



An Evening of Art with Starr Detroit Academy

Every child has strengths. This core belief is what drives Starr Detroit Academy to help the children of Detroit reach their potential.

On Thursday, May 2, Starr Detroit Academy, with the assistance of Starr Commonwealth, will be celebrating the school's first year of service to the children and families of Detroit.

The event will take place at Starr Detroit Academy, starting at 5 p.m. Academy families are encouraged to attend, as there will be an opportunity to mingle with community members and supporters of Starr Commonwealth and the school.

Artwork and other student talents will be displayed at the event, including a performance by Starr Commonwealth's All Starr Choir in conjunction with the choir from the academy.

"It has been a wonderful year for Starr Detroit Academy," said Jeremy Vidito, school director. "With support from Starr Commonwealth, we are making a difference for children and families. What better way to celebrate our scholars' achievements than by showcasing the immense talent our students possess."

Also featured at the event will be the presentation of designs for a sculpture that will be placed in the lobby area of the school. The sculpture will commemorate Starr Detroit Academy's unique tie to the Children's Home of Detroit (CHD), an organization with a rich history of service to children and families. The academy originated, in part, due to CHD and its merger with Starr Commonwealth. Starr reinvested CHD resources back into the Detroit community, which helped to create the school. Detroit and Wayne County-based artists are competing to have their design chosen.

"The academy and CHD are forever linked, and the sculpture will be a great way to honor the legacy of CHD," Vidito said. "This event gives the community a chance to see the exciting things going on at Starr Detroit Academy. Everyone involved has worked very hard over the past couple of years to ensure that this school is a high-quality educational environment, and the art theme to the event is a great way to display some of the value-added aspects our school offers."

Staff Profile • Third Grade Teacher Nicole Collette



For Nicole Collette, teaching is not just a job, it is her passion. Ms. Collette has worked in schools in the Detroit metropolitan area for over five years, teaching seventh grade and third grade before becoming a founding teacher at Starr Detroit Academy.

Ms. Collette said she loves working at the school, as she has the opportunity to build strong relationships with students and their families. As a mother, she understands the importance of partnering with teachers to ensure student success. That is why Ms. Collette strives to be a memorable and highly impactful teacher, one she would want her own children to learn from.

A Michigan native, Ms. Collette holds a bachelor's degree in education from Baker College and is currently pursuing a master's degree in special education at the University of Michigan.

When she is not in the classroom, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her family. She also loves roller coasters, swimming, and arts and crafts. Ms. Collette has four children and is getting married in June.



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Upcoming Events

An Evening of Art

Location: Starr Detroit Academy
19360 Harper Ave.
Date & Time: Thursday, May 2
5 p.m.

Coffee with the Principal

Location: Starr Detroit Academy
19360 Harper Ave.
Date & Time: Every Friday
9:30 a.m.



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SDA Will Provide Full-Day Summer Program

To continue Starr Detroit Academy's dedication to providing the highest quality education to its students, the school will provide a full-day summer program. The program will include small group instruction in reading and math, along with after-noon enrichment opportunities like art, music, dance and athletics. Students will receive breakfast and lunch daily. There are a limited number of seats, and applications will be available in May.

Enjoy "Coffee with the Principal" Every Friday Morning at SDA

Each Friday morning at 9:30 a.m., Starr Detroit Academy holds "Coffee with the Principal."

This event gives new and current academy families and community members a chance to participate in a school tour with School Director Jeremy Vidito.



The tour consists of a walk through Starr Detroit Academy's building on Harper Avenue, where participants learn the history and origin of the school, including its relationship with Starr Commonwealth, the Children's Home of Detroit, the Efficacy Institute and other organizations.

Mr. Vidito also fields questions on Starr Detroit Academy's strength-based school culture, college preparatory curriculum and many more features that make the academy special.

Enrollment for 2013-2014: Refer a Friend



Starr Detroit Academy is now accepting enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year. We have had a very successful first year at the academy, with over 500 kindergarten through fifth-graders enrolled.

The school will be expanding into sixth grade next year, so fifth-grade students can continue their educational journey with Starr Detroit Academy. The academy is hoping to add a grade level each year with the goal of taking students through graduation and onto college.

Current Starr Detroit Academy families are encouraged to not only return to the school next year but to refer a friend.

"It's important that we add families for next year as we continue our mission of preparing students for college," said Jeremy Vidito, school director. "We would like to have a more substantial impact on Detroit because we believe with the proper skill set taught at Starr Detroit Academy, our scholars will thrive in college, work and life."

To enroll your child for next school year or to refer a friend, call Starr Detroit Academy at 313.649.2200. We look forward to our second year of positively impacting the children and families at our school.