



Scholars Academy Gifted Education Parent Meeting

August 24, 2022
Principal Karen Machuca



Welcome Families!



Welcome back to
our current
families and
students!

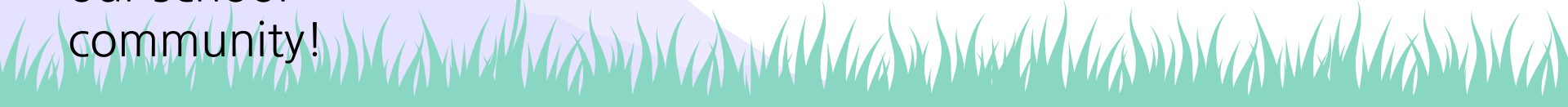
Please welcome
our new
applicants and
their families to
our school
community!



Please mute your devices

Feel free to put questions in the
chat box and if we do not answer
them this evening, we will answer
them via ClassDojo.

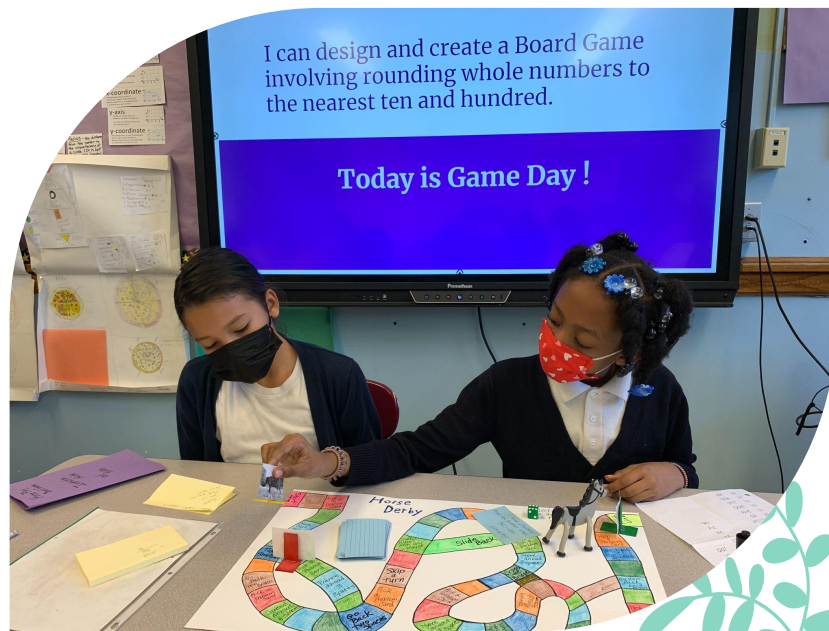
The presentation will be posted via
ClassDojo and our website





Vision

Mission





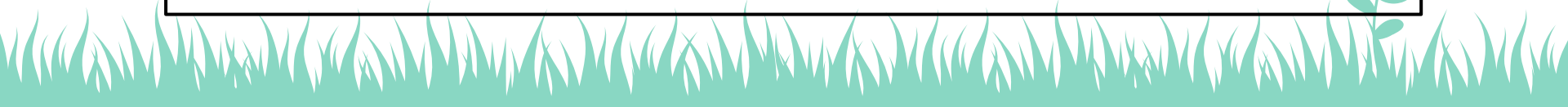

Vision

The Scholars Academy's vision is to embrace a diverse, inclusive, and respectful school community.

By acknowledging our diverse backgrounds, we foster creative students who are self-motivated, curious, leaders, and foster the love of learning.

Our goal is to maximize the development of the whole child using a comprehensive research-based curriculum aligned with the NJ Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards, the National Association for Gifted Children Standards (NAGC), and the NJ Student Learning Standards (NJSLs).


We are committed to social justice and developing children's advocacy and activism skills to be leaders of a more just and equitable world by honoring and respecting our diverse backgrounds.







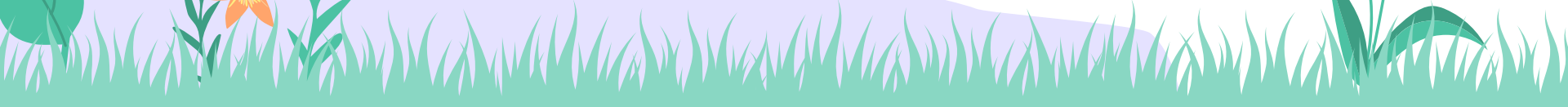
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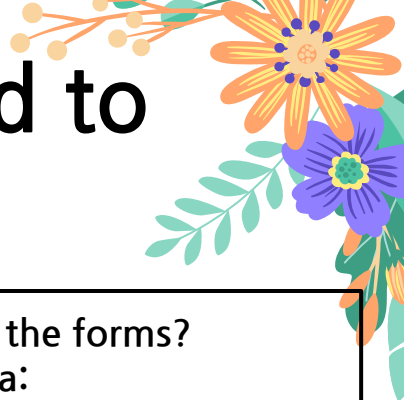

