

NEWSLETTER

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

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Welcome to School Year 2016 - 2017

The School Year begins on September 7, 2016



All students must be in full school uniform.

Daily school hours: 1st - 5th Grade Students 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
6th - 12th Grade Students 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

All New Parents

There will be an Orientation at the school for you and your child

**August 17, 2016
5:00 p.m.**



All Parents!

**Our Back to School Night will be held at the school on
August 31, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.**

Free Book bags and School Supplies will be given to the 1st 100 parents



Community Eligibility Program (CEP)

**MCSCS is an approved participant in the
National School Lunch Program.**

**Through this program, a nutritious breakfast and lunch
is provided at no cost to every student.**

Annual Update of Student Records - Admissions Requirement

**Please complete and return the enclosed Emergency Contact Form and Household Income Form.
2016 - 2017 School Calendar and School Supply list are enclosed**

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Some of MCSCS' College Graduates



Stewart Davis

Stewart is a 2011 MCSCS graduate. Stewart graduated from Temple University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Business Administration & International Business.



Vongyee Gaye

Vongyee graduated from MCSCS in 2009. Vongyee graduated from Benedict College in 2013.



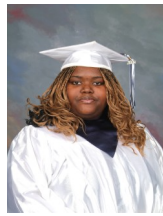
Demani Baker

Demani graduated from MCSCS in 2006. Demani graduated from Norfolk State University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting.



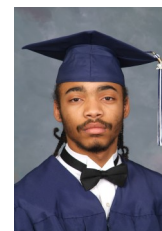
Daniel Ellis

Daniel graduated from MCSCS in 2006. Daniel graduated from Montgomery County Community College in 2010. Daniel is working in Real Estate and Finance.



Denisha Hobbs

Denisha graduated from MCSCS in 2008. Denisha graduated from Manor College in 2014 with an Associate degree in Science.



Maurice Pritchette

Maurice graduated from MCSCS in 2008. Maurice graduated from Anne Arundel Community College in 2015 with an Associate of Arts degree.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- The School District of Philadelphia identified The Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School of Philadelphia, Inc. as having the highest graduation rate and highest college placement rate of all public charter schools and public high schools in the city of Philadelphia.
- Mayor Jim Kenney visited and toured The Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School. He was very impressed with the students.
- The Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School's basketball team are the 2016 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Class A State Runner-Up.
- MCSCS high school students participated in a Poetry Slam competition along with other Philadelphia public high schools. Our students came in third place defeating Central, Girls High and other high schools that had participated for years in the competition. This was the first time a team totally new to the competition won a Bronze medal.
- MCSCS high school students participated in the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Mock Trial. Our students did an outstanding job competing against Central High School and Girl's High.
- The MCSCS Homeless Project began in 2005; it supports the Civics portion of our schools' curriculum. MCSCS students feed and clothe over 500 homeless Philadelphia citizens each week. The students from 1st - 12th grade and staff raise money weekly to fund part of the Homeless Project.
- Nehemiah Davis is a 2005 graduate of MCSCS. He received the Steve Harvey Good Neighbor Award for serving senior citizens, homeless, and youth in the West Philadelphia area.
- MCSCS held a bottled Water Drive to assist the children and citizens of Flint, Michigan due to their contaminated water supply. Over 500 cases of bottled water were collected and donated by students, staff, and parents.
- Our Law Academy students sponsored a Voter Registration Drive that registered Philadelphia citizens to vote. Voter registration forms are available at the school.
- MCSCS staff donated turkeys in a Thanksgiving Turkey Give-a-Way to families, shelters, homeless citizens, and the Nehemiah Davis Foundation.
- The school sponsored a school-wide Christmas Toy Give-a-Way. At the event, Mrs. Joyner gave a toy to every student. Toys were also donated to churches, community centers, and the Nehemiah Davis Foundation.
- MCSCS students and staff donated money to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (Pennies for Patients) and the American Red Cross.
- MCSCS staff walked and donated money to the Susan G. Koman Cancer Foundation to support the fight against breast cancer.

BOARD MEETING DATES

**You are welcomed to attend our Board of Trustees meetings at 5:30PM
on the first Thursday of each month at the school.**

September 2, 2016
February 2, 2017

October 6, 2016
March 2, 2017

November 3, 2016
April 6, 2017

December 1, 2016
May 4, 2017

January 5, 2017
June 1, 2017

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2015 - 2016 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

