



Starr Detroit Academy Enrichment Program

At Starr Detroit Academy, we believe all children deserve equal opportunity to thrive in an environment conducive to learning.

The after-school enrichment program provides an experience beyond the classroom for students to take part in academic, recreational and social activities.

Our student and family services coordinator, Arthur Jackson, will work collaboratively with teachers and a wide range of community-based programs to give students exposure to various activities that allow them to grow academically, socially and emotionally.

After-school enrichment programs play a key role in engaging students in the learning process by providing opportunities to explore interests, develop academic skills, receive academic support, solve problems, assume leadership roles, develop a group identity with similar-aged peers, connect to adult role models and mentors, and become involved in improving their communities.

"We are looking forward to having a comprehensive after-school enrichment program," said School Director Jeremy Vidito. "Helping our scholars develop in and out of the classroom is extremely important, and these types of programs can help students gain an interest in activities they may not have otherwise experienced."

Studies show effective after-school programs can contribute to many positive outcomes, including improved academic achievement, classroom engagement and improved classroom behavior.

Starting Monday, Sept. 16, through Thursday, June 5, the program begins immediately after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:45 p.m. Parent pickup is from 5:15 - 5:30 p.m.

Parents can sign up for the enrichment program at student orientations (Aug. 15, 22 or 29) or the Welcome Back BBQ (Aug. 29).

Meet Our Staff: Arthur Jackson



Starr Detroit Academy Student and Family Services Coordinator Arthur Jackson is no stranger to the challenges faced by metropolitan areas like Detroit.

Jackson grew up in Oakland, Calif., an area where he says schools often struggle to prepare kids adequately for college and beyond.

According to the Oakland Youth Indicator Report completed in 2010, only 60 percent of Oakland Unified School District students graduate high school. Just 43 percent of students attend college, with a small number obtaining a bachelor's degree. The numbers are strikingly similar in Detroit.

Despite the odds, Jackson graduated from high school and moved on to the University of California at Berkeley, where he completed his undergraduate degree.

"After graduation I immediately got involved in working with students from my neighborhood and committed myself to helping students gain access to quality education and college opportunities," Jackson said. "Nine years later I am still committed to supporting students and families in their educational journeys."

A recent graduate of Carnegie Mellon University with a master's degree in public policy and management, Jackson has six years of experience in improving college readiness.

Jackson will be working extensively with the enrichment program, helping students grow academically, emotionally and socially. He hopes to provide leadership and serve as a mentor to SDA students.

"I was blessed with tremendous mentors who encouraged and supported me to pursue my dreams of being a college graduate," Jackson said. "Because of the role my mentors played in my life, it's important for me to make sure I mentor and support students to ensure they receive a quality education that allows them to pursue their dreams as well."



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Upcoming Events

New Parent Orientation

Location: Starr Detroit Academy
19360 Harper Ave.
Date & Time: Thursday, Aug. 15
Thursday, Aug. 22
4 - 6:30 p.m.

Welcome Back BBQ

Location: Starr Detroit Academy
19360 Harper Ave.
Date & Time: Thursday, Aug. 29
4 - 6:30 p.m.

First Day - Grades 1-6

Location: Starr Detroit Academy
19360 Harper Ave.
Date & Time: Tuesday, Sept. 3
7:45 a.m.

First Day - Kindergarten

Location: Starr Detroit Academy
19360 Harper Ave.
Date & Time: Monday, Sept. 9
7:45 a.m.



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Staff training at Starr Commonwealth

As Starr Detroit Academy prepares for its second year, staff members had the opportunity to receive training at Starr Commonwealth on Aug. 12, as well as participate in team building activities. Topics of the professional development included the Circle of Courage, which is engrained in all of Starr's programs. Staff members were taught about the four universal needs all children possess, which include belonging, mastery, independence and generosity. More training opportunities with Starr will occur throughout the year.

Daily schedule for new school year

Below you will see the daily schedule for the school year. Students are expected to be on time, engaged and ready to learn.

- **7:45 a.m.** - Students Arrive
- **8:15 a.m.** - After this time, students are tardy and must be escorted by an adult. An adult must sign students in at this point.
- **After 3:15 p.m.** - No early checkout. Parents must wait until dismissal.
- **3:45 p.m.** - Regular student dismissal
- Each Wednesday, students dismiss at **2 p.m.**
- **Latchkey - 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.** - It is one dollar per child for each minute families are late after 6 p.m.
- **Enrichment Program - 3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.,** Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Expectations for the school year include students being on time each day. We also expect each student to complete 100 percent of his or her homework. Parents also need to attend all conferences, ensuring our staff and parents are working together.

Parent checklist: What you need before school begins

To be prepared for the start of another school year, SDA parents need to have a few things completed before school begins in September:

- New families need to complete enrollment paperwork. If not, your spot could be lost.
- New families must attend an orientation session and student must take placement test either Thursday, Aug. 15 or Thursday, Aug. 22.
- New and returning families must complete the summer work packet.
- All families are invited to attend "Back to School" night on Thursday, Aug. 29.
- This year, fifth- and sixth-grade uniforms will include:
 - Long-sleeve oxford shirt (light blue or white) with tie
 - Khaki pants, belt
 - Any type of shoe

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing all families soon!

