



July 25, 2022

Greetings AMAYSING Family!

SAVE THE DATE
MHS OPEN HOUSE
(in-person)
Friday, July 29, 2022
11am to 1pm

It's OFFICIAL! **Day One, Monday, August 1st, is right around the corner!**

This letter is targeted to reach our aMAYSing scholars and is focused on setting **High Expectations** for this school year. We are so excited to welcome each and every scholar to "the Hill." The leadership team and the entire Raider family are anticipating an exhilarating year!

We remain committed to YOU! You matter and we want to make sure every scholar reaches both academic and personal goals. We look forward to a year of AAA Excellence - Academic, Artistic, and Athletic Excellence.

We would be delighted for you to join us this Friday for an action-packed morning at Mays!

June 29, 2022 at Mays High School	
9am-11am	Mays Counselors Meet and Greet
11am-1pm	Mays Open House

This will be a great opportunity for you to meet your counselor, discover expectations and receive academic updates. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you!

See you soon, be safe and get ready for an aMAYSing year!

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Dr. Mulanta Wilkins, Principal



Highlights: Dress Code, Bookbags, IDs and Outside Food

To accomplish our best, ALL students must embrace key behaviors and practices that help create a POSITIVE and SAFE school culture and climate. Please review a few reminders to get us off to a wonderful school year.

1. Students are permitted to bring either a **CLEAR or SEE-THROUGH MESH BACKPACK**. Backpacks that are not clear or mesh will not be permitted and will be collected at the entrance.
* All athletic bags will be collected at the entrance. Athletic bags will be housed by your Athletic Coach or the Athletic Director.
2. Cell phones are only allowed to be used during non-instructional time. Cell phones should be out of sight during instructional time.
3. All scholars are expected to adhere to the APS and Mays Dress Code Policy. Please be mindful:
 - Hoods, hats, and any headgear are not allowed to be worn during the school day. Headgear is only permissible in accordance with bona fide religious practice.
 - All shoes must have a strap around the ankle. Crocs must be worn in sport-mode. No slide shoes are permissible.
 - Ripped jeans are permitted. Skin should not be exposed above the knee.
 - Leggings and biking shorts/pant are not permitted.
 - No tank tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, see-through tops are permitted.
4. All students will be issued an ID Badge. Students will receive 2 (two ID badges for free). Additional badges must be purchased. All students will be required to wear ID badges while on campus.
* Important Note: Effective SY2022-23, **Every student is required to wear a visible Student ID while on campus AT ALL TIMES**. Pictures will be taken Week One.

***We will share the link to the SY 22-23 Student Handbook as soon as it is available. Make sure you review it.**



ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Be HERE! #YOUMATTER

- Scholars may enter the building as early as 8:15AM
- On-time, Daily Attendance is critical to academic success. Poor or irregular attendance is a major contributing factor for failure.
- We will maintain a strong focus on ATTENDANCE. ATTENDANCE WILL BE TAKEN EVERY DAY, EVERY CLASS beginning with 1st block at 8:45AM. Car riders and walkers need to arrive on time!
- Any scholar arriving after 9:00AM must have a parent sign-in.
- Report to every class BEFORE the bell rings!

CLASS AVOIDANCE (aka CUTTING/SKIPPING)

- In order to be successful in class, you must be in and REMAIN in class for the duration of the period. Cutting class includes not attending one's assigned class at all along with leaving class for an extended period of time without permission, and/or showing up extremely late to class with no excuse.
- Cutting/skipping not only impacts your academic success, but also contributes to events and conflicts that disrupt school.

PROMOTING PEACE

- We expect **peaceful conflict resolution** throughout the entire school year. We firmly believe that differences between students can be resolved peacefully and productively without resorting to actions that disrupt the learning environment.
- Specifically, fighting and other physical offenses have no place in a school environment and will be addressed as serious violations.
- We have a robust Care Team to help our students navigate challenging situations. The care team consists of a Clinical Therapist, Social Worker, Grade Level Counselors, and the School Nurse. We invite parents and students to reach out to your grade level counselor as soon as possible. Speak with your teachers, counselor, and/or administrator sooner rather than later when you have a problem, concern, or question. We are here for you!

LEAVING CAMPUS and OUTSIDE FOOD

- Students are NOT allowed to leave campus at any time during the day (including breakfast and lunch periods).
- Students cannot order food to be delivered to campus during school hours, including from family. Outside food will be confiscated.
- Car riders and walkers should finish their breakfast BEFORE they report to campus, especially when late for school.



BE INVOLVED! INVOLVEMENT MAKES A DIFFERENCE! EXTRACURRICULAR AND ATHLETICS

- Our happiest and most successful scholars are most often involved in extracurricular activities. Research shows that participation in after-school activities has a positive effect on overall achievement and attitude toward school as well as connecting students with adults and encouraging new friendships. At MHS, our ultimate goal is for 100% of our students to participate in at least one extracurricular activity.

STAY INFORMED

- JOIN REMIND: Grade level REMIND messages will help keep you informed. You can receive text messages to your phone so that you can stay aware of upcoming events and important notifications.
- Join MY Remind: <https://www.remind.com/join/bemhs>
- Also, make sure to follow me on Twitter @DrWilkinsBEMHS
- Stay tuned for theBlueprint, our New e-School newsletter

The Benjamin E. Mays faculty and staff are excited about your return! We remain fully committed to providing an instructionally focused, safe, nurturing, and fun learning environment for all students. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, and/or comments. We look forward to a successful 2022-2023 school year at Benjamin E. Mays High School where we are “**Building the Legacy, Living the Legacy, and Being the Legacy**”

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Mark Your Calendar!

Important Upcoming Dates	
Friday, July 29, 2022	Meet and Greet Your Counselor 9am- 11am
Friday, July 29, 2022	OPEN HOUSE @ Mays High School 11 am – 1 pm
Saturday, July 30, 2022	APS Back-to-School Bash at GWCC 9am -1pm
Monday, August 1, 2022	DAY ONE: 1st Day of School
August 15 to August 19, 2022	Universal Screener (MAP) in Reading and Math ALL Students
August 20, 2022 1st Football Game	Mays HS v/s Douglas HS @Lakewood TBD
Week of August 22, 2022	Advisory Schedule Begins: <i>Advisory now on Monday</i>
Tuesday, August 30, 2022	Back to School Academic Night 5:30pm - 7:30 pm
Tuesday, September 20, 2022	Parent Conference Night In-Person 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
October 10 through October 14, 2022	Fall Break for Students
Week of October 28, 2022	HOMECOMING WEEK



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ELECTION SEASON SY 2022-2023

Mays High School Student Government Association

(9th Grade Only)

Candidate Application: 8/1 to 8/8

Application Due 8/8

Campaigning: 8/22 to 8/26

Voting: 8/26

Winners Announced: 8/29

