

Markham Place School

NEWSLETTER



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Message from Mr. Pepe

Greetings Markham Warrior community,

We are looking forward to seeing our parents/guardians next week for fall conferences! Please attend to the information below in the “Upcoming Dates & Events.” Specifically, note that early dismissal days begin on Thursday, November 20th for conferences and carry through to Thanksgiving break.

We are excited to announce that this year’s **school play** will be The Addams Family! See the information included in this newsletter for information on auditioning for the cast and joining the stage crew. It is a great opportunity for your child to get involved in a flagship schoolwide activity!

I would really like to **thank all of our parents for your help** with the drop off situation in the mornings on North Lovett. As hoped, it has been much better this year as parents are rarely dropping students off by the mouth of the staff parking lot. Thank you so much for helping us out with this!

Lastly, please note that due to the way the calendar falls, my next newsletter will be coming out on Wednesday, November 26th (not a Friday), and will highlight some of the early December happenings at Markham.

Please attend to the information and upcoming important dates that are included in this newsletter, and as always....thank you for sending us your children!

Respectfully,

Antonio Pepe
Principal

Housekeeping

Item Drop-Off / Student Pickup

A quick note about parking to run into the school (for item drop off or student pickup). **Please avoid parking in teacher spots that are along the front access road** in the front of the building. Teachers are permitted to leave for lunch, so an open spot in the front should be left open as there is likely an assigned staff member who will be returning. Thank you for your understanding!



Winter Weather

As we head into the winter months, please reinforce with your child the importance of dressing for the weather. Our middle schoolers love their socks and Crocs (must be in sport mode!)....but we have seen students coming for student arrival less-than-equipped for the elements. **Open-heeled slippers and other backless footwear should not be worn to school**, as they are against the [MPS Dress Code](#) and present a safety concern. Please know that unless there is significant inclement weather, students will be outside from 7:55-8:05 during student arrival in the back alley under staff supervision. In addition, we make every attempt to have **outdoor recess** for our 5th grade students. Jackets, hats, and gloves are recommended!



Lost & Found - Conference Week!

We have grown a rather robust lost and found already here at Markham Place! We will have items on tables at the main entrance during upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please take a look to help us reunite some of these items with their owner - even that Jets hat 😊 . Clothing items not claimed by Thanksgiving Break will be donated to the 8th grade [Clothing Drive](#).



Winter Athletic Schedules

[Girls Basketball](#)

