



Friday Flyer: August 19, 2016

Upcoming Events:

- 8/24 - MINIMUM DAY - Dismissal @ 12:00 p.m. - Back to School Night @ 6:30 p.m.
- 8/24 - FREE DRESS DAY!

Check out our new website!

Our 2016-17 Parent Orientation Handbook, School Calendar, uniform information and much more are all available at our new website, <http://www.mmcharter.org>.

School - Home Communications

- o **Office hours:** The MMCA Front Office is open from 8:10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. every school day.
- o **Friday Flyers:** At the end of each school week, we will send home a weekly flyer about news and activities going on at the school.
- o **Newsletters:** We will also publish a more detailed bi-monthly newsletter with articles from each of our classrooms and parent groups.
- o **E-blasts:** We will electronically distribute via mass email our Flyers, Newsletters, and any other announcements that we want to get out to all of our families via our Google Apps distribution list. Simultaneously, we will also post our electronic communications to both our website and our Facebook page. If you have not been receiving our electronic communications, please send an email to our mmca@mmcharter.org account with the subject line “subscribe” and we’ll get your address added. (Please check your spam folder/settings to make sure messages are delivered to your inbox)
- o **Google Activities Calendar:** Our Google calendar on our website lists all of our upcoming and ongoing activities. If you would like a school activity added to the school calendar, please email Mrs. Brown at cbrown@mmcharter.org.

Children’s House Enrollment Opportunities!

We have a couple spots left in our full day, 5 days per week private preschool program. If you have any questions about our preschool program, please email Mrs. Bass at jbass@mmcharter.org.

Girls’ Basketball Tryouts Next Week:

Date change: Girls’ Basketball tryouts will be next WEDNESDAY (8.24.16) from 12:15p.m - 2:15p.m. and next THURSDAY (8.25.16) from 3:20 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.. We will post the sign-up sheet on Monday. Girls’ Basketball is starting a couple weeks earlier than our other Fall Sports this year because our league has moved the Girls’ Soccer to (roughly) late October - mid-December. FYI: Sign-ups for our other Fall Sports - Boys’ Volleyball and Cross Country, will be posted in a few weeks.

Volunteer Recruiting:

We're going to be continuing to recruit parents to fulfill our various volunteer positional needs. As you know, at MMCA we have a 40 hour per family volunteerism policy – we need your help! At the school level, we're looking to recruit some parent volunteers to assist us with the morning drop-off (8:15a-8:30a), and we're willing to DOUBLE your hours to get more volunteers for this task! If you're interested, please contact Mrs. Brown at the office at cbrown@mmcharter.org or sign up on our website: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aa4a62ea7ff2-morning>

Drop-off / Pick-up Procedures

Safety is our number one concern when it comes to drop off and pick up. For us to ensure your child's safety, please follow these basic parking lot etiquette guidelines:

- o There is only one lane of traffic coming down the long driveway.
- o The Pre-school loop is not to be used to “cut” in front of other cars waiting. Pre-school parents: To ensure safety, NO LEFT TURNS from the preschool drop-off area; please proceed through the parking lot as you exit.
- o If you see a “hole” in the loading/unloading zone, this does not mean that you can go around cars in front of you to get that spot. Please use common courtesy and wait your turn.
- o The right hand lane (closest to the curb) is the only lane that we will allow kids to get into / out of cars from. This is the pick-up/drop-off lane. **You are never to leave your car unattended or parked in this lane.** PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK CROSSWALKS!
- o The beginning of the right hand lane (for pick-up purposes) is at our fire gate. Please do not park in front of this area as it impedes traffic flow.
- o The left hand lane in the school parking lot is the drive-thru lane for parking purposes. For safety reasons, it is not the “hurry up and get in the car to bypass the long line” lane. Please use this lane if you are going to park your vehicle to drop-off / pick-up your child. Note: The church parking lot is available for MMCA parents during our school day or events at night.
- o There are two crosswalks for a reason, and we require everyone to use them. It's very important that the crosswalk is used, and please hold the hands of the little ones, as they are hard to see over the hoods of cars. Please help us keep you and your family safe and use the crosswalks at all times.
- o If at all possible, please have your child load and unload from the passenger side, so that there are no accidents.
- o We ask that you drive all the way up to the next car in the unloading/loading zone so that we can get more kids in and out of their cars. Teachers and parent volunteers will be on the sidewalk directing traffic during student pick-up, so please follow their lead.