

Advice to students: "Be your best self every day." - Dr. Mulanta Wilkins

Dear Raider Family,

Peter Marshall said, "When we long for life without difficulty, remind us that oaks grow strong under contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure." This week clearly showed your fidelity to student learning, signaled by establishing a community of learners, not just a classroom of learners. Let me remind us of some of the strategies being utilized.

Our teachers are creating resources that engage and inspire. This includes exchanging character names for students' names or selecting authentic texts that learners can relate to or see themselves in. Instructors are using student surveys and personalized choices to guide lesson planning. Accommodations are being made to ensure that all pupils have the educational equipment to thrive academically.

Educators are facilitating collaborative spaces for team projects that designate roles, peer reviews that promote reflection, and group discussions that foster communication. This practice increases learner autonomy, builds relationships, and deepens rigor. Student-centered activities like Think-Pair-Share, scavenger hunts, scientific experiments, case studies, and classroom debates are great choices. Kinesthetic learners will significantly benefit from hands-on and physical activities.

Teachers are also customizing the way students interact with technology. Bitmoji classrooms have become popular for their unique, real-life appearance. Students are encouraged to retrieve study materials and class resources virtually. Others are having them scan QR codes to access information or complete forms. These are terrific techniques to interact with the materials and resources creatively.

The aMAYSing work you are doing is not without difficulties, yet you perform it effortlessly. Continue standing tall like oak trees and shining bright like diamonds. You are shaping minds and changing lives.

You are valued! You are extraordinary!



OWN YOUR 20 sq ft

Your Proud Principal,

JPCOMING DATES:

Monday, February 13th

- **American Literature (Section 1)**
- **BESS Testing (Advisory Schedule All Week)**

Tuesday, February 14th

- American Literature (Sections 2 & 3)
 - Junior Town Hall (Advisement)
- **BESS Testing (Advisory Schedule All Week)**

Wednesday, February 15th

- Algebra (Sections 1 & 2)
- **BESS Testing (Advisory Schedule All Week)**
 - IB Training
 - Parent Conference Night
 - Biology (Sections 1 & 2)
 - US History (Sections 1 & 2)
- **BESS Testing (Advisory Schedule All Week)**
 - IB Training

Thursday, February 16th

Advisory Schedule (Mon – Fri) 1st Block

8:45 - 10:0510:08 Warning Bell

2nd Block

10:10 - 11:3011:33 Warning Bell

Raider Ramp-Up

11:35-12:05 12:08 Warning Bell

3rd Block

12:10-2:20

A-Lunch 12:25 - 12:50 Release from Lunch- 12:48 B-Lunch 12:55- 1:20 Release from Lunch -1:18 C-Lunch 1:25 - 1:50 Release from Lunch - 1:48 D-Lunch 1:55 - 2:20 Release from Lunch - 2:20 2:23 Warning Bell

> 4th Block 2:25 - 3:45



Parent-Teacher Conferences Wednesday

All parents are invited to

conference with

their scholars

teachers

https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/mays

Call: 404 - 802 - 5100



02/15/2023

4:30 - 6:30 pm

BENJAMIN E. MAYS HIGH SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2023 TESTING CALENDAR

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH AMERICAN LIT SEC 1

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH AMERICAN LIT SEC 2 & 3

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH ALGEBRA SEC 1 & 2

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14TH BIOLOGY SEC 1 & 2 US HISTORY SEC 1 & 2

IB ANNOVNCEMENT

- Caught being an Inquirer: COACH EDGE!
 GREAT JOB on your enthusiasm and contribution to your
 American Government Team during IB training!
 - LPA for February: INQUIRER
 - Click <u>HERE</u> for access to the Learner Variability Navigator for research based strategies!
 - UPCOMING IB PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

FEBRUARY 15TH & 16TH, 2023

(All teachers and instructional staff must attend)

Arrive 10 minutes after the bell rings for PD with laptops.



BENJAMINE E. MAYS HIGH SCHOOL





THAT CODE

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO CODE?

- LOOKING TO SERVICE YOUR SCHOOLS NEEDS WITH CODING
- WANT TO DESIGN GAMES, ANIMATED MOVIES AND MORE?
- COME BE A PART OUR CODING CLUB

Coding Club Information



WHEN: Every Wednesday

WHERE: 21st Century Classroom

in the Media Center

TIME: Afterschool 4:15-5:15 pm

1ST MEETING: FEB. 8TH

Sign Up Here



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Helping Students Dream BIG.

COLLEGE CAREER MOTIVATION WEEK

Upcoming Events

February 13-Feburary 17

9:00AM- 12:00 PM

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HBCU VS. PWI Panel

Join us for a very informative panel discussion featuring special guests. You don't want to miss this!

14 FEB

CAREER FAIR

This is a great opportunity to connect with employers and representatives. Come with questions!

9:00AM- 12:00 PM

15 FEB

COLLEGE FAIR

Join us to learn about applications, admissions, financial aid and more from your dream college

16 FEB

9:00AM- 12:00 PM

9:00AM- 12:00 PM

ALUMNI LEGACY SPEAKERS

Calling all MAYS Alumni!! Join us as we reconnect with our alumni guest speakers.

17 FEB

9:00AM-12:00 PM

FINANCIAL LEGACY

Believe. Expect. Achieve. Join Achieve Atlanta experts who offer direct support advising services to students!

FINALE STEP SHOW!!!



Operational/Logistical

- <u>Take attendance during the first 15 minutes of class</u>. Students should remain in class during the first and last 15 minutes of class. The expectation is 100% "take rate" for attendance.
- Hall passes are required for all students in the hallways. Passes should include: student's name, date, time of leaving, destination, and staff signature.
- Students must be out of the building by <u>4 PM</u>. Once students exit the building they will not be allowed back in, <u>NO EXCEPTIONS</u>.
- <u>Tutorial:</u> All teachers who host tutorial must walk their students out of the building at the conclusion of the tutorial session.
- **Duty Stations:** For all staff with a duty station, you are to report to your duty station at the appointed time. The duty report time is not the same as the arrival time to the building.
- <u>IB</u> will be taking pictures throughout the school week. Please make sure that your classrooms are neat and organized showcasing you're the aMAYSing things you and your students are doing.
- <u>Class Transitions</u>: All staff are expected to stand in the hallway during class transitions. Help is needed to assist students with getting to class on time. <u>BELLS WILL BE OFF</u> **NEXT WEEK.**
- Headgear In Class: It is a school-wide expectation that students don't wear a hat or hood in the building at all. This includes in the halls and classroom. We must remain vigilant in order to ensure that we set the tone for school and remain consistent in our expectations.
- <u>Faculty/PLC/PL Meetings</u>: Unless communicated with your evaluating administrator, all meetings are mandatory. This includes ESOL and PEC personnel, as well as any supporting

"Whatever you do, strive to do it so well that no man living, no man dead, and no man yet to be born could do it any better!"

— Dr. Benjamin E. Mays (August 1894 - March 1984)

