



Roger León
Superintendent

Malcolm X Shabazz High School

Atiba Buckman, Principal



August 11, 2021

Dear Malcolm X. Shabazz Family,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed Principal of Malcolm X. Shabazz H.S. I am honored and humbled to have the opportunity to lead a school with such a rich history. The ability to stand on the same stage that Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke is truly a privilege. With over twenty-five years in this field, I bring with me a wealth of knowledge and experience. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

After over a year of functioning fully remote or hybrid, we are excited to return to the traditional **mandatory** five full days of in-person instruction in the building. Due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic we will continue to implement mitigation measures as established by our Opening of School Task Force, written in the *Safe Return Plan* published on both our school and district website. This will include the requirement for all students to wear masks while indoors and comply with ingress/egress procedures. Our school district through its partnership with the Health Department continues to provide access to COVID-19 testing and vaccinations sites for students and families.

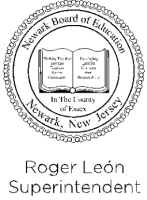
As the African proverb states, “It takes a village to raise a child.” and I have a team of committed faculty and staff ready and excited to start the year. In the spirit of high expectations and in the quest of excellence, every staff/faculty member has participated in a multitude of trainings in social emotional health, differentiating learning styles and student engagement specifically aligned to all subject matter. We will continue to implement initiatives to promote teaching and learning, to engage all stakeholders in the process of educating our students.

Communication and involvement is very important. As such, it is highly recommended you follow us on social media and utilize our website weekly to stay in the know. You will find the calendar for the school year, teacher information, along with clubs/sports/team specifics. Looking ahead mark your calendars for the following dates:

Mandatory Summer Bridge Grade 9	August 16-20, 2021 8:10 am- 1:00pm	In-Person
Mandatory Summer Bridge Grade 10	August 23-27, 2021 8:10 am- 1:00pm	In- Person
Parent Title One Budget Meeting	September 2, 2021 9:00 am- and 6:00 pm	In- Person
First Day of School	September 7, 2021 8:00am	In- Person
Parent/Senior Graduation Meeting	September 9, 2021 6:00 pm	In- Person and offered via Web-Ex
Back to School Night	September 23, 2021 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm	In-Person

I am excited about all that this new school year has to offer and look forward to working collectively as a family to ensure that our students are provided with the best educational experience possible to be critical thinkers and responsible citizens as they graduate from Malcom X. Shabazz H.S. each year. I look forward to building relationships with all stakeholders throughout this year and encourage you to become active members of the PTSA.

Lunch Application Website: <https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/departments/sba/operations/food-services/lunch-application/>



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Students must be in uniform every day. Uniform code is as follows:

Face mask: is **REQUIRED** for everyone while on school or district grounds.

Uniform Top/Bottom: Black/White/Gold Tops with the school emblem, Black or Khaki pants only. Cargo pants are not permitted.

Shoes: Clogs, flip-flops or slippers are not permitted.

Uniforms can be purchased at Kids Place

Arrival Locations:

- o 9th & 10th Grade Entrance - Stairwell #3
- o 11th Grade Entrance- Main Entrance
- o 12th Grade Entrance- Gym

Ingress Procedure- Prior to entering any of our facilities or district grounds everyone must wear a mask and undergo a four step process which includes the following:

Step 1: Symptoms Screening- Employees and Students will be asked a series of questions regarding their health.

Step 2: Temperature Check- Employees and Students will have their temperature checked using a non-contact thermometer. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be permitted into the building.

Step 3: Footwear Sanitizing- Employees and Students will stand in a rubber tub with disinfectant solution to sanitize their shoes. (Everyone must wear closed toe shoes.)

Step 4: Hand Washing/Sanitizing- Employees and Students will be provided foaming hand sanitizer or will wash their hands with soap and water before entering the building.

Cleaning/Sanitizing: Increased frequency of cleaning all surfaces, foaming hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building and in every classroom, touchless dispensers will be available in all restrooms.

Signs will be posted throughout the building with reminders about hand washing and social distancing.

Link to the District Safe Return Plan:

<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/mdocs-posts/safe-return-plan-2021-2022/>

Summer Bridge Programs:

- 9th Grade Summer Bridge- August 16th-20th

o **Program Information & Grade 9 Link - <https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/mxs/>**

- 10th Grade Summer Bridge- August 23rd- 27th

o **Program Information & Grade 10 Link - <https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/mxs/>**

Back to School Night will be conducted in person this year and it will take place on September 23, 2021, 6:00pm- 8:00pm. This is your opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and to learn what their academic curriculum and goals will be for the school year. More information on how this will be carried out is forthcoming.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 973-733-6760.

In Service with Kids,

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