

“Expect Excellence!”



Superintendent's Newsletter

- Dr. Frederick Clarke



International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Manara!

At the June 23rd Board meeting, the Board unanimously voted to move forward with the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at the Leadership Academy. The staff will begin training this fall as we transition into the application phase of the program. It is our goal that the incoming 9th grade students will be able to earn an IB Diploma, starting in their 11th grade year. We are very excited about embarking on this journey to develop a world renowned program that will give our students the opportunity to become Global Leaders!

New Web Page Goes “Live” June 30th

Manara Academy now has a new web page to help parents and community members get information more quickly. The web site will “go live” on June 30th. We are also working on the mobile device interface to add even more convenience. The web site address will remain the same: www.manaraacademy.org.

Don't Forget: Refer a New Student, Receive 3 FREE Uniforms for 2017-18

Families—we need your help to recruit students. Please let others know about the great learning environment here at Manara. For each new student referred by you (and enrolled), one of your children will receive 3 uniforms to help offset your costs. We are developing a referral form for new families. More information to come!

Manara to Add a Gifted and Talented Program for 2017-18

The Manara Academy Board has recently approved the budget for creating a comprehensive enrichment program with activities that expand students' learning opportunities beyond the regular curriculum. We are exploring providing in-class activities, pull-out initiatives, as well as after school programming—all designed to increase opportunities for college and career readiness. This summer, staff will develop the expanded units as well as the identification criteria. More information to come!

Strategic Planning for 2017-18

The Manara Academy Board has recently approved the Strategic Planning Goals and Objectives for 2017-18. They are as follows:

1. Student Achievement

We will demonstrate sustained growth in student achievement and prepare all students to be college, career and life ready through the use of instructional best practices, holistic student development, and district-wide, aligned curriculum.

2. Community Partnerships

We will develop and strengthen relationships with community partners by engaging crucial stakeholders in the collective effort to elevate student achievement.

3. Safe Schools

We will ensure a safe and nurturing environment for all stakeholders that fosters academic rigor and character development for all students.

4. Human Resources

We will recruit and retain quality staff to foster student success.

5. Operational Effectiveness

We will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of organizational structures and processes.

6. Financial Stewardship

We will establish stable funding and sound financial practices to further the mission and vision of the district.



Upcoming Events

- July 4th—Holiday
- July 7th—Closed
- July 29th—Board Meeting
- August 16th— First Day of School!



What's Going On This Summer...

Manara Academy will be conducting comprehensive curriculum writing workshops with staff this summer. We will be analyzing our current curriculum, developing more alignment of the content core subjects (Math, English, Social Studies and Science) to current state standards, determining appropriate instructional delivery methods, and developing common unit assessments. Strengthening our curriculum and instructional delivery creates a pathway for more comprehensive utilization of our Professional Learning Community (PLC) format for weekly monitoring of students' progress.