



The Maritime Academy of Toledo

Parent Newsletter
October 10th, 2024

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Maritime Academy Families,

As we dive deeper into the school year, I want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of proper attendance and respectful behavior in our classrooms. Consistent attendance is key to our students' academic success, allowing them to engage fully with their lessons and peers. Equally important is fostering a culture of respect and cooperation among students, which enhances our learning environment.

Let's work together to ensure that our young mariners not only attend school regularly but also uphold the values of respect and responsibility. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a positive and productive atmosphere for all students.

Sincerely,
Aaron Lusk
Superintendent
The Maritime Academy of Toledo

Please note: I am going to begin to figure out how to make the newsletter more interactive in the coming months.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **End of 1st Quarter- October 11th, 2024**
Providing teachers with embedded training and quality feedback has been proven to raise student achievement. Spending a day collaborating and training consistently provides engaging and rigorous lessons for the students.
- **No Students/ Teacher Training – October 22nd, 2024**
This will be another training with the State Support Team concerning our Multi-Tiered System of Support to provide for the needs of all students helping them access the general education curriculum.



- **School Picture Day – TBD**
Picture Day is coming! Please ensure your child is in full uniform and ready to smile for the camera. Order forms for school pictures will be sent home with students next week.
 - **Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 18, 2024- No School**
Mark your calendars for Parent-Teacher Conferences. This is a key opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers. More information on scheduling conference times please call the helm.
 - **Positive Behavior Party– October 11, 2024**
Students who have earned it through positive behavior in the classroom will get to enjoy several fun activities tomorrow afternoon.
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School News and Updates

- **Respectful Communication for all staff members and students**
 - We want to remind all parents and guardians about the importance of respectful communication while at school. Positive interactions set a strong example for our students and contribute to a supportive learning environment. When we communicate with respect and kindness, we foster collaboration among families, staff, and students, creating a community where everyone feels valued. Let's work together to model effective communication that encourages open dialogue and reinforces the values we strive to instill in our young mariners. This includes all staff and parents. Thank you for your continued support!
 - **Ohio State Tests**
 - State testing in Ohio plays a critical role in assessing student learning and measuring educational progress. These assessments provide valuable insights into how well students are mastering the curriculum and meeting state standards. They help identify strengths and areas for improvement, guiding educators in tailoring instruction to meet diverse learning needs. Additionally, state testing ensures accountability at both the school and district levels, promoting transparency and continuous improvement in educational practices. Ultimately, these assessments contribute to a comprehensive understanding of student achievement, helping to prepare Ohio's youth for future success.
 - **Uniform Policy Review Committee**
We are excited to announce the formation of a **Uniform/Dress Code Review Committee** to assess our current uniform policy. The committee, made up of staff, parents, and students, will gather feedback from the Maritime community and make recommendations to the Superintendent. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact the Helm or Priscilla Roman.
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Attendance Matters

Why Attendance is Crucial

Excessive absences in student attendance can have significant negative impacts on academic performance and overall development. In Ohio, students with high rates of absenteeism often struggle to keep up with their peers, leading to gaps in learning and diminished engagement in the classroom. Research shows that consistent attendance is closely linked to improved academic outcomes, social skills, and future success. Schools and families must work together to address the barriers that contribute to absenteeism, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to thrive and succeed in their educational journey.

School Day: Classes start at 8:00 AM, and students should arrive no later than 7:50 AM to get settled in their classrooms.

- **Absences:** If your child must miss school, please contact the helm by 8:30 AM on the day of the absence. Absences must be excused with a note or some type of written documentation.
- **Tardies:** Arriving late disrupts the start of the day for both your child/teen and their classmates. Please ensure your child/teen arrives on time.

Let's work together to ensure your child attends school regularly and on time!

Student Spotlight

Maritime Leaders of the Month of September!

Each month, we will recognize students who exemplify leadership, academic excellence, and positive behavior. Congratulations. October will be announced in the October 24th newsletter.

- **Middle School Leader of the Month:** Inell Hollie & Alex Harris-Martre
 - **High School Leader of the Month:** Jayden Ayala & Montrice Madrid
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Important Reminders and a Summation of our Newsletter

1. **Attendance Matters:** Please ensure your child attends school regularly. Consistent attendance is crucial for academic success and helps foster a sense of community.
2. **Respectful Communication:** Maintain open and respectful communication with teachers and staff. Positive interactions create a supportive environment for everyone.
3. **Classroom Behavior:** Encourage your child to demonstrate respect and responsibility in the classroom. Good behavior enhances the learning experience for all students.
4. **Stay Informed:** Regularly check our website and newsletters for updates on school events, important dates, and resources available to support your child's education.



5. **Engagement Opportunities:** Get involved! Attend school events, volunteer, and participate in parent-teacher meetings. Your involvement makes a difference in our school community. I would love to have parents come in and help guide students with correct behavior, appropriate language, and a love for school.
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Parent Resources and Tips

- **Support Your Child's Study Habits:** Encourage a regular homework routine, provide a quiet space for studying, and check your child's agenda or Google Classroom for assignments and upcoming projects.
 - **Stay Connected with Teachers:** Communication is key to your child's success. Don't hesitate to reach out to teachers if you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress. Email addresses for all staff members can be found on the school website.
 - **Join the Parent Advisory Group (PAG):** The PAG is looking for new members to help with school events and initiatives. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Priscilla Roman (proman@maritimeacademy.us or 419-244-9999) for more information.
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Contact Information

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us:

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Thank you for being a vital part of The Maritime Academy of Toledo community. Let's make this year a great one!

Sincerely,
Aaron Lusk
Superintendent