

WELCOME BACK to a Winning School Year!



Martin Luther School
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UPCOMING EVENTS

See what's happening this month.

- 9/21 - High School STEM trip to **Fluxspace**
- 9/21 - ELA Benchmarks
- 9/22 - High School Day of Service trip to the **Shared Food Program**
- 9/22 - Math Benchmarks
- 9/23 - High School showcase
- 9/26 - Rosh Hashanah Holiday - No School

What's New This Year at MLS

We are excited to welcome talented new staff and congratulate colleagues moving into new positions!

Classroom Teachers

- Victoria Deas - HS Social Studies
- Chafie Carter - 6th Grade Science
- Sameeya Cooper - 6th Grade Social Studies
- Quindierra Vann -- 7th Grade Math
- Ashlee Cathcart - 3rd grade
- Sharronda Rainey - 7th Grade Social Studies
- Angela Martorano - 7th Grade ELA
- Chloe Schultz - 6th Grade Math
- Patrick Laudenbach - 4th Grade
- Em Jensen - Upper School STEAM
- Que Min - 4th Grade
- Tonya Simpson - High School ELA
- Daryl Epps - 4th Grade
- Lisa Dunkelberger - High School Science

Grade Level Support Staff

- Luca Teichmann - 4th Grade Teaching Assistant
- Richard Collins - 8th Grade Teaching Assistant
- Beth Freney - Occupational Therapist
- Quanasia Hunter -- Speech Language Pathologist
- Keyonne Parker -- 6th Teaching Assistant
- Curtis Washington - Personal Care Attendant
- Nancy Benson - Math and Science Coach
- Marrison Anderson - Teacher Intern
- Kenneth Walker - Teacher Intern
- Herschel Warren - Teacher Intern
- Lauren Onusko - Special Education Supervisor

WELCOME TO THE 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

Each new school year, we enthusiastically greet you by saying Sawubona! This Zulu greeting means "I see you." The response is Ngikhona means "I am here." We have come to love the depth of meaning in this Zulu greeting and the grateful response because it represents our community. We ensure our students are seen, heard, and known at Martin Luther School daily!

As partners, we share the responsibility for our students' success and want you to know that we are committed to our mission. We will make it a priority to communicate with you about your student's progress regularly. Through our partnership, we ask that you support your student by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school daily, ready for the day's learning experience
- Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school

Eva Morrison



This is Panther Pride!



We are one week in and our students are engaging in reading, solving math problems, and learning about the world!



We call that Panther Pride!

All We Do Is Win, Win, Win No Matter What!

The 2022- 2023 school year has begun, and we are in it to W.I.N. Imagine a world where students recognize that they need a little more one-on-one support in a particular subject and get the help they need. That is a W.I.N.!

We adjusted our student schedule to include What I Need (W. I. N.) time for students to master skills through personalized, targeted learning goals, with one-to-one and small group instruction and web-based programs. This time is also for supplemental services to prevent minimal interruption to core class time. We call that a W.I.N.!



TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE!



As a K-12 school, we welcome Ms. Sasha Gachelin as Upper School Principal. In her previous role at MLS, she served as Harrison Dean of Students. Ms. Gachelin has a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and is working on her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership. She characterizes her passion for students as a "deep desire to support students to learn and grow so that they can achieve their maximum potential."



Our beloved principal, Mr. Rafiq Williams, will take leadership over our K - 5 program as the Lower School Principal. Mr. Williams holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, has been at MLS for over a decade, and has been our Dean of Students and school principal. Mr. Williams deeply commits to education and reminds us, "Our children may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel. Education is a matter of life or death for some of our students."



Watch us grow!

We will officially start this school year with two (2) full 9th-grade classes and one (1) full 10th-grade class. How exciting is that?!? Our high school is moving along successfully and has a rich academic program and exciting extracurriculars planned for the 2022- 2023 school year. We

welcome the MLS High School students for another exciting year with great joy.



"A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clear and anything can happen."

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2022 - 2023

Let's have an awesome school year!



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