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**Every School Day Counts
Chronic Absenteeism**

We know that life happens—children get sick, appointments come up, and sometimes a day away from school is necessary. At the same time, we want to help families understand the difference between an occasional absence and **chronic absenteeism**. In Ohio, a student is considered **chronically absent when they miss 10% or more of the school year**, regardless of whether the absences are excused or unexcused.

Our attendance goal to meet the state requirement is 95%.

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SEPTEMBER KEY DATES

September 1st-11th - STAR TESTING GRADES K-8
September 7th - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF

September 13th - National Grandparents Day
September 16th-1/2 day for students 8:45-12:00
Staff PD 12:30-4:00

September 18th - Midterms come home with students

September 22nd - First day of Fall

September 25th - Staff Professional Development-
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



September 2026

Imagine Academic Framework: Establish, Equip, Engage, Evaluate

Leaders: Guide & Coordinate ~ Teachers: Plan & Instruct ~ Students: Acquire & Own ~ Parents: Partner & Choose ~ Boards: Inform & Advise

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have so much to celebrate as we begin this school year! **Imagine Madison is proud to have earned three national awards recognizing our commitment to excellence, including Parent Choice and Top Performer in Reading!** These accomplishments are a reflection of the hard work of our scholars, teachers, staff, and families. We are incredibly proud of what our school community has accomplished together, and we are excited to build on that success in the year ahead.

I am also especially excited to announce that **we have officially added 8th grade to our Imagine Madison family!** This is an exciting milestone for our school community, and we look forward to continuing to grow together.

We are anticipating another incredible year filled with high expectations, meaningful learning, and opportunities for every scholar to grow and achieve. You will see me in classrooms, in the hallways, and throughout the school, so please feel free to introduce yourself and say hello. I truly look forward to getting to know our families and collaborating with this wonderful community as we work together to ensure that every student has a successful and memorable year at **Imagine Madison Avenue School of Arts**.

-Lindsey Day (Proud School Leader at Imagine Madison Avenue School of Arts)



Imagine Madison is PEANUT FREE

Thank you to Our Amazing Community Partners!

We are incredibly grateful for the generous support of the individuals and organizations who helped our scholars start the school year prepared and ready to learn!

A special **thank you** to **Kelly Landwyer, Board President; Nicole James, Community Member; and New Concepts, our community mental health agency**, for their generous donations of **backpacks, school uniforms, and school supplies** to support our students and families.

Your kindness and generosity make a meaningful difference in the lives of our scholars. Because of your support, our students can walk through our doors feeling confident, prepared, and ready to take on the school year!

We are so thankful to have community members and organizations who believe in our students and are willing to invest in their success. **Thank you for helping us ensure that every scholar has the tools they need to shine!**

From all of us at **Imagine Madison Avenue School of Arts**—thank you for being a part of our village!



Family Referral Program

At this time, I am excited to announce that we will be rewarding our parents with \$100 Wal-Mart gift cards if they refer a student to our school that fully enrolls by September 30th! We will distribute the gift cards during the month of October!



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Things Happening at Imagine Madison

- School hours are 8:45-4:00.
- **A Quick Attendance Reminder**
We've noticed an increase in students being picked up early from school. We understand that appointments and unexpected situations happen, but **frequent early dismissals can impact your child's attendance and contribute to their chronic absenteeism rate.** Every minute of learning counts! Please plan appointments and early pickups whenever possible to minimize missed instructional time. Thank you for partnering with us to help our scholars maintain strong attendance and make the most of every school day!
Early dismissal counts against your scholar's attendance record. Attendance tracking has changed from **days to hours.**
- We have a new sign in system for any visitors. If you wish to enter the building, you will need a state issued ID.
- School uniforms are **MANDATORY** for every student (Monday-Friday) grades K-6th.
- 7th & 8th grade students **do not have to wear uniforms.**
- Students are not permitted to use cell phones during school hours.

