



RAIDER NEWS

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September 16, 2019

College and Career Readiness Activities 2019-2020

North Atlanta College Fair @ North Atlanta

9/20/2019 8:30am – 3:00pm

High School Seniors & Select Underclassmen

KIPP/Westminster/Lovett College Fair @ Cobb Galleria

(Renaissance Waverly Hotel)

9/21/2019 8:30am – 3:00pm

High School Seniors & Select Underclassmen

APS Transportation Provided By The Local School



Please join us Saturday, Sept. 21, at Georgia State University's football stadium for the inaugural Atlanta Public Schools football event! Students, parents, alumni, and the entire Atlanta community are invited to cheer on their favorite APS teams, as athletes perform in front of college coaches, recruiters, and a live local television audience. The price for tickets is \$15 in advance and \$18 at the gate. The games will be televised live on Peachtree TV and CBS 46 digital platforms. The showcase will include the following games:

10 a.m.: South Atlanta vs. Booker T. Washington
12:40 p.m.: Maynard Jackson vs. Carver
3:20 p.m.: Benjamin E. Mays vs. New Manchester

LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

APS Celebrates Attendance Awareness Month

September is National Attendance Awareness Month. Did you know that each year across the nation more than 8 million students miss nearly one month of school? Each day that a student misses school, an opportunity is lost to learn new and exciting concepts, excel academically, and apply healthy socialization skills. Research has also linked poor school attendance to low literacy, low graduation rates, and an increased number of students who drop out of school.

According to Dr. Shannon Hervey, director of Student Support and Interventions, the Office of Student Services is leading the charge to prioritize attendance in the hearts and minds of students, staff, parents, and community members across the District.

"That's why we're excited to roll out a new initiative, 'Every Student. Every Day.' This will guide and support schools in seeking and removing barriers to student attendance," Dr. Hervey said. "The APS community can look forward to learning more in the coming weeks."

Be sure to follow #EveryStudentEveryDay on [Twitter](#) to learn how APS schools are promoting daily and on-time attendance.

2019-Football Schedule

09/13 Langston Hughes @ LH @7:30PM

09/21 New Manchester @ Georgia State Stadium @ 8:00

09/28 OPEN

10/04 Tri-Cities @ Lakewood @ 8:00 Senior Night

10/11 Douglas County @ Lakewood @ 8:00

10/18 Creekside @ Creekside @ 7:30

10/25 South Paulding @ Lakewood Homecoming @ 8:00

11/01 Alexander @ Alexander @ 7:30

11/08 Northgate @ Northgate @ 7:30

International Baccalaureate

Congratulations to our grade-level Students of the Month for August!

9th Grade — Maryeli Sanchez-Bautista

10th Grade — Quindarian Boykin

11th Grade — Shianna Franklin

12th Grade — Maria Lopez & Sierra Winn

These students have exemplified the characteristics of being academic Risk-Takers by showing independence, confidence, and enthusiasm.

PSAT

Any 9th grade scholar who would like to take the PSAT exam must pay the \$15 exam fee and take the test on Wednesday, October 30, 2019. Payment will be accepted for 9th grade students from September 1st through September 30th

(See Ms. Smith).

Parent Teacher Conferences

September 18, 2019 Parent Teacher Conferences @ 3:45-5:30pm in cafeteria.

Be informed.

Be active.

Be your kid's biggest fan.

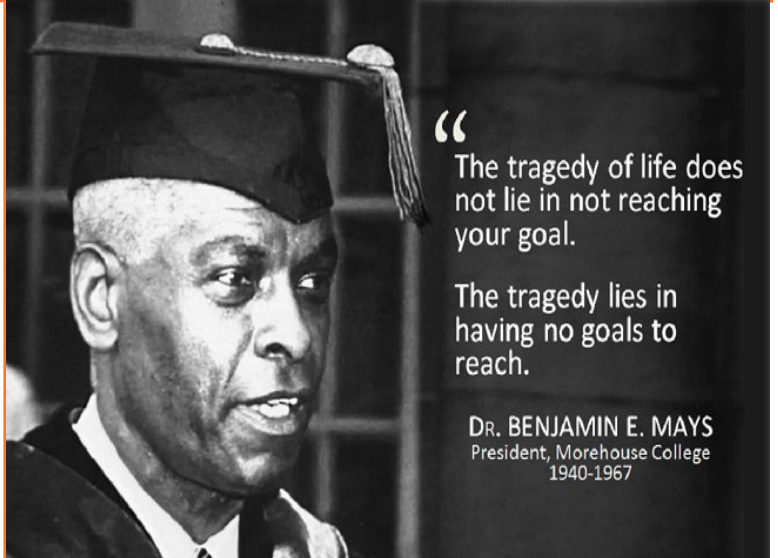
Be PTA.

