January 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back everyone! I can’t believe that we are halfway through the 18-19 school year! We are making great strides with student achievement thus far. We want to keep that momentum going and are counting on you—our parents—to partner with us. In order for your scholar to get all that they can out of their education, they need to be in the classroom each day learning. NO EXCEPTIONS

When it comes to your scholar’s education, every day matters. Many studies suggest that students with less than eight absences on average grew academically 23% more in reading and 19% more in math than students with eight or more absences.

EIGHT ABSENCES- LESS THAN ONE DAY A MONTH OUT OF THE CLASSROOM – CAN NEGATIVELY IMPACT A CHILD’S ACADEMIC PROGRESS.

At Imagine Madison Avenue School of Arts, we want to see your child achieve. This is why it is so important to us that they are present each day. Please see the following tips for maximizing your child’s opportunity to achieve at high levels and ways to keep your scholar in class.

1. Establish a reasonable bedtime that allows for 8 hours of sleep.
2. Establish a back up plan for getting your scholar to school in case something comes up.
3. Only keep your scholar at home if they are really sick (fever, vomiting, or a contagious illness).
4. Schedule doctor appointments during school breaks, or before/after regular school hours when necessary.
5. Plan family vacations around holidays or other times off from school so that your scholar will not be missing any learning.

Thank you for partnering with us in the education of our future!

-Lindsey Day, (Proud School Leader at Imagine Madison Avenue School of Arts)
**School Wide Goals:**

- **Reading:** By the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year, the mean Reading Learning Gain for all students will improve from 1.06 to 1.07, as measured by the fall to Spring STAR Reading Assessment.
- **Math:** By the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year, the mean Math Learning Gain for all students will improve from 1.06 to 1.07, as measured by the fall to Spring STAR Math Assessment.
- **Economic Sustainability:** By the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year, the school is economically sustainable, as measured by the school budget.
- **Shared Values:** By the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year, the overall agreement rate (strongly agree & agree) for Shared Values survey items will be at least 97% in the Imagine Schools Student, Staff, and Family Surveys.
- **Parent Choice:** By the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year, 90% of students will re-enroll, as measured by enrollment / retention records.
- **Character Development:** By the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year, the overall agreement rate (strongly agree & agree) for School Culture/Climate survey items will be at least 92%, as measured in the Imagine Schools Student, Staff, and Family Surveys.

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**Board Appreciation Month**

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition- a tile to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education!

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**Attention: Parents of 5th Grade Scholars**

**Toledo School for the Arts Enrollment**

If you plan to enroll your 5th grade scholar for the lottery/waiting list at TSA to extend the education in the Arts that they have received at Imagine Madison Ave. School of Arts, you must complete the enrollment application. Our students are **not guaranteed a spot at TSA**. The enrollment application must be completed online with all supporting documentation submitted by Friday, **January 25th**. The application can be found at the following website: [http://ts4arts.org](http://ts4arts.org). The new student lottery will take place, Friday, **February 22nd**!

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**Would you like a $100 Gift Card????**

We have them for you! If you refer a family that fully enrolls a student at Imagine Madison, let us know and we will give you a $100 WAL-MART gift card!

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**Save the Date**

**Event:** Martin Luther King Unity Celebration

**Date:** TBA - check UT’s website for details

**Who’s invited:** Community

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**APPROPRIATE POSTING AND SHARING ONLINE**

Social Media isn’t simply a way of life for kids – it’s life itself. To help them keep their online interactions safe, productive, and positive, [www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org) offers the most up to date research and guidance on social media basics. Learn about the latest apps and get tips on talking to your kids about sharing, posting, and avoiding digital drama.