled shoes, jewelry, bangles, necklaces or large earrings are not permitted. The following grooming styles are considered outlandish and unacceptable: No Mohawks, No symbols or words cut in the hair, No light colored hair, No tattoos, and No body piercing. Muslim students are asked to wear navy blue or black garb. Navy blue is our school color.

### Code of Student Conduct

No bullying, profanity, threats, fighting on or off school property, disrespect of teachers, staff or fellow students, vandalism of the school building or school property, stealing, horse playing, drugs or alcohol on or off school property, weapons on or off school property.

**Suspension Policy** - The Board of Trustees has mandated the following discipline policy:

**First Suspension** – Written notification which requires a parent conference with the principal or Chief Administrative Officer.

**Second Suspension** - Written notification which requires a parent conference with the principal or Chief Administrative Officer and a pre-hearing with a member of the Board of Trustees.

**Third Suspension** - A meeting with our Hearing Officer and members of our Board of Trustees and recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer for expulsion (removed from the school).

### Homework Policy

Classroom instruction is reinforced through homework. Forty-five minutes to one hour of homework is routinely assigned to elementary, middle and high school students. Most of student learning will take place during school hours. Parents are encouraged to have students practice Study Island, a computer program sponsored by MCSCS. You are strongly encouraged to review your child's homework, and notes to review what was taught that day.

Study Island is a leading academic software provider of standards based assessment, instruction for PSSA preparation. All students have been issued a user ID and password and can access Study Island from home.

### Tutoring

Academic support is provided free of charge to all students in need through our after school tutoring program. Tutoring is available in reading, math, writing, science, and Spanish every Monday and Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Joyner if your child needs tutoring. After care is available at no charge for children that stay after school for tutoring or clubs. Tutoring is also available during school hours for students who take the school bus.

**Free SAT Preparation is available to all high school students**

### Admission Policy

**Applications are available at the school for admission to the 2015 - 2016 school year. Please pick-up an application at the school or ask to have one mailed.**

Siblings have first preference for admission. A lottery will be held if we have more applications than available seats.

The Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School of Philadelphia, Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability status, or age.

### October Activities

- Forbes Under 30 Millionaires visit MCSCS, October 7, 2015
- Judge Patrick visit, October 7, 2015
- Veronica Joyner honored by the NAACP on October 9, 2015. She received the Education Award.
- High School Fair, October 16 & 17, 2015
- PSAT Exam, October 17, 2015
- 50 African American high school male students participated in a survey, The Media and the Impact on African American males.

## MCSCS Annual Book Fair

Saturday, October 31st

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Monday, November 2nd  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

School Lobby

Books range in price from \$3.00 to \$20.00