Meeting September 26, 2019 @ 6:00pm

Visitor/Volunteers:

Visitors – For the safety of our children, ALL visitors must stop by the main office and obtain permission to visit.

Volunteers – All volunteers must complete the volunteer form located in the main office and get a background check. Approved volunteers must sign-in at the main office each time they volunteer.



“The tragedy of life does not lie in not reaching your goal.

The tragedy lies in having no goals to reach.

DR. BENJAMIN E. MAYS
President, Morehouse College
1940-1967

September Parent Information:

09/19– 9th grade Parent Night @ 6:00 in the auditorium

09/25– 10th grade Parent Night @ 6:30pm in the auditorium

9/26/19 How to write an effective resume PT 1 @ 10:30am.

Parent Center open from 8:30am –3:30pm M-F



Class of 2020 Information

Senior dues for the Class of 2020 will be \$315 to be paid directly to the Senior Sponsor, Dr. Kenly, or online.

Payment Deadlines

1st Payment	September 13, 2019	\$60.00
2nd Payment	October 5, 2019	\$85.00
3rd Payment	November 9, 2019	\$85.00
4th Payment	February 8, 2020	\$85.00

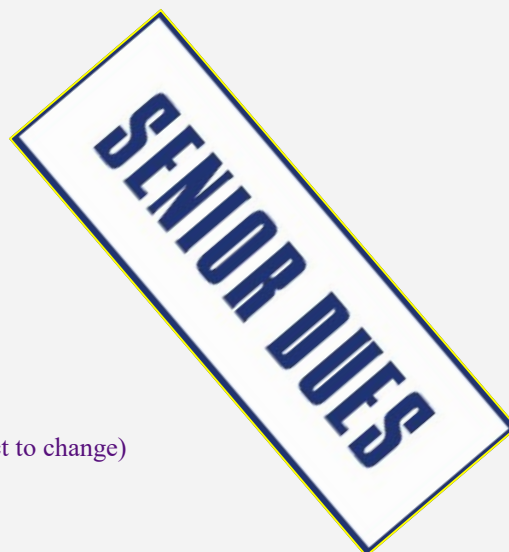
Itemized Cost – NO A LA CARTE

\$35.00 – Senior T-shirt & Hoodie

\$100.00 - Yearbook

\$100.00 – Senior Activities (Events/activities are subject to change)

- Senior Breakfast
- Prom Ticket (If Junior dues were paid)
- Senior Picnic/Luau
- Senior Athletic Night
- Senior Gift (to school)
- Senior Movie/Game Night
- Old School Field Day
- Screen on the Green
- Senior Field Trip (Main Event, Pin Strikes, Sky Zone, etc.)
- \$80.00 – Investiture/Visions/Graduation (Events/ activities are subject to change)
- Spirit Hoods
- Trophies/Plaques/Awards
- Programs
- Diploma Covers & Decoration /Florists



If final payment is not received by February 21, 2020, a late fee of **\$35.00** will be attached to your payment. Payments must be made in the form of cash or money order ONLY if submitting in person. Payments are accepted online at the Benjamin E. Mays High School website (click on school fees, then senior dues). Online payments are subject to processing fees. Make all payments to your senior sponsor: **Dr. L. Kenly** **(No monies are to be paid to the Bookkeeper.)**

*Senior dues can ONLY be paid during Advisory and before or after school to **Dr. Kenly**.

Scheduled senior events/activities/items are scheduled to be held monthly (subject to change).

In order to participate in ANY senior activity, you must either pay your senior dues in full prior by the first payment date or pay according to the above payment plan. Utilizing the payment schedule will guarantee full participation in all senior events/activities/items. Students who do not submit payments per the payment plan will not be allowed to participate in senior events/perks. In order for sponsor to accept senior dues, students must have paid their junior dues in full.

Senior town halls will be held monthly on the last Tuesday of the month during Advisory.

