

JANUARY 2024 LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Match Middle School Families,

I trust this letter finds you well and that the New Year has brought joy and prosperity to your homes. As we reflect on the first half of the academic year, I am thrilled to share some exciting news with you. January 26th marks the conclusion of the second quarter, representing the halfway point of our school year. I am proud to announce that our students have achieved significant academic milestones, with 43% demonstrating one year's worth of growth in reading and 42% in math. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, and supportive families. We look forward to building on this success as we embark on the second half of the year.

As we move into the second quarter, we are excited to announce a change in the format of our quarterly conferences. Our Quarter 2 conferences will shift from the traditional advisor-led approach to an open-house style. This adjustment aims to provide families with greater flexibility and the opportunity to connect with any teacher they wish to check in with regarding their child's progress. These conferences will take place on Thursday, February 8th, from 12:30 pm to 7:00 pm, and on Friday, February 9th, from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. Families are invited to sign up for 15-minute conference slots with the teachers of their choice during these times. You will receive a call from your student's advisor in the next two weeks to discuss conferences.

We are pleased to share that the decision to transition to an open-house style for conferences was made in collaboration with our newly launched Parent Advisory Council. This group of parents have already provided valuable insights and feedback on this shift, representing the beginning of their efforts to contribute to the continuous improvement of Match Middle School. We are grateful for their commitment in working together to enhance the overall experience for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. We look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming conferences and celebrating the continued growth and success of our students.

Warm regards, David Robinson



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CALENDAR LOOK AHEAD

1/29

Quarter 3 Begins

2/1

All school Community Meeting to kickoff Black History Month

2/5

Report Cards to be mailed home

2/8

Academic Award Ceremony

2/8

Half Day for students

2/8 & 2/9

Parent Teacher Conferences Half Days

2/28

8th Grade Washington, DC Parent Meeting #1, 5:30-6:30pm

Click here for the year-long calendar

SY 24-25 Schedule Change Survey

For G5-G7 families only

English

Spanish

Haitian Creole

<u>Portuguese</u>

MMS CULTURE CELEBRATION

Additionally, on February 1, 2024 the Match Middle school community will kick off Black History Month with an all school community meeting to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of African-Americans in this country.

Q2 STUDENT INCENTIVES

On the dates listed below students will engage in the Quarter 2 Mountain Lion Auction. Should your scholar come home with an item that you recognize was not purchased by you; note that they may have won it during the Mountain Lion Auction.

Auction Dates:

6th Grade - January 29th

7th Grade - January 30th

8th Grade - January 31st

Powerhouse: February 2nd



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ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

ADMISSIONS

The 2024-2025 Application to Match is now open!

The application for Match Charter Public School must be submitted through the Boston Charter Public School Application System via SchoolMint (<u>found here</u>). Applications are accepted for pre-K (K1) through grade 10. The application deadline is February 29, 2024.

The lottery will run on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 (snow date is Thursday, March 7, 2024).

Questions about student enrollment? Please contact the Match Admissions office at admissions@matcheducation.org or call/text 617-935-7575.