The Scholars Academy School Community (staff, students, and families) mission includes the following beliefs:

- We believe that all members of Scholars Academy school community will experience a quality educational environment that fosters an inclusive, diverse safe space, that promotes and supports cognitive, and social-emotional growth.
 - We believe in a developmental approach to education, supported by a research-based curriculum that is comprehensive and culturally relevant providing students with equitable opportunities to demonstrate self-awareness, empathy towards others, and academic growth.
 - We believe in offering resources, information and support to promote awareness of gifted and talented education and preschool education among teachers, administrators, policymakers, and community members.
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Updates!

- The addition of English Language Arts to all grades
 - 6th and 7th graders returning to the Scholars Academy schedule
 - Breakfast will be provided at Scholars
 - Parent Advisory Committee for Gifted Education
 - District buses for Scholars
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Forms must be completed to attend the program.

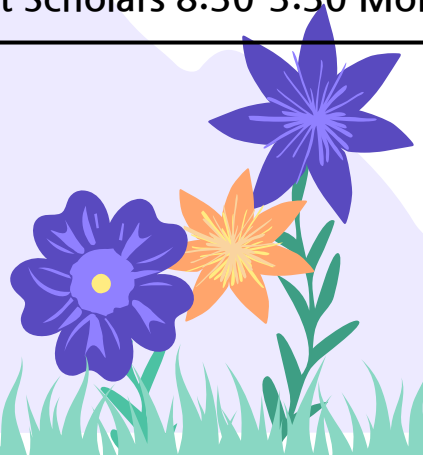

1. **Bus permission slip--New students + 7th graders**

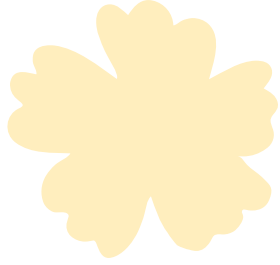
2. Academic + 7th graders Contract--New students + 7th graders
3. Medical form--New Students + 7th graders
4. Emergency contact form (ALL students)
5. Media (ALL students)

How do you return the forms?

- Email Mrs. Machuca: machucka@orange.k12.nj.us
- Send with your child on the first day of school in an envelope with SCHOLARS written on it.
- Drop off at Scholars 8:30-3:30 Mon-Fri

How do you get the forms?

- Pick up forms at Scholars Academy
 - Download from Scholars Academy website
 - Download from ClassDojo
 - Email Mrs. Machuca: machucka@orange.k12.nj.us
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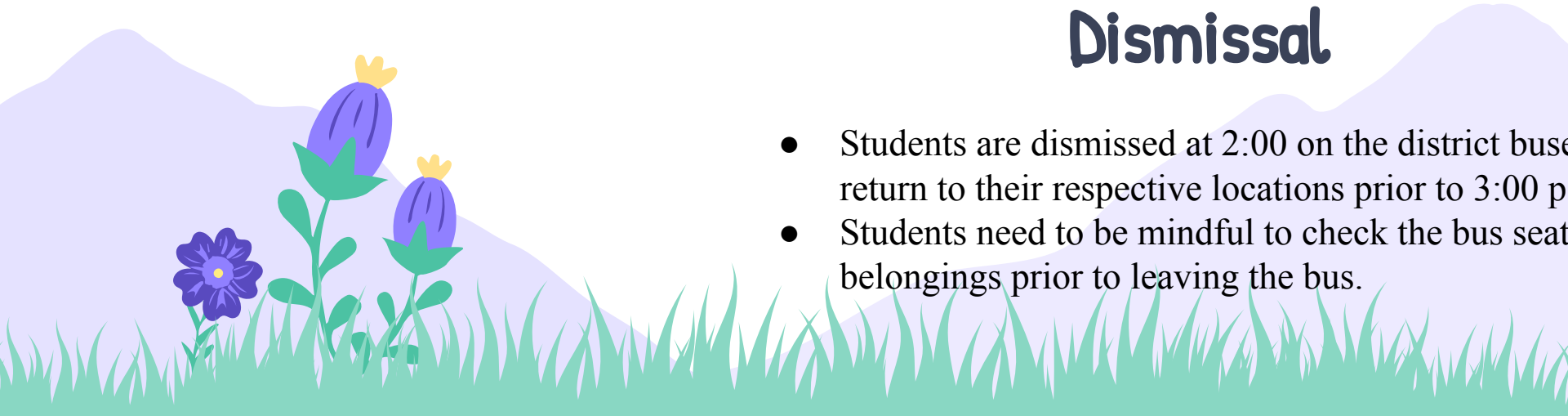
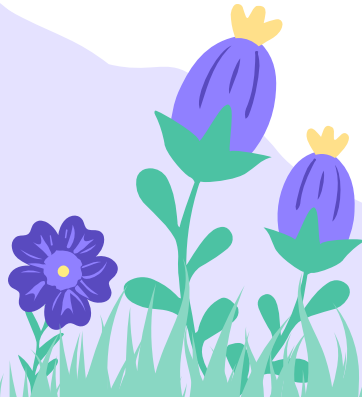
Morning Routine