Senior portraits will be taken as follows:

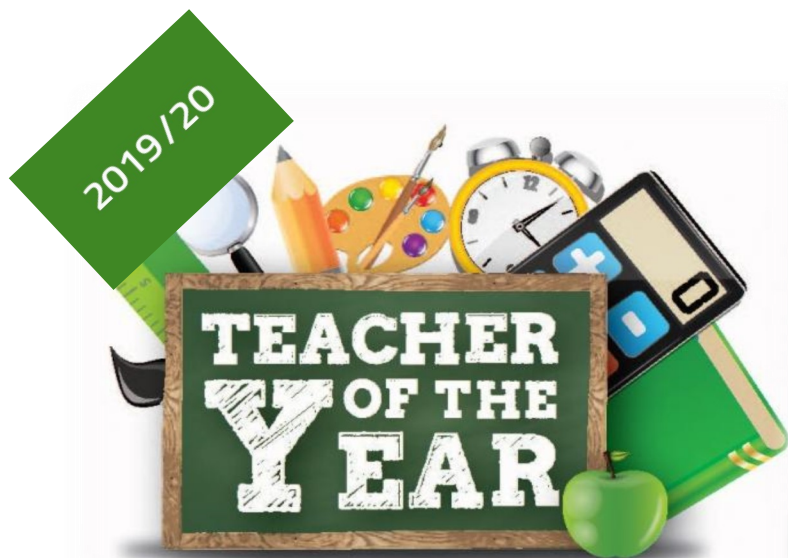
Females: August 19-21

Males: September 30- October 2

Subject to change



In order to be eligible for graduation activities you must meet the following requirements:



Benjamin E. Mays High School 2019-20 Teacher of The Year Dr. Chainey Cherry



Dr. Chainey Cherry has been enriching the lives of young people as an Educator, Musician, Author and Researcher in and around Metro Atlanta for eighteen years. This proud Atlanta native has an outspoken propensity for fine arts education and cultural education for all ages. Dr. Cherry has been very successful at building and restructuring orchestra programs in urban schools by fusing classical and contemporary musical elements.

In less than a year, Dr. Cherry transformed a nearly non-existent high school Orchestra program into a fully functional Superior-rated ensemble. The ensemble that began the 2012 school year with only eighteen students in a single class expanded to three classes with more than seventy students by the fall of 2013. The program has continued to flourish under Dr. Cherry's tutelage. In 2014, she hosted the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) Orchestra Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) Site B in District V. Her orchestras have continued to receive Superior ratings at LGPE each year and have been invited to perform at various district level events, such as the Atlanta Public School's Teacher of the Year Banquet and the Atlanta Police Department's Fallen Officers' Memorial Ceremony at Atlanta City Hall. In August of 2018, The Mays High School Orchestra partnered with Orchestra Noir to perform for Isaac Hayes Day at Atlanta City Hall.

Over the years, Dr. Cherry has had the opportunity to lend her musical reach to programs outside of her school. In March of 2018, Dr. Cherry was invited to serve as a sight-reading judge for the GMEA LGPE for District VI (Clayton, Henry, & Fayette Counties). This year, she served as a concert judge for the District III LGPE in Columbus, GA. Additionally, Dr. Cherry was invited to serve as the clinician for the GMEA District VI 6th Grade Honor Orchestra Clinic in April 2019.

In January of 2019, the Mays High School Orchestra program was awarded an Honorable Mention for Outstanding Community Engagement Program from Music for All's Advocacy in Action campaign through Bands & Orchestras' of America. This honor was received for their 2017 fall production entitled "AnARTchy". This production takes the audience on a journey into a future where public education has no arts programs. Dr. Cherry wrote the show to enlighten the masses of the vast ill effects the students and community would encounter if the arts initiatives continue being abolished from public education.

Dr. Cherry received her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Georgia Southern University in 2001; Master's degree in Administration and Supervision in 2005 from the University of West Georgia; and her Specialist in Educational Leadership from Argosy University in 2009. She attained her doctoral degree from Argosy University in 2013 with a dissertation entitled, "*Teachers' Perceptions of Fine Arts Education and How It Enhances Academic Achievement.*"

When she's not inspiring the lives of young scholars, Dr. Cherry enjoys playing the violin, singing, and spending time with her husband of 15 years, Leo, and their two children, 13 year old Tre and 9 year old Katelyn.





JOB SEARCH TIPS

HOW TO WRITE AN EFFECTIVE RESUME

Hosted by Dr. W. J. Swain, Parent Liaison

Benjamin E. Mays High School

Media Center

September 26, 2019 PT 1 10:30AM

October 10, 2019 PT 2 10:30AM

November 07, 2019 PT 3 10:30am

Preparing to Write Your Resume

Conduct self-assessment

- Why do you need a resume?
- What is your geographic preference?
- What is your industry preference?
- What is your job preference?

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ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING



**October 03, 2019 @10:30am and 6:00pm in
the Skybox**

SEE YOU SOON