

Markham Place School

NEWSLETTER



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Message from Mr. Pepe

Greetings Markham Warrior community,

We made it to spring break!

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. We are hoping that all of our Markham families get an opportunity to rest and recharge their batteries over break. The school year is flying by quickly, but there is still important work yet to come after break.

Just one quick bit of housekeeping....

We have seen an uptick in the number of students forgetting items at home, and coming in to call home. Of course, we always want our students to be able to call home if they need and that will certainly continue to happen. However, we are going to ask our teachers to limit sending students to the office for only essential calls home (i.e. forgotten lunch). Coming out of break, we ask that you assist us on the home front by **reinforcing organization and morning routines** with your student. As we all know, middle schoolers will forget things, and water is wet. Let's help them work toward responsibility!

Please attend to the information in the newsletter below. There are some important dates included for next few weeks upon our return, along with some information about summer program opportunities.

As always, thank you for sending us your children!

Respectfully,

Antonio Pepe
Principal

Upcoming Dates & Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME & LOCATION
Friday, 04/03	Early Dismissal for Spring Break	12:30PM Dismissal
04/04 - 04/12	Spring Break	School Closed
Monday, 04/13	School Reopens	
Tuesday, 04/14	Red Bank Regional Parent Program Protect Your Kids From Vaping <i>**Rescheduled from 02/25</i>	6:30pm RBR Auditorium
Wednesday, 04/15	Esports/Computer Club Meeting	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Thursday, 04/16	Walking Trip to RBR for VPA Day	During School Hours
Friday, 04/17	RBR Scheduling (8th Grade)	During School Hours
Friday, 04/17	PTO Cultural Arts Assembly “ Ball in the House ”	During School Hours
Friday, 04/17	Tri-School Dance (8th Grade)	Red Bank Middle School 6:30pm
Monday, 04/20	NJSLA-A Infrastructure Trial	During AM School Hours
Tuesday, 04/21	Project Write Now (7th)	During ELA Classes
Wednesday, 04/22	End of Marking Period 3	<i>Related Arts Classes Switch</i>
Wednesday, 04/22	Project Write Now (7th)	During ELA Classes
Wednesday, 04/22	Esports/Computer Club Meeting	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Wednesday, 04/22	Stress & Anxiety Workshop	5:30-6:30pm Point Road School
Thursday, 04/23	Take Your Child to Work Day	During School Hours
Friday, 04/24	Spanish Walking Field Trip to Point Road (certain 7th grade students)	During School Hours

School Features

Markham's Got Talent

That's a wrap! It was yet another amazing Markham's Got Talent showcase organized by our wonderful PTO last Friday, March 27th. Between our performers, emcees, broadcast studio (intro video), and visual arts (brochure design), we had over 40 students involved in making this year's show a success. Thank you so much to our hard-working event chairs and the PTO for making this happen for our kids!



AENJ Youth Art Month Exhibit

Each year, the Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ), a professional art education organization, collaborates with educators across the state to present an exhibition celebrating Youth Art Month. We are thrilled to announce that six students have been selected to showcase their artwork in this year's exhibit!



Probability Day

The Markham Place Media Center transformed into a bustling carnival last Thursday for our third annual Probability Day event. Seventh-grade students showcased their creativity and mathematical skills through ingeniously designed games of chance that put probability concepts into action. Created in 2024 by Mr. Galgon, Probability Day showcases student work as they design, build, and operate games where probability determines the outcomes. Each booth featured colorful displays explaining the rules and odds of winning. Visitors from across all grade levels enjoyed a remarkable variety of games.

What makes this project valuable is how it combines multiple skills: mathematical analysis through testing games 50 times, creative design and craftsmanship, clear communication when explaining game rules, strategic thinking to subtly favor the "house."

This year's Probability Day continued a tradition that makes abstract mathematical concepts concrete and memorable. It was a great day for our students! [Here is a link to some pictures from the day!](#)

April Fools “Dress Like A Student” Spirit Day

Over the past few weeks in February and March, our staff has been engaging in pop up “surprise” spirit days of various themes. Our last of these dress up days was on Wednesday, April 1st and might have been our most popular of them all among students and staff. Our staff “dressed like a student” for the day and took our students by surprise. Many of our staff members remained in character throughout the day with their Stanley water bottles, sport-mode Crocs, sweatshirts, and NeeDohs. A fun time was had by all!



Stress & Anxiety Workshop

Hello Little Silver Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to let you know that the guidance counselors, Ms. Ponterio and Ms. Pedalino, and I will be offering a stress and anxiety workshop on April 22nd from 5:30–6:30 pm at Point Road School. Participation is limited to 30 parent/child pairs to enable us to make the session more meaningful. We will provide you with tangible resources and walk you and your child through several strategies to use when faced with feelings of stress and anxiety.

Please fill out the [form](#) if you are interested by April 17th. As stated earlier, participation is limited, so you will be notified if you have been selected to participate in this particular session. This is open to students and one of their parents/guardians from kindergarten through 8th grade. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at msilva@littlesilverschools.org.

All the best,
Michelle Silva
Supervisor of Pupil Services

Take Your Child to Work Day - April 23rd

We are so excited to be celebrating and supporting Take Your Child to Work Day on Thursday, April 23rd!

If your child(ren) will be joining you and learning more about your career, we ask that you **please provide us with a letter from your employer to document their excused absence**. This can be sent in with your child(ren) on Friday April 24th OR emailed to the main office. Once the letter is in receipt, your child's attendance will be adjusted accordingly.

My best wishes to all of our students and parents who are participating in this day!

Spring Athletic Schedules

Girls Softball	Boys Baseball	Track & Field
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8th Grade Tri-School Dance





Join us and learn about RBC's academic program, athletics, performing arts, campus ministry, and student life. This event will include a campus tour, student panel discussion, and the opportunity to meet administration, faculty, and coaches.

