

Retention Visits • Coming to a Home Near You

Starr Detroit Academy's Enrollment Team will be in touch with families soon to schedule retention visits. These visits are an amazing opportunity for parents to connect with Starr Detroit Academy staff and prepare for the school year. During the retention visits families have the opportunity to:

- Purchase uniforms
- Submit outstanding documents
- Complete lunch application

Appointments are available from 7AM until 9PM. On the day of the visit, families should have cash available if purchasing uniforms (prices listed below) and student documentation organized and ready for pick up. We are excited to be visiting your home and sharing more exciting information about Starr Detroit Academy.

Item	Youth Sizes	Adult Sizes	Adult XXL & XXXL
Polo Shirt	\$13	\$14	\$15
Sweatshirt	\$16	\$17	\$18

Uniform Reminder

At Starr Detroit Academy, all students are treated as equals. School uniforms are one way to ensure students are aligned, focused on their academics, and ready to engage with their work.

Our official school uniform consists of two parts:

- Navy blue polo shirt or crewneck sweatshirt with Starr Detroit Academy embroidered on the chest
- Beige colored khaki pants or knee length shorts



Staff Profile • First grade Math and Science teacher Brandon McCullough



First grade Math and Science teacher Brandon McCullough is returning home to Detroit this year to teach at Starr Detroit Academy. A native of Detroit's Westside, Brandon has worked in Baltimore City Public Schools for the past four years. After graduating from Detroit Urban Lutheran High School, Brandon moved to the East Coast to study education at Baltimore's Morgan State University. There, he received a dual B.S. in Elementary Education and Family and Consumer Studies. After graduating from Morgan State, Brandon taught 4th and 5th grade and worked as a middle school Youth Development Coordinator at Grove Park Elementary and Middle School.

Since leaving Detroit after high school, Brandon hoped to return to his hometown to give back to the community that shaped him. Brandon was inspired by the growth and change happening in Detroit and wanted to be a part of Detroit's evolution. After making great gains with his students in Baltimore, Brandon realized that he could be most impactful in Detroit by working in education. Brandon is excited to be a founding teacher at Starr Detroit Academy. He looks forward to working with SDA families to promote the educational and social growth of first graders.

Upcoming Events:

KaBOOM! Playground Design Day

Location: Ravendale Community Center
13903 Harper Avenue

Date & Time: Thursday, July 19 @ 2PM

Kindergarten Round Up

Location: Starr Detroit Academy
19360 Harper Avenue

Date & Time: Saturday, July 21 @ 10:30AM

Starr Detroit Academy Block Party

Location: Starr Detroit Academy
19360 Harper Avenue

Date & Time: Saturday, July 21 @ 12:00PM

School Update

We are excited to share the beautifully restored campus with you. School tours will start as soon as the renovations are completed and we obtain the proper permission to invite our families to join us at our Harper Woods site.

Please be expecting additional information on our school tours in upcoming issues of your newsletter.

UPDATES • New Playground Coming to Starr Detroit Academy!

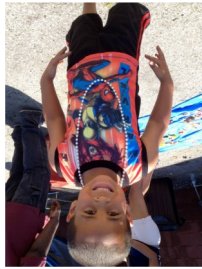
Starr Detroit Academy was awarded an \$80,000 grant from KaBOOM! And Foresters to build a new playground on campus! KaBOOM! is a nonprofit organization committed to increasing the number of play spaces across the United States. Foresters is a financial services company committed to building play spaces in Detroit.

Starr Detroit Academy's new playground will be designed and built by Starr students, families and community members. There are several playground-building events in July and September, culminating with Build Day on Saturday, Sept. 15. We encourage all Starr students and families to participate in one or more of these exciting events. In order to RSVP for an event, call the school at 313-638-2730, or email Rebekah Sharpe at rsharpe@starracademy.org. **Meals will be served at each playground-build activity.**

Partner Organizations



Date & Time	Event	Location	Description
Thurs 7/19, 2PM—6PM	Design Day	Ravendale Community Center 13903 Harper Ave	Children draw their dream playground, and adults work together to design the play space.
Thurs 9/13, 8AM—1PM	Prep Day 1	Starr Detroit Academy 19360 Harper Avenue	Adult volunteers help to organize play equipment, tools and supplies to ensure a successful build day.
Fri 9/14, 8AM—1PM	Prep Day 2		
Sat 9/15, 8AM—5PM	Build Day		Children and adult volunteers assemble their dream playground.



Photos from the Matrix Block Party

On Saturday, July 21, Starr Detroit Academy will host an orientation and block party at our school campus located at 19360 Harper Avenue. The event kicks off at 10:30 a.m., for kindergarten families with a kindergarten Roundup. **Attendance is mandatory for families of kindergartners to secure their enrollment at Starr Detroit Academy.** Families will meet their teachers, complete outstanding paperwork and learn more about the expectations for kindergarten students and parents.

At noon on Saturday, July 21, families of first through fifth grade students are invited to attend the Block Party. In addition to food, entertainment, games and give-aways, this Block Party offers Starr Detroit Academy families the opportunity to purchase uniforms, complete required school forms, learn their child's school bus pickup/drop off information, and meet teachers and other school staff. Families can also learn more information about SDA's academic program and school culture. Come out and have a great time while learning more about your child's school and preparing for the upcoming school year.

Events • Kindergarten Roundup & Block Party

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