



Milwaukee Academy of Science

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Dear Parents:

Today is the last day of the 2019-20 school year. Usually, this is an exciting time as students and staff take time-off to rest, relax and enjoy the summer weather. But due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced MAS and all Wisconsin schools to close, this year was unlike any other. Likewise, this summer will not be like any other. Students, families and our staff will need to practice social-distancing in an effort to keep us all safe; pools and other places of recreation may be closed, and most of all, our scholars will need to continue learning over this summer--more than ever.

I am asking parents of children in k4- 8th grade to enroll your children in our summer program or keep them engaged in our academic enrichment programs. Your current teachers and/or principal will provide you with more details in the coming weeks. I am also asking that you keep us informed of any address or phone number changes. It will be important for us to communicate with you as we learn more about the upcoming school year.

As I close, please know that I am so thankful that you've chosen MAS to educate your children. I am honored to have that responsibility, and I look forward to continuing that work. We've learned valuable lessons over the past few months that will help us strengthen our virtual and in-person learning programs. It is hard to tell what the future will look like, as things are changing each week, but I do want to leave you with some updates and highlights.

Updates:

- As of now, the first day of school is Monday, August 17th.
- The curbside meal program will continue through the summer (no delivery service).
- MAS is currently planning for both scenarios: continued virtual learning OR a social distancing in-person start to next school year.
- MAS will send regular updates via email and through our alert system. Please be on the lookout for more information about our summer academic program and the 2020-21 school year.
- The success of MAS has increased our enrollment each year! We will likely have a waiting list at several grades by June 1st. Please encourage your family and friends to enroll their children ASAP using our online application.
- If you have any questions or concerns over the summer please contact our Family Engagement Coordinator, Tierra Williams, at 414-406-8131. She is here to help and support you.

Things to Celebrate:

- 93% of teachers are returning next year! 100% will return in our Junior Academy and High School.
- MAS is hiring even more paraprofessionals to assist with learning! The majority of our elementary classes will have two adults in each class without increasing the number of students in a class.
- FOUR of our teachers earned city-wide Teacher of the Year awards!
- 100% of our seniors graduated and were accepted into college! 5 of our seniors received FULL college scholarships!

The MAS staff will be better than ever in the 2020-21 school year, and we cannot wait to see you. Have a great summer and please be safe.

--Anthony McHenry, CEO