



The Maritime Academy of Toledo

Parent Newsletter
September 26th, 2024

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Maritime Academy Families,

As we approach the end of September, I want to take a moment to reflect on the great start we've had to the 2024-2025 school year. The energy and excitement from our students, staff, and families have set a strong foundation for success. We've seen remarkable progress in the classroom, enthusiasm for extracurricular activities, and a growing sense of community within our school.

This month has been filled with learning, growth, and new experiences, and we look forward to continuing this momentum. In this newsletter, you'll find important updates, upcoming events, and highlights from our students' achievements. We are committed to providing a supportive and enriching environment where every student can thrive, and we are grateful for your ongoing support in making this happen.

Let's continue to work together to ensure a successful and impactful year for our students at The Maritime Academy of Toledo.

Sincerely,
Aaron Lusk
Superintendent
The Maritime Academy of Toledo

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **Teacher Training/No School for Students- October 4th, 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**
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.
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School News and Updates

- **Behavior and Conduct Reminders for 8th Graders**
We want to remind all 8th-grade students and parents of the importance of respectful behavior in the classroom. While we know this is a time of growth and transition for our students, maintaining a positive and productive learning environment is key to success. Please have conversations with your child about showing respect to teachers and peers, staying focused in class, and taking responsibility for their actions.
 - **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 by **September 27th, 2024**.
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Attendance Matters

Why Attendance is Crucial

Attendance plays a critical role in your child's success at school. Missing even a few days can set students back academically, making it harder to catch up. Here are a few reminders about our attendance policy:

- **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!

Each month, we will recognize students who exemplify leadership, academic excellence, and positive behavior. Congratulations.

- **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

- **School Uniform:** Please ensure your child is in full compliance with our uniform policy. This includes wearing the correct polo shirt, khaki pants, and closed-toe shoes. Hoodies or non-uniform jackets are not permitted during school hours.
 - **School Meals:** All students receive free breakfast and lunch at The Maritime Academy of Toledo. We encourage all students to take advantage of this opportunity to fuel their minds and bodies for the school day. Please notify the school if your child has any specific dietary restrictions.
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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:

- **Helm:** 419-244-9999



- **Email:** secretary@maritimeacademy.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

