



The Maritime Academy of Toledo

Parent Newsletter
September 12th, 2024

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to September of the 2024-2025 school year at The Maritime Academy of Toledo, where we look forward to partnering with you to ensure a successful and enriching year for your child! Our goal, as always, is to provide each student with the tools and support they need to succeed academically and personally. We are grateful for your continued support and partnership in this journey.

As stated previously, this newsletter will include important updates, upcoming events, and information to help keep you informed and engaged with your child's education. Let's work together to make this year one of the best yet!

Sincerely,
Aaron Lusk
Superintendent

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **No Students/ Teacher Training - September 17th**
The Maritime Academy has received a grant from the State Support Team Region 1 to implement the Multi-Tiered System of Support (see our website) and training days are on Tuesdays periodically throughout the year. These dates were determined by the State of Ohio and not the Maritime administration.
- **Back to School Bash – September 25, 2024, 3:30PM-5:30PM**
Join us for our first Family Engagement Night of the year! This event is a great opportunity to meet teachers, tour classrooms, and learn more about the programs and resources available to support your child's learning. Light refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **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.

- **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.
 - **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. The September leaders will be announced September 26th.

- **Middle School Leader of the Month:**
 - **High School Leader of the Month:**
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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
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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