- Students arrive at their home schools. Each school is part of the bus route for pick up for Scholars Academy.
- Students will arrive to Scholars by 9:00 a.m. and which point they will have the opportunity to eat breakfast while attendance is being taken.

Dismissal

- Students are dismissed at 2:00 on the district bus and return to their respective locations prior to 3:00 p.
- Students need to be mindful to check the bus seat for belongings prior to leaving the bus.



Schedule



Day of the Week	Grades	Anticipated Start Date
Monday	6th & 7th	September 12, 2022
Tuesday	5th & 3rd	September 13, 2022
Wednesday	4th	September 14, 2022
Thursday	1st and 2nd	September 15, 2022

Anticipated based upon bus inspections. Updates will be posted via ClassDojo.



Schedule

Schedule Gr. 3-7 (See 2 teachers half the year for two hours)

9:00-9:15	Arrival, Breakfast, Attendance
9:15-11:15	AM Class
11:15-12:00	Lunch
12:00-2:00	PM Class
2:00	Dismissal

Schedule Gr. 1-2 (See each teacher for an hour each week)

9:00-9:15	Arrival, breakfast, attendance
9:15-10:15	AM Class (ie: Math)
10:15-11:15	AM Class (ie: Science)
11:15-12:00	Lunch
12:00-1:00	PM Class (ie: ELA)
1:00-2:00	PM Class (ie: STEM)

	MONDAYS	
	9/19-1/30 =16 days	2/6-6/12 =15 days
Science	7A / 7B	6A / 6B
STEM		
Math	6A / 6B	7A / 7B
ELA/SS		



Academic Expectation

Extension Activities

There may be instances where extension activities are given for the following week.

Check Google Classroom and Class Dojo for those announcements.



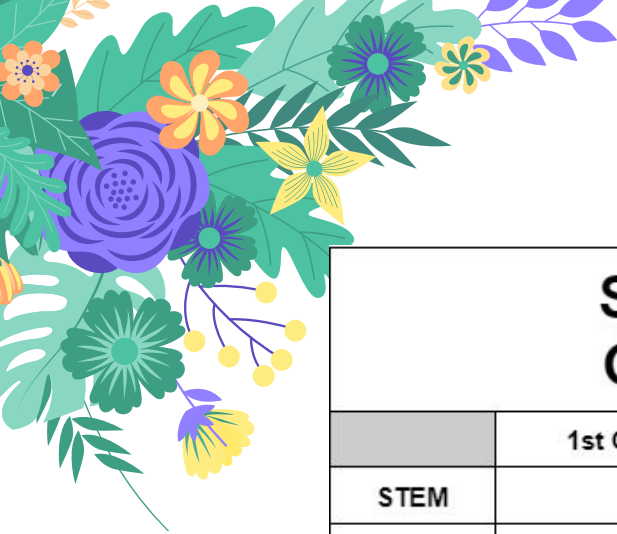
Participation

Students are expected to participate, engage, and complete activities at Scholars Academy.

Progress Reports

Progress reports are provided in February and June. Parent Teacher conferences are available as well.

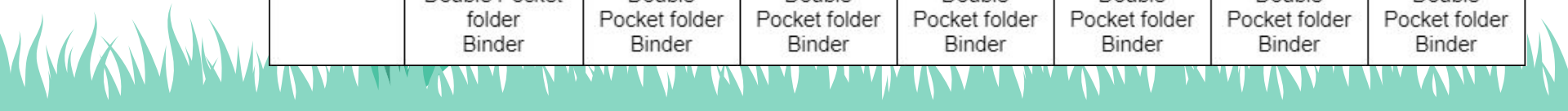




Materials

Supplies for 2022-2023 School Year Gifted/Talented Education Program

	1st Gr	2nd Gr	3rd Gr	4th Gr	5th Gr	6th Gr	7th Gr
STEM	School provided materials						
Math	One composition /marble notebook	One composition /marble notebook	One composition /marble notebook	One composition /marble notebook	One subject spiral notebook	One subject spiral notebook	One subject spiral notebook
Science	One composition /marble notebook	One composition /marble notebook	One composition /marble notebook	One composition /marble notebook	One composition /marble notebook	One composition /marble notebook	One composition /marble notebook
ELA	Composition Marble Notebook Double Pocket folder Binder	Composition Marble Notebook Double Pocket folder Binder	Composition Marble Notebook Double Pocket folder Binder	Composition Marble Notebook Double Pocket folder Binder	Composition Marble Notebook Double Pocket folder Binder	Composition Marble Notebook Double Pocket folder Binder	Composition Marble Notebook Double Pocket folder Binder





