



LINK TO HOME

Week of January 8, 2024

This Week

Monday, January 8	Basketball Games v. Great Oaks CS, 240 14 th St., Newark, girls at 5 pm and boys at 6 pm
Tuesday, January 9	Girls' Basketball Team Practice, 3:30 – 5:30 pm, Penn
Tuesday, January 9	Link Parent Association Meeting, virtual, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, January 10	EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS , Instructional Planning and Professional Development for staff, 1:15 pm
Wednesday, January 10	Girls' and Boys' Basketball Team Practice, 1:30 – 4 pm, Halsey
Wednesday, January 10	7 th Grade Girl's Lunch Group, 12:45 – 2:15 pm
Thursday, January 11	Boys' Basketball Team Practice, 3:30 – 5:30 pm, Penn
Thursday, January 11	Cheerleading Practice, 3:30-5:30 pm, Penn
Friday, January 12	Cheerleading Practice, 3:30-5:30 pm, Penn

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, January 15	NO SCHOOL: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 16	Boys' Basketball Game v. Discovery Charter School, 5pm, Halsey
Tuesday, January 16	Girls' Basketball Practice, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Penn
Wednesday, January 17	Girls' and Boys' Basketball Team Practice, 3:30 – 5:30 pm, Halsey
Wednesday, January 17	Cheerleading Practice, 3:30-5:30 pm, Penn
Thursday, January 18	Cheerleading Practice, 3:30-5:30 pm, Penn
Thursday, January 18	Mandatory 8 th Grade Parent Meeting, 6:00 pm, Penn

REMINDERS:

- The Boys and Girls Club's Aftercare Program will be closed on January 15th and January 29th for holidays and their staff development.
- Please pay your Technology Fee immediately, if you haven't already done so. Send \$20 in an envelope to the school or click here to pay online.
- For 5th and 6th grades: check your child's backpack for the information to log into DeansList. We'll be using this for behavior management and communication rather than ClassDojo in the future. Any questions, contact Dean Brown at abrown@linkschool.org.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

As we near the midpoint of the school year, we will be asking you to complete a brief survey about how you perceive the school year to be going so far so we can make certain we are delivering what our students need. We will share the results of the survey with you at the upcoming parent and town hall meetings (see below). All parents completing a survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$50 gift card! The link for the survey will be emailed to all families early next week.



8th GRADE PARENT MEETING - Thursday, January 18 – 6 pm, 23 Penn

See you at this very important 8th Grade Parent Meeting where we will review expectations for the remainder of the school year and outline all of the special year-end events planned for scholars, including the class trip, dance, and graduation. Please plan on attending so that your child may participate in the end of year events. It is expected that ONE PARENT FROM EACH HOUSEHOLD ATTEND.



SAVE THE DATES FOR PARENT TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Town hall meetings for parents will be held this month at 6 pm to talk about the overall school and student progress over the first half of this year. School administrators will present on several topics and then open the meeting to general questions parents have (not specific to their own student's progress!) Links to access the meetings on the following dates will be issued the week of the event via email and the parent page of the school's website:



- Kindergarten – Grade 1: Tuesday, January 23, 6 pm
- Grades 2 and 5: Wednesday, January 24, 6 pm
- Grades 6 and 7: Thursday, January 25, 6 pm

LINK NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As we head into the second half of the school year, we ask you to help us replenish some supplies the school greatly needs. Please send/bring in **paper towels, tissues, and reams of copy paper** to your child's campus as soon as possible. (If you have a child at each campus, we suggest dropping supplies off at 23 Penn.) Any amount would be appreciated.

**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES
NEEDED**

LINK IS OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR!

Don't forget to enroll your child's sibling at Link as soon as possible. If you have a child to enroll, click here: <https://linkschool.org/enrollment/application-process/>. (You do not have to re-enroll current Link students, but you do need to enroll siblings who are not currently attending Link.) While siblings have preference in the system, you will want to get them in for the first lottery to make sure they get a seat!



MENTORING FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE BOYS

Role Models for Manhood (RMM) is a free mentorship program for 7th and 8th grade boys. The program aims to improve participants' life chances for success in school, college, and the workplace. Each Saturday, professional men of the Mu Boulé Fraternity Inc conduct leadership workshops that cultivate and refine participants' leadership, communication, and social skills in school, community, and home settings. At the end of the program, students graduate with a **certificate** and can **earn upwards of \$100** for attending all five Saturday workshops. The 2024 RMM program will be held at Kean University in Union, New Jersey from 9 am to 12 pm on the following dates:

**ROLE MODEL
MENTORS**
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- January 13, 2024: Online Orientation & Screening Program
- January 20, 2024: Saturday Program at Kean University
- January 27, 2024: Saturday Program at Kean University
- February 3, 2024: Saturday Program at Kean University
- February 10, 2024: Saturday Program at Kean University
- February 17, 2024: Saturday Program at Kean University
- February 17, 2024: Graduation Ceremony at Kean University

To apply, students need to supply their latest report card and a 300-word essay on "What are your education and

career goals. The deadline to apply is January 8th... and your child can apply at <http://www.muboulefoundationnj.org/mentoring.html>. [Click here](#) for a Promotional Video and more information about the program.

