



LINK TO HOME

Week of January 15, 2024

This Week

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
Tuesday, January 16	Link Parent Association Meeting, 6:30 pm, virtual Zoom link will be emailed and posted on the parent page of Link's website)
Wednesday, January 17	REGULAR DISMISSAL DAY
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	6 th Grade ELA Publishing Party, parents of 6 th graders are invited (see email sent from Link on 01.10.24)
Thursday, January 18	Cheerleading Practice, 3:30-5:30 pm, Penn
Thursday, January 18	Mandatory 8th Grade Parent Meeting, 6:00 pm, Penn

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, January 22	Basketball Game v. Great Oaks CS, girls at 5 p and boys at 6 pm, 230 Halsey
Monday, January 22	LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 pm, Penn, Room 101
Tuesday, January 23	Girls' Basketball Team practice, 3:30 – 5:30 pm, Penn
Tuesday, January 23	Kindergarten & Grade 1 Town Hall Meeting for Parents, 6 pm, virtual
Wednesday, January 24	EARLY DISMISSAL DAY for students, Instructional planning and professional development for staff; 1:15 pm
Wednesday, January 24	Cheerleading Practice, 1:30 – 3:30 pm Penn
Wednesday, January 24	Girls' & Boys' Basketball Team Practice, 1:30 – 4 pm, Halsey
Wednesday, January 24	Grade 2 & 5 Town Hall Meeting for Parents, 6 pm, virtual
Thursday, January 25	Grade 6 & 7 Town Hall Meeting for Parents, 6 pm, virtual

REMINDERS:

- Please pay your Technology Fee immediately, if you haven't already done so. Send \$25 in an envelope with your child's name on it to the school or [click here to pay online](#).
- For 5th and 6th grades: don't forget to create your account on DeansList. The validation codes for the accounts were sent home last week and an invitation email was sent out today. If you need any assistance, please feel free to reach out to Dean Brown.

UNIFORM DRESS CODE REMINDER

- **Students may not wear BOOTS** in the school for safety reasons. If they wear boots to school, they must bring shoes/sneakers to change into.
- Students **may not wear** long sleeved shirts/long johns/ thermal underwear under the short sleeved gym shirt or polo. Please provide your child with a Link sweatshirt to help your child stay warm on cold days.

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

See you at this very important 8th Grade Parent Meeting 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

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your child may participate in the end of year events. It is expected that ONE PARENT FROM EACH HOUSEHOLD ATTEND.

REMINDER: WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

Don't forget to tell us what you think of the school year so far by completing the brief survey we emailed to you on January 8th. 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! Check your inbox for the email and fill out the survey today! [Or click here to complete it.](#)



SAVE THE DATES FOR PARENT TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Town hall meetings for parents will be held this month at 6 pm to discuss 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 parents' general questions (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



POWERSCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD'S GRADES

Link Community Charter School is using PowerSchool as our student information system for the 2023-2024 school year. We encourage all parents to create a portal account to stay up to date on their child's grades (grades 5-8), attendance, and other vital information. If you have any questions about creating the portal account, send an email to Ms. Kelly at ckelly@linkschool.org.

Please note that as quarter 2 comes to an end, access to the parent/student PowerSchool portal will temporarily be closed from 1/18-2/2. Quarter 2 report cards for grades 5-8 will be available to pick up from the school on your child's respective report card night (Grades 5&6 on January 31 and Grades 7&8 on February 1)

WE NEED YOUR HELP! SUPPLIES GREATLY NEEDED AT LINK!

Please send in rolls or **paper towels, boxes of tissues, and reams of copy paper** to Link. The school is in great need, and our budget is very tight! Whatever you can send in would be greatly appreciated. If you didn't bring in supplies in the fall, here's your chance to help the school. Please bring them to your child's campus as soon as possible. (If you have a student at each campus, we suggest dropping supplies off at 23 Penn.)

**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES
NEEDED**

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 Recommendations must be sent to Mr. Silver by February 15, 2024.

Visit the NJ Seeds website for more information and to apply: <https://seedsaccess.org/>

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. That information has been shared in the parent newsletter over the past two weeks and via email from Mr. Silver.

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



IN THE CLASSROOM

A GIFT OF BOOKS!

Our young scholars had the chance to “shop” for a book of their choice among a large selection of books donated by a friend of Link. The donor wanted the students to find a book that they would be interested in and wanted to read. One of the first graders said, “This is just like a book fair except you don’t have to pay for the books!” The students enjoyed their “shopping day” and were very pleased with their new books!



CHEERING ON THE BASKETBALL TEAMS!

On Friday, students participated in a pep rally for our boys' and girls' basketball teams...one rally at the Penn campus and one at Halsey. The cheerleading team entertained students and staff with their thrilling cheers and the team members were announced. As team members entered the gym, student cheered and applauded loudly and enthusiastically! What a great way to send the teams– both winning their first game last week– on to more games this season!





IN AND AROUND NEWARK



FAMILY FUN IN THE KITCHEN

With Chef Afi

Saturday, January 20th

11:00am - 12:30pm

Greater Newark Conservancy

32 Prince Street, Newark NJ 07103

This Month's Menu

Lentil
Soup



Register at www.citybloom.org/events/