Gifted/Talented Staff

Mrs. Nadbielny

STEM Teacher
STEAM (*Art too!)

Mrs. Dorman

Science Teacher

Ms. D'Emic

Math Teacher

Mrs. Polhill

English Language
Arts



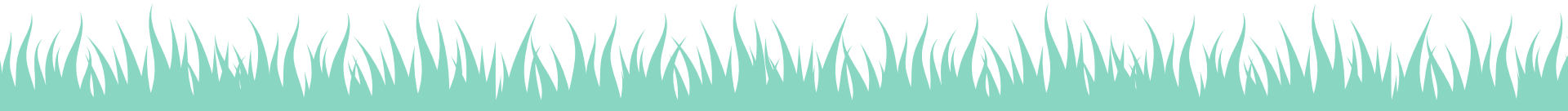
Late to School or Sick Children



If a student is late to school and have missed the Scholars bus, a parent or guardian can bring them to Scholars. We will advise the home school that they are in school and they will return back to their home school with the Scholars bus as normal.

If your child becomes sick at Scholars, we will contact you and depending on the circumstances, you can pick them up at Scholars. We do ask that a valid photo ID is present to pick up your child. This is where the Emergency Contact and Authorization form comes into play that all students must have on file.

If you need to pick up your child early, that is fine as well but note that at 2:00 all children will be on the bus for dismissal.

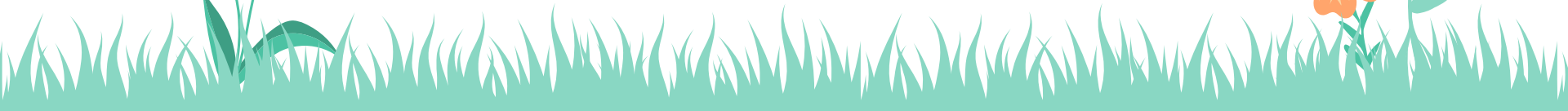
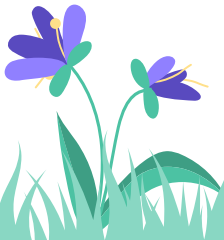




Nurse's Office Information



- All immunizations must be current.
- Physicals must be completed.
- Any medical issues such as asthma, allergies, seizures, etc **MUST** have an Action Plan submitted!
- Phone numbers and contact information must be kept up to date to ensure we can reach you!



Attendance

- Parents are responsible for reporting daily absences to Principal Machuca, at 973-677-4000 Ext. 53800 or via message through ClassDojo on Scholars Academy days.
- Students are expected to attend each week but there may be special events that excuse them from Scholars such as Picture Day, field trips, or school based competitions. Please notify one of the teachers or Principal Machuca with any absences.
- On the opposite end, if a student is not attending Scholars, we will reach out to parents making them aware.

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



PRESCHOOLERS
build skills and develop
good habits for showing
up on time



**ELEMENTARY
STUDENTS**
read well by the
end of third grade



HIGH SCHOOLERS
stay on track for
graduation



**COLLEGE
STUDENTS**
earn their degrees



WORKERS
succeed in
their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



Communication is Key!
Phone numbers must be updated
Check ClassDojo daily
Check Google Classroom for
assignments as applicable





Handbook

Our handbook is available online with detailed information about Gifted Education.

The 2022-2023 handbook is currently under review, however, you can [click here](#) to see last year's in the interim.

Gifted/Talented Advisory Committee

Any parent who is interested in being part of the Gifted/Talented Advisory Committee, please [click here to sign up](#). The first meeting is scheduled for Oct. 20, 2022 via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.



Scholars Academy

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

September 28, 2022
28 de Septiembre de 2022

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

in the Gym at 268 Capuchin Way
Orange, NJ

See ClassDojo for information
Consulte ClassDojo
para obtener information

Principal Machuca
Twitter: @SAcademy268

- Meet the Staff
- See your child's classroom environment
- Learn about the Curriculum
- Understand our district and school goals
- Connect with other families

Any Questions?



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