



THE INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MASTERMAN

1. SAVE THE DATES

Throughout the year, there are events that take place during the school day that parents are invited to attend. Check weekly school and teacher email updates and the online school calendar for dates. Important dates for incoming parents:

- 9th Grade Shadow Days: 4/11, 4/12, 4/13, 4/17, 4/18, 4/19 from 8:00- 12:15 on all days except Tuesdays will be from 8:25-12:30
- Welcome Chat and Chew: 5/5- Doors open at 1:00, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
- Summer Bridge: 8/7 - 8/11 Doors open at 8:45 am. The program is from 9 am -1:30 pm
- Parent Night: date TBD

2. CHECK THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA'S PORTAL: <https://sso.philasd.org/cas/login>

Log onto the SDP portal and check it regularly. The website lets you:

- Look at your child(ren)'s pages to see completed assignments and grades.
- Update your family contact information
- View the School District of Philadelphia calendar

3. STAY CONNECTED! Keep up with Masterman news and happenings - LIKE, FOLLOW & JOIN us

- 215-400-7580 – Masterman's telephone number
- Dean of 5th-8th Grade Students: Nicole Geiger- ngeiger@philasd.org
- High School Dean: Justin Gilken- jgilken@philasd.org
- Counselors (By Students Last Name):
 - A-Ha: **Addie Claudio Nelson**: gabney@philasd.org
 - Harris-Perl: **James Allen**: jameallen@philasd.org
 - Perez-Z: **Heather Marcus**: hmarcus@philasd.org
- <https://masterman.philasd.org> – the school's website- Check out the Incoming Families Tab
- www.mastermanhsa.org – the Home & School Association's website
- <https://www.facebook.com/MastermanHSA/> – J. R. Masterman HSA's Facebook Page
- SAC

4. DAILY SCHEDULE BASICS- Will be posted prior to the end of MAY.

5. PLANNER/AGENDA

ALL incoming Masterman middle school students. The planner is used by students to maintain their class schedule and keep track of homework assignments, tests, projects and papers (and to generally become organized individuals). The planner also includes the Parent Student Handbook. Many parents overlook this feature of the planner, so be sure to look out for this important academic tool in September.

6. GYM UNIFORMS

Students are required to wear a gym uniform. The cost is \$20 (\$10 for shirts & \$10 for shorts if you choose to wear a Masterman logoed uniform). Uniforms will be available for purchase during orientation and the Summer Bridge program in the spring, as well as other logo merchandise. Gym uniforms must be brought and worn to every gym class to show that your child is prepared.

7. BREAKFAST and LUNCH

FREE Breakfast is available for ALL students EVERY day from 7:45 am until 8:10 am. Cereals, baked goods, fresh fruit, breakfast meats, and pancakes are some of the typical daily offerings. FREE Lunches are also available for ALL students EVERY day during their assigned lunch periods. One hot dish (like pizza, chicken, or cheesesteaks), along with various cold offerings such as made-to-order wraps, hoagies and sandwiches, and a selection of fresh fruit and beverages are available daily. Many of the items are made fresh on-site—take advantage of this great amenity.

8. SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMING & SUPPORTS / INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP)

Students with a 504 or IIEP who enroll at Masterman from another school within the School District of Philadelphia (SDP) may have no transitional issues; however, if your child has a 504 or IEP and came from a school outside of the PSD you will need to make the information known to the Masterman administration to be sure your child continues to receive the services they need—even if your child's IEP was noted on their application to Masterman. For families who have students with IEPs, please contact our Special Education liaison, Dr DiPrinzio at ddprinzio@philasd.org. For families with students with 504s, please contact the school nurse or your child's assigned counselor.

9. MASTERMAN ID NUMBER

Students entering the School District of Philadelphia (SDP) for the first time will be issued a temporary ID number. Their permanent ID number will be printed on their report cards. SDP students will continue to use the same ID number from their former school. Please encourage your child to memorize their ID number.

10. PARENT/CAREGIVER TEACHER CONFERENCES

There are three Parent/Caregiver-Teacher Conferences scheduled during the school year: If you want a specific time and/or day to meet your child(ren)'s teachers for conferences, go to the website scheduling system (the link provided by administration via an email announcement) as SOON as the message come

12. And, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, GET INVOLVED!

Masterman has many opportunities for parents to get involved:

1. Attend a Home and School meeting, on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM (links on the website)
2. Attend a SAC (School Advisory Council) meeting, on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM (links on the website)
3. Respond to emails sent out by the school, HSA, or teachers looking for volunteers for a specific event.
4. Email the HSA, to get more information about volunteering opportunities on a variety of terrific committees.

