



*"But, above all it is the education of adolescents that is important, because adolescence is the time when the child enters on the state of adulthood and becomes a member of society."*

*- Maria Montessori, From Childhood to Adolescence, p. 60*

Dear MMA Junior High Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year at Maria Montessori Academy. This year promises to be filled with continued growth and development for both the students and the overall MMA community. Enclosed in this letter, you will find a variety of useful and important information. We encourage you to play an active role in your child's education by providing guidance and support in their success during their adolescent years.

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Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the MMA Junior High Handbook –  
<http://mariamontessoriacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/2016-2017-Jr.-High-Handbook.pdf>

The Handbook includes important information to aid in your understanding of Junior High philosophy, policies and procedures. Each student will also be given a school planner that we encourage you to review with your student to ensure the bridge between school and home is a strong one.

Parents and family support systems are one of the most important aspects in a young person's life. They are also one of the most valuable assets to teachers and staff at MMA. Please contact Jessica Atwood or the applicable teacher if you are interested in volunteering in classrooms or activities/events specific to the Junior High program. We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night on August 18th. If you want to be sure to receive updates and information from the Junior High teachers, please be sure to subscribe to the Junior High Blog <http://blogs.mariamontessoriacademy.org/mmajr/>.

Key Points to take Note:

- Reacquaint yourself with the **Dress Code Policy**. The Dress Code Policy can be found here - <http://mariamontessoriacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Dress-Code-Policy-MMA-signed-04.08.14.pdf>
- Review the **Bell Schedule** to prepare for the cycle and timing of classes.
- **Field Experiences**. We feel that field experiences are part of the core to a Montessori Adolescent program. It allows students to take their learning to another level by comprehending lessons in a real world context.

***As a reminder, every family is expected to volunteer 40 service hours throughout the school year. Here are some suggested opportunities specifically for the Junior High:***

- ✓ Drive students on a field trip
  - ✓ Field trip chaperone
  - ✓ Cut lamination
  - ✓ Provide requested donation items (often listed on the blog)
  - ✓ Volunteer to enrich class subject (i.e. share about a hobby, career, or personal experience)
  - ✓ Help with sewing, cooking or construction projects throughout the year
  - ✓ MAPA activities
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- Individual **student schedules** are included in this packet. We tried to accommodate all student course requests, but not all students were given their first choice of courses. We aim to offer similar opportunities during the second semester. Some course offerings are subject to change due to teacher skills and certifications.
  - **Student Fees** – Junior High Fees for the 2015-16 are \$195.00 per student. Please pay this fee to the office as soon as possible. **All fees must be paid in full by October 1<sup>st</sup>.**
  - **Supply List** – Refer to the list included in this packet as to general school supplies to purchase for this school year. Individual teachers might have specific supplies that will be discussed the first week of school and evident on their syllabi.
  - **Upcoming Events - North Shore Swim Night:** August 2th 7-9 pm

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## Bell Schedule – Maria Montessori Junior High

### Full Day Schedule

		A Day	B Day
	Period		
<b>8:30 – 9:45</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Class 1	Class 5
<b>9:45 – 9:49</b>	<i>passing</i>		
<b>9:49 – 11:04</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Class 2	Class 6
<b>11:04 – 11:09</b>	<i>passing</i>		
<b>11:09 – 12:24</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Class 3	Class 7
<b>12:24 – 12:29</b>	<i>passing</i>		
<b>12:29 – 12:54</b>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<b>12:54– 12:59</b>	<i>passing</i>		
<b>12:59 – 2:14</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Class 4	Class 8
<b>2:14 – 2:19</b>	<i>passing</i>		
<b>2:19 – 3:00</b>	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
<b>3:00pm</b>	Dismissal		

\*\*\* This schedule is built on an A/B model. The first day of school will be an “A” day and then will move through the 5-day week and/or follow the school schedule. Each block period is 75 minutes and the Advisory period is 41 minutes.

### Half-Day Schedule

	Period
<b>8:30 – 9:25</b>	Class 1
<b>9:25 – 9:28</b>	<i>passing</i>
<b>9:28 – 10:23</b>	Class 2
<b>10:23 – 10:26</b>	<i>passing</i>
<b>10:26 – 11:21</b>	Class 3
<b>11:21 – 11:24</b>	<i>passing</i>
<b>11:24 – 12:19</b>	Class 4
<b>12:20 – 1:00</b>	<b>Lunch with Advisory Class</b>
<b>1:00</b>	Dismissal

\*\*\* Students will eat lunch on half-days within their assigned Advisory classroom/teacher.

## **MMA Junior High General School Supply List 2015-2016**

### ***To be kept with student:***

Students are expected to bring their own pencil, eraser and pen to class

Backpack

Composition book (not a spiral notebook) for Math

Composition book for Utah Studies (7th & 8th) or Geography (freshman)

Composition book for Peer Mentor (applies only to those in Peer Mentor)

Box of colored pencils

2 packages of notebook dividers (dividers with pockets have been popular with the students) or 16+ adhesive divider tabs

1 package of page protectors

Mess kit for outings and special in-school activities (does not need to be camping kit. Can simply be a collection of a plate, fork, spoon, cup, bowl). **Keep this at home until needed.**

Labeled water bottle (we do not have drinking fountains, but sinks in the portables)

### ***To be turned in for community use :***

2 packages of lined notebook paper

2 dry erase markers

### ***Supplies that are welcomed donations, but not necessary for each to student to contribute:***

Tissues

Crayola thick markers

Colored Sharpies

highlighters

graph paper

paper towels

White board erasers

***\*\*Note the Acceptable Use policy regarding electronic devices. These devices are to be used for school/academic purposes only. Read and complete the form and return on the first day of school if applicable. Student use of electronic devices will be determined by the discretion of the faculty and staff.***

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