



marion p thomas
CHARTER SCHOOL

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*"It takes a village
to raise a child"*

PAC Academy

PreK3 -8th Grade
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STEAM Academy

PreK3 – 6th Grade
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SELECT Academy

K - 7th Grade
88-108 Shipman St.
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High School of Culinary & Performing Arts

9th – 12th Grade
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Newark, NJ 07103
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Dear MPTCS Village:

Yesterday marked the kick-off for our 2018-2019 school year. We launched one new school – PAC Academy, a performing arts and culinary themed PreK-8 school; introduced STEAM Academy, our newly themed science, technology, engineering, arts and math elementary school and men from our community helped SELECT Academy, our single gender-focused school, start the new school year. We wanted to share this good news with you first, because it was overshadowed by videos that were featured on social media.

Since its inception, Marion P. Thomas Charter School has had a uniform policy. The policy is intended to help our school promote a more effective learning environment, foster school unity and bridge socioeconomic differences between children. Wearing a uniform teaches students appropriate dress and decorum in school, helps to improve student conduct and discipline and prepares them for their future workplace.

Our high school team wanted to ensure our students complied with this policy, for all of the reasons aforementioned. Their best intentions led to some students being asked to return home. We have communicated with our families who were impacted by this decision. While we realize school policies are important, we recognize that our students' well-being is our utmost importance. Therefore, we have implemented a process that will not compromise the safety of our high school students.

We know you have a choice when it comes to your child[ren]'s education. We thank you for trusting us to take them from crayons to college and careers.

We look forward to working with all our families for a successful and productive school year.

Regards,

Misha Simmonds
Interim Chief School Administrator