June 21	Sr. Graduation
June 15	Move-Up Day
June 13	Voter Registration Drive - high school students register citizens to vote
June 9, 10	8th grade class trip to the Slavery Holocaust Museum
June 8, 10	1st grade class trip to Adventure Aquarium
June 8, 10	2nd grade class trip to Linvilla Orchard
June 6 - 10	Senior Week
June 3	Poetry Slam Competition - high school students compete against area high schools and won bronze
June 3	5th grade class trip to the Free Library
May 27	1st grade class trip to the Philadelphia Library
May 26, 27	7th grade class trip to the Barnes Foundation
May 26, 27	3rd grade class trip to The Franklin Institute
May 26	Philadelphia Police Officers Appreciation Luncheon
May 20	Sr & Jr. Prom
May 19	4th grade special science presentation
May 19, 20	8th grade class trip to Franklin Institute
May 17, 20	1st grade class trip to Please Touch Museum
May 11, 12	2 nd grade class trip to the Philadelphia Zoo
May 11	7th grade class trip to the US Mint and Independence Hall
May 5	Mayor Kenney visit and tours MCSCS
May 6	Teacher Appreciation Day - ice cream cone, banana boat and sundaes
May 5	Teacher Appreciation Gift
May 4	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
May 4	Seniors take Advance Placement (AP) exam
April 29	Veronica J. Joyner Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance
April 11, 12	1st grade class trip to Academy of Natural Sciences
April 7	High school students attend a Public Health Program at Temple University
April 6	MCSCS Choir invited to perform a jazz concert at South Restaurant & Jazz Parlor for Jazz Journeys
March 30	Mrs. Joyner takes basketball team to Grand Lux Restaurant for luncheon
March 18	Boys Varsity Basketball game, Hershey, PA at 2:00 PM - 4 fan buses attend the championship game
March 17	Boys Varsity Basketball team leaves for the championship game in Hershey, PA
March 16, 17	2nd grade trip to the Franklin Institute
March 16	Special guest, Sarah Collins Rudolph spoke to 5-7th grade students about 14th St. Bombing in Alabama. Her sister was one of the four girls killed and she was seriously injured
March 2, 3	9th grade class trip to see the movie "RACE" the Jessie Owens story
Feb 29, Mar 1	5th grade class trip to NJ Aquarium
Feb 25	African-American History Month Showcase at Community College
Feb 24, 25	8th Grade class trip to Pearl Theater to see "RACE" The Jessie Owens story
Feb 11, 12	1st grade class trip to the Franklin Institute
Feb 5	Mock Trial Competition - 1st round - Students Did Outstanding
Feb 5	7th, 8th, 11th & 12th grade special Black History Presentation conducted by Dr. Baynes
Jan 28, 29	Dr. Baynes holds science workshop for 8th grade students
Jan 7, 8	6th grade class trip to University of Pennsylvania Museum
Dec 23	Staff Christmas Luncheon
Dec 23	School Wide Christmas Toy Give-a-Way - Mrs. Joyner gave a toy and cookie to all students. Toys were donated to churches and the Nehemiah Davis Foundation
Dec 9, 10	2nd grade class trip to NJ Adventure Aquarium
Nov 25	Turkey Give-A-Way families, shelters and homeless citizens; Nehemiah Davis Foundation
Nov 25	Law students attend Minority Law Day
Nov 24	"CBS This Morning" aired a national story on The Mathematics, Civics and Science Charter School boys' basketball team not having a permanent basketball gym to practice or play their home games.
Nov 14	Law Students attend Mock Trial Camp
Nov 12	Interviewed by "CBS This Morning" regarding our basketball team with no gym to practice
Nov 9	Seniors attend National Hispanic College Fair
Nov 5	5th - 8th & high school students trip to UniverSoul Circus
Nov 4	1st - 5th grade class trip to UniverSoul Circus
Oct 31	Annual Parent Conference
Sept 2	Back to School Night
Aug 19	New Student Orientation
Aug 17 - 21	Staff Development Workshop

THE MATHEMATICS, CIVICS AND SCIENCES CHARTER SCHOOL POLICIES

The following Policies will be strictly enforced in order to maintain our high standard of operation.

Attendance and Lateness Policy

Good attendance is mandatory for academic success. Children have the opportunity to learn more when they have good attendance. Excessive absences and lateness will result in a meeting with our Board of Trustees and may result in a transfer to the student's neighborhood school. **All students are expected to attend school daily and to be on time.**

DRESS CODE - There are MANDATORY uniform dress and personal grooming codes for all students.

Uniform Policy

- All students are required to wear the school uniform consisting of the following:

Boys: Navy blue dress slacks, white oxford dress shirt, navy blue tie, navy blue blazer (grades 6-12), and black dress shoes.

Girls: Navy blue skirt with only two pleats in the front and back, skirts two inches below the knee, white oxford dress shirt, navy blue stockings, black dress shoes, navy blue crisscross tie, and navy blue school blazer (grades 6-12).

- Muslim Students are asked to wear navy blue or black garb. Navy blue is our school color.**

Personal Grooming is Part of the School Uniform - All students are required to be neat and well groomed.

Hair must be neat, clean and well groomed. The following unconventional hairstyles are considered to be distracting and/or disruptive to the educational environment and are prohibited (i.e. High curly tops, hightop curly fade, mohawks, rattails, patterns or shavings in the hair, spikes, or words cut into the hair). Unconventional colored or multi-colored hair is not permitted (i.e. colors other than natural hair colors, outlandish hairstyles, red, blond, green, blue, purple, and or a mixture of the above). Notching of the eyebrows is prohibited. All uniforms must be clean, neat and shirts must be tucked in skirts or pants. No Dickey pants with cargo pockets. Pants must not be worn below the waist. All pants must be properly hemmed, and belts worn (no big buckles). Skirts should be below the knee. No sneakers, ballerina shoes, clogs, or high-heeled shoes due to safety concerns. No jewelry, bangles, necklaces or large earrings. Tongue rings/studs and tattoos are not permitted. All tattoos must be covered at all times while at school or while representing the school. Parents will be contacted when there is a violation of the dress code. A second warning will result in a meeting with the Board of Trustees.

Discipline Policy

To maintain the order necessary to run a school program, MCSCS has established a **Code of Student Conduct**, which all students must obey. 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. According to ACT 26, State and Federal laws require automatic expulsion for any student with a gun, knife or any instrument that could inflict bodily harm.

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).

FIGHTING

Any student fighting inside or outside of the school will receive a (3) day suspension. MCSCS has a zero tolerance for fighting. If you are aware that someone threatened a fight with you, you should immediately report it to Mrs. Joyner, Chief Administrative Officer. The students involved in the fight will be scheduled for an expulsion hearing. **After an investigation and hearing, the student may be expelled from the school.**

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

State and federal laws require equal educational opportunity for all employees and students enrolled or employed in educational public school programs and activities of the school, including, but not limited to: course offerings, athletic programs, guidance and counseling, and tests and procedures, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, social or economic status, parenthood, marital status or handicap.