



Orange Township Public Schools
Scholars Academy
Karen Machuca
Principal



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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Scholars' Academy Students and Parent/Guardians of Gifted and Talented Program:

Welcome to a new school year! We are excited to begin the Scholars Academy Gifted and Talented program and have some wonderful new updates within the program as well.

Reminder that all forms for **new students** attending the program must be received prior to attending. The forms are located on Scholars Academy's website, you can pick up a copy at Scholars Academy, or you can email Principal Machuca (machucka@orange.k12.nj.us) for copies. **If there is no bus permission slip received, your child will not be permitted to receive transportation from their home school to Scholars.**

You can return the forms in several ways:

- Email them back to me: machucka@orange.k12.nj.us
- Mail them to:
 - Mrs. Machuca
 - Scholars Academy
 - 268 Capuchin Way
 - Orange, NJ 07034
- Give to your child's homeroom teacher in an envelope clearly marked for Scholars Academy
- Drop off at Scholars Academy at 268 Capuchin Way--Monday through Friday 8:00-3:30 p.m.

Our schedule will be slightly adjusted this year so we can be consistent throughout the year and minimize canceling the program due to staffing adjustments. Below is the schedule for this year. Bus transportation is provided from the home school to Scholars Academy. It is important that your child be on time at school so they do not miss the bus. **If they do miss the bus**, you can certainly bring them to Scholars and we will provide transportation back to the home school at the end of the day.

Day of the Week	Grades	Anticipated Start Date
Monday	1st and 2nd grade	Sept. 11, 2023-June 10, 2024

Tuesday	7th grade	Sept 12, 2023-Jan. 16, 2024
	6th grade	Jan. 23, 2024-June 11, 2024
Wednesday	5th grade	Sept. 13, 2023-Jan. 17, 2024
	4th grade	Jan. 24, 2024-June 12, 2024
Thursday	3rd grade	Sept. 14, 2023-June 13, 2024

COMMUNICATION

Our biggest form of communication is ClassDojo and GoogleClassroom! Your child will receive information about how you can join during their first week of classes at Scholars from the teaching staff. This year our staff include: Mrs. Nadbielny (STEM teacher), Ms. D'Emic (Math teacher), Mrs. Dormann (Science teacher), and Mrs. Worthington (Social Studies teacher).

VIRTUAL PARENT MEETING

On Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. a virtual parent meeting is scheduled via zoom to share out the updates regarding gifted education. The information is posted on the Scholars Academy's website and in ClassDojo. For new families to the program, please email Mrs. Machuca directly to obtain the zoom link: machucka@orange.k12.nj.us

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!

Please mark your calendars for our in person Back to School-Open House night on **Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym.**

HANDBOOK

Our student/parent handbook is available online and provides in depth information regarding gifted and talented education so please visit the Orange School District website, go to Our District, Click Scholars Academy, and you will see the handbook on the right hand side of our webpage.

This school year we are excited to support your child's learning journey, collaborate with you along the way, and embrace this educational partnership that we will have together as a school community as we continue to move our district into Greatness! Please follow us on Social Media on Twitter: @SAcademy268

Wanting the Best for Your Child,
Karen Machuca
 Mrs. Machuca
 Principal