



New City School

A Public Charter K-8 School

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Dear New City Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

New City Charter School strives to provide all students with an excellent arts and community-rich education so that each child can succeed in school and in life. To that end, we set high standards that are reflected in what is taught in our classrooms. As always, we will look at multiple assessment indicators of how our school is succeeding to ensure that all of our students are learning.

New City School met all of its goals in state goals in reading again this year. However, though our proficiency rates in math increased by approximately 6% in 2016 compared to 2015, it did not yet meet state goals for proficiency, growth, or gap reduction and we will remain in the “Continuous Improvement” category this year while we implement a new and excellent Eureka Math curriculum K-8. We are off to a strong start with a very strong curriculum and expect to see significant additional growth this year, gains that we expect will result in leaving Continuous Improvement.

As a Continuous Improvement School, we must assess and identify our needs using student performance data. That process continues as we also begin teaching our first modules in Eureka Math. We set aside regular time for math curriculum planning and for professional development through which we are continuously improving our instruction and our students’ learning.

Families are at the center of our school improvement as they have always been. Your engagement and support in your child’s education is critical to his or her success. Please connect with your child’s teacher(s) about how you can best support the work they are doing in the classroom. All staff email addresses and the school phone number are posted on our school’s website. New City School offers many occasions and activities during the year through which to engage in your child’s education, including upcoming goal-setting conferences in mid-October. Please schedule a goal-setting conference in October. And please go to our website at newcitycharterschool.org to see the year’s calendar.

If you cannot make it to all the activities and events, you can still be engaged and support your child’s education by providing a quiet place for your child to do homework or read, by limiting screen time, by talking with your student about school, and by ensuring that she/he gets the sleep s/he needs (5-12 years old need 10-12 hours of sleep each night; adolescents need 10 hours of sleep).

We have had a fine start to what we anticipate will be a great year. New City School will have its annual meeting to inform parents about our Title I program and revise the parent involvement plan.

This meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. You can also volunteer at the school or take part with the parent organization, New City Circle.

For assistance call:

- English 612-623-3309 (Ms. Kim)
- Spanish 612-623-3309 (Ms. Ana)
- Somali 612-623-3309 (Ms. Zahra)

Sincerely,

Jit Kundan
Director

Todd Bartholomay
Principal

Date	Elementary Events	Secondary Events
August/September	Back to School Meet and Greet	Back to School Meet and Greet Family/Student/Community Survey
August/September	Curriculum Night	Curriculum Night
September	All School Rose Ceremony for Kindergartners	Planning for Graduation and Beyond
October	Parent-Teacher-Student Goal-setting and Support Conferences	Parent-Teacher-Student Goal-setting and Support Conferences
October	Fall Festival	Fall Festival
November	Family Literacy Monitoring Your Child's Progress at School	High school application information for 8 th grade Planning for Student Aid and Assistance
January	Family Literacy	High School visits Technical Schools and College Visits
January	Reading and Math Strategies I Can Use at Home	Partnering with Teachers to Improve Achievement
February	Parent-Teacher Conferences Preparing Your Child for Testing	Parent-Teacher Conferences Motivating My Student for Testing
February	Pancake Dinner and Bingo	Pancake Dinner and Bingo
March	Title One School Community Meeting Special Education Parent Night	Title One School Community Meeting Special Education Parent Night
March	Parent-Teacher-Student Support Conferences	Parent-Teacher-Student Support Conferences
April	Transition: Elementary to Middle School, What to Expect in Middle School	Transition: Middle to High School, What to Expect in High School
May	"Round Up" Day (visit next grade level)	"Round Up" Day (8 th grade visits high schools)
June	8 th Grade Graduation Rose Ceremony	8 th Grade Graduation Rose Ceremony