OPPORTUNITY FOR LINK'S 7TH GRADERS!

SEEDS Scholars Program is a prestigious (and FREE!) access program that can help bright, motivated scholars gain acceptance into the best independent day and/or boarding schools, with full financial aid and scholarships! Deadlines (especially the Early Decision Deadline) are rapidly approaching, and it is important that your teachers and Mr. Silver have plenty of time to complete detailed and supportive Recommendations, if your child is to be considered for acceptance into the SEEDS Scholars Program. Important dates:



- The "Early Decision" deadline is January 19, 2024, provided your child has arranged with Mr. Silver for the required Recommendations.
- The "Regular Decision" deadline is March 1, 2024, but all requests for recommendations must be sent to Mr. Silver by February 15, 2024.

Below is a list of important information and helpful links so you have the steps you need in order to work through the SEEDS Scholars Program application...

- NJ Seeds website: <https://seedsaccess.org/>
- Overview of the SEEDS Scholars Program (for current 7th graders): https://seedsaccess.org/scholars_program_overview/
- Family eligibility: <https://seedsaccess.org/eligibility/>
- How to apply: https://seedsaccess.org/scholars_how_to_apply/
- FAQs: https://seedsaccess.org/scholars_program_faq/
- Feel free to contact Mr. Silver at gsilver@linkschool.org if you have any questions about the SEEDS Scholars Program.

HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Applications for Newark Charter Schools

Be sure to complete your applications to any of the FIVE Newark Charter High Schools! The application window is open NOW and will close on March 10, 2024. Be sure to complete the application on www.newarkcommonapp.org if you'd like to apply to the following charter high schools. (Note: all Newark charter high schools are FREE and are open for all 8th grade students to apply to, regardless of residency.)



- Gateway Academy (formerly People's Prep)
- Great Oaks Legacy
- KIPP (Newark Collegiate Academy or Newark Lab School)
- Marion P. Thomas Charter High School of Culinary & Performing Arts
- North Star Academy (Lincoln Park campus or Washington Park campus)

Once you've completed the application, please send Mr. Silver an update, so he can help you manage all your high school application processes. You are welcome to edit, change, re-order, and redo your www.newarkcommonapp.org application as much as you'd like to, up until the March 10th deadline.

Applications for Newark Magnet & Specialized High Schools (Newark Residents ONLY)

To apply to a Newark Magnet or Specialized High School, please create an account on www.newarkenrolls.org. Please share your login credentials with Mr. Silver, so he can help you manage your "Newark Enrolls" account.



The application window is open **until February 2, 2024** (MR. SILVER'S DEADLINE WILL BE JANUARY 20, SO WE CAN FIX ANY ISSUES BEFORE THE WEBSITE LOCKS APPLICATIONS). Between now and the end of January, you will have the opportunity to create, edit, change, etc. your list of Newark Enrolls schools. There is no rush to submit it. The most important thing to remember is for us to work together to ensure that the application is completed ACCURATELY and with ATTENTION TO DETAIL. Mr. Silver can help you with all the document uploads, proofreading, school list creation, etc.

There is a mandatory Newark Magnet and Specialized High School Entrance Exam on February 10, 2024 (make-up date February 17, 2024). Details TBA.

Most of the high schools you will select have "supplemental application" steps. We have listed those specific details and links below. It is mandatory that you/your child completes the basic "newark enrolls" application, as well as the required steps listed below for each school you decide to apply to.

AMERICAN HISTORY HIGH SCHOOL-

Register for the assessment here:

<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/HIS/admissions/>

ARTS HIGH SCHOOL-

Sign-up for your Audition(s) here:

<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/ART/admissions-and-recruiting/audition-requirements/>

BARD HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE-

Click the link, then click on "Bard Application" to get to the Google Form questions:

<https://bhsec.bard.edu/newark/admissions/howtoapply/>

SCIENCE PARK HIGH SCHOOL-

No additional steps required, other than the exam.

<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/SCI/our-school/admissions/>

TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL-

No additional steps required, other than the exam.

<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/tec/admission-criteria/>

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL-

No additional steps required, other than the exam.

<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/uni/admissions/>

NEWARK SCHOOL OF DATA SCIENCE & INFO TECH-

Complete supplemental application steps here:

<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/data-science/our-school/admissions/>

NEWARK SCHOOL OF FASHION & DESIGN-

Complete AUDITION & PORTFOLIO requirements here:

<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/fashion-design/admissions/>

NEWARK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL STUDIES-

Complete DEMONSTRATION & INTERVIEW requirements here:

<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/global/admissions/>

NEWARK VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-

Complete supplemental application steps here to apply for your preferred Career

Technical Education (CTE) Program (Culinary Arts, Hospitality/Tourism, Graphic Arts/Print Production)

<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/nwv/admissions/>

EAGLE ACADEMY FOR YOUNG MEN-

Complete supplemental application steps here:

<https://www.eaglenewark.com/how-to-apply.html>

As always, feel free to contact Mr. Silver if you have any questions or concerns about the high school placement process.



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January 13, 2024

KIPP Seek Academy - 33 Maple Avenue - Newark, NJ 07112