Register Today at:
RedBankCatholic.org/admissions

RED BANK CATHOLIC SPRING OPEN HOUSE

April 21, 2026

5:30pm - 7:30pm



Open to **any student** in grades 5-8
interested in computers & coding!



YOUNG COLT HACKATHON

at Christian Brothers Academy

Friday, April 24th

4:00 - 8:00 pm

**Registration is limited and on a
first-come basis.**

Pizza, snacks, and t-shirt provided

Scan QR code for more
information & to sign up!



CHRISTIAN
BROTHERS
ACADEMY

The poster is framed by red curtains on the sides and red theater seats at the bottom. The main title is in a dark red rounded rectangle. The text is centered and uses various fonts and colors (white, dark red, black) for emphasis. There are decorative paint splashes on the left and right sides.

RED BANK REGIONAL HS

SUMMER THEATER WORKSHOP

ACTING - MUSIC - MOVEMENT

JULY 6 - 9 & 13 - 16, 2026
9AM - 12PM

101 RIDGE ROAD, LITTLE SILVER NJ

WORKSHOP FEE: \$275

OPEN TO INCOMING
6-8TH GRADE STUDENTS

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Register by 5/1/26 <https://tinyurl.com/32z84mys>

[Register Here](#)

MCVSD SUMMER ENRICHMENT CLASSES

2026

OUR PROGRAMS

- Course offerings for students from Grades 6-12
- Enjoy hands-on experiential learning
- Learn from passionate & talented MCVSD faculty
- Dive into cutting-edge curriculum
- Experience life at a CTE school

OUR CLASSES

Choose from classes in areas including:

- ✓ Computer Science & Machine Learning
- ✓ Creative Writing
- ✓ Biotechnology & Marine Biology
- ✓ Website Design and Digital Arts
- ✓ Culinary
- ✓ Advanced Topics in Mathematics
- ✓ Engineering, Robotics, & CAD Design
- ✓ College Essay Prep
- ✓ Automotive Basics... **AND SO MUCH MORE!!!**



Learn more about all of our program offerings [here](#).
[Register for classes here](#).

Hurry, because these classes fill up fast!

Questions?

Contact: Kelly Harmon
MCVSD Director of Curriculum
KHarmon@ctemc.org



CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS!

Trinity Hall introduces summer programs designed for rising 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls.



BUILD YOUR ROBO-BFF

July 13-16, 2026 | Grades 7 and 8 (in the 2026-2027 school year)



BEYOND BOARDGAMES

July 13-16, 2026 | Grades 6 and 7 (in the 2026-2027 school year)



DESIGN YOUR OWN MODEL TREEHOUSE

July 20-23, 2026 | Grades 6, 7 and 8 (in the 2026-2027 school year)



SHAKESPEARE CAMP: ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

July 20-23, 2026 | Grades 7 and 8 (in the 2026-2027 school year)



THEATRE CAMP

July 27-30, 2026 | Grades 6, 7 and 8 (in the 2026-2027 school year)

Students will gain experience with...

- Collaboration
- Problem solving
- Design thinking
- Technical skills
- Public speaking
- And so much more!

Students will receive...

- Daily lunch on campus
- A program-branded T-shirt
- Hands-on experiences in STEM, the humanities or the arts
- Opportunities to learn and make new friends in an all-girls environment

Visit www.TrinityHallNJ.org/apps/pages/SummerPrograms
or scan the QR code to learn more and register!



 LITTLE SILVER SCHOOL DISTRICT Cafeteria Menu for April 2026 Student Lunch \$6.00 Adult lunch \$6.00 GOURMET SANDWICH OF THE WEEK \$ 7.00 GOURMET SALAD OF THE WEEK \$7.00 FRESH FRUIT AND YOGURT PARFAIT \$4.50 HOMEMADE SOUP \$3.25 Two Complete Lunch Choices Daily Hot Entree Lunch Bagel Lunch (with Yogurt and String Cheese) *All Lunches are served with homemade soup, fresh Fruit, fresh veggies and Choice of milk or water* Follow this link for Nutritional Information and Pricing of Snacks  www.simplifiedculinaryservices.com *Please note menu items are subject to change depending upon availability *				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Soup of the Day Chicken Noodle	Soup of the Day Chicken Noodle	Soup of the Day Chicken Noodle	Soup of the Day Chicken Noodle	Soup of the Day Chicken Noodle
		1 Pasta with Homemade, Alfredo Sauce Vegetable Medley Milk or Water Cream of Broccoli and Cheddar	2 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	3 EARLY DISMISSAL NO LUNCH SERVED
6	7	8	9	10
SPRINK BREAK				
13 NAE Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Tortilla Soup ✓	14 Waffle Sticks Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Tortilla Soup ✓	15 Pasta with Locally Sourced Marinara Vegetable Medley Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Tortilla Soup ✓	16 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	17 Taco Bowl with Grass-Fed Beef and Cheese Edamame Fresh Fruit Milk or Water
20 NAE Chicken Nuggets Corn Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Spinach Artichoke	21 Pancakes Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Spinach Artichoke	22 Pasta with Grass-Fed Beef Meat Sauce Green Beans Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Spinach Artichoke	23 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	24 Zesty Orange or Plain Chicken Poppers Mashed Potatoes Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water
27 NAE Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Tomato Basil	28 French Toast Sticks Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Tomato Basil	29 Asian Sesame Chicken with Lo Mein Steamed Broccoli Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Tomato Basil	30 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	 SIMPLIFIED CULINARY SERVICES ...eat well... ...live well...

April [Gourmet Menu](#)

April [Vegetarian Gourmet Menu](#)