Attendance Dance Party (Invite Only)

We're celebrating our scholars who are making **attendance a priority!** Students who meet our attendance goal will be invited to enjoy music, dancing, and fun with friends during our monthly Attendance Dance Party.

Thank you for helping your scholar **show up, be present, and be ready to learn!**

Didn't make it this month? **Keep going!** Another Attendance Dance Party is coming in **October**, giving everyone another chance to earn an invitation!

We hope to see your scholar at the Attendance Dance Party on September 30th!



What Does It Mean to Be an Imagine Madison Scholar?

Being an **Imagine Madison Scholar** means more than being successful in the classroom—it means showing strong character and making positive choices every day. Our scholars are guided by four core values that help them become confident, responsible, and successful members of our school community:

- ☆ **Responsible** – We make good choices, take care of ourselves and others, and come prepared to learn.
- ♥ **Respectful** – We treat ourselves, our classmates, teachers, and our school with kindness and respect.
- 📌 **Accountable** – We take ownership of our choices, actions, and learning.
- 🔄 **We Will Persevere** – We don't give up! We face challenges, learn from mistakes, and keep working toward our goals.

These values are at the heart of who we are at **Imagine Madison Avenue School of Arts**. Together, we are building scholars who are not only academically successful but also **kind, confident, resilient, and ready to make a difference!**

Class Dojo

We are using the class dojo platform to communicate with the parents of our scholars! Please make sure to connect to your student's class dojo account to get all of the latest updates and notifications from your child's classroom teacher!



UNIFORM POLICY 7th & 8th Grade

Uniforms are not required for 7th grade scholars enrolled at Imagine Madison. Please see the suggested attire for 7th grade students below:

Bottoms: Jeans, khaki pants, appropriate length skirts, shorts, dresses

Tops: Any shirt without any offensive language and o images

Shoes: Any shoes (No sandals)

Our goal is to have zero clothing violations. However, when violations of the school policy do occur the following actions will take place:

First Offense – warning/parent phone call

Second Offense – parents will be called and asked to bring a change of clothing.

Third Offense – parents will be asked to sign a clothing violation slip.

Repeat Offenses – alternative consequences

UNIFORM POLICY K-6th Grade

Uniforms are required for all scholars enrolled at Imagine Madison. Uniforms help us prepare your scholars for success! All scholars are expected to wear the school uniform every day, unless otherwise noted. The school uniform for scholars consists of:

Bottoms: Navy blue, black, or khaki bottoms (pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers, skirts, etc....)

Tops: Any solid colored shirt with a collar. (No T-shirts)

Shoes: Any shoes (No sandals)

Our goal is to have zero violations of the school uniform policy. However, if and when violations of the school uniform policy do occur the following actions will take place:

First Offense – warning/parent phone call

Second Offense – parents will be called and asked to bring a uniform for their child to change into.

Third Offense – parents will be asked to sign a uniform violation slip.

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School Wide Goals:

Reading: By the end of the 2026 – 2027 school year, the SGP for each quartile of learning in reading will be 50, as measured by annual STAR Renaissance scores.

Math: By the end of the 2026 – 2027 school year, the SGP for each quartile of learning in math will be 50, as measured by annual STAR Renaissance scores.

Economic Sustainability: By the end of the 2026 – 2027 school year, the school achieves **economic sustainability by operating better than breakeven solely on school-generated funding.**

Shared Values: By the end of the 2026-2027 school year, the % of staff with the least understanding of fun will grow from 46% last year to 80% this year with a participation rate of 90%.

Parent Choice: By the end of the 2026 – 2027 school year, the % of students re-enrolling will grow from 80% last year to 85% this year, as measured by Imagine Schools Tableau data.

Character Development: By the end of the 2026-2027 school year, the school is **implementing 2 out of the 11 Principles Framework, with a score of 3 or 4 for each Principle**, as measured by NACT review of Character.org's Scoring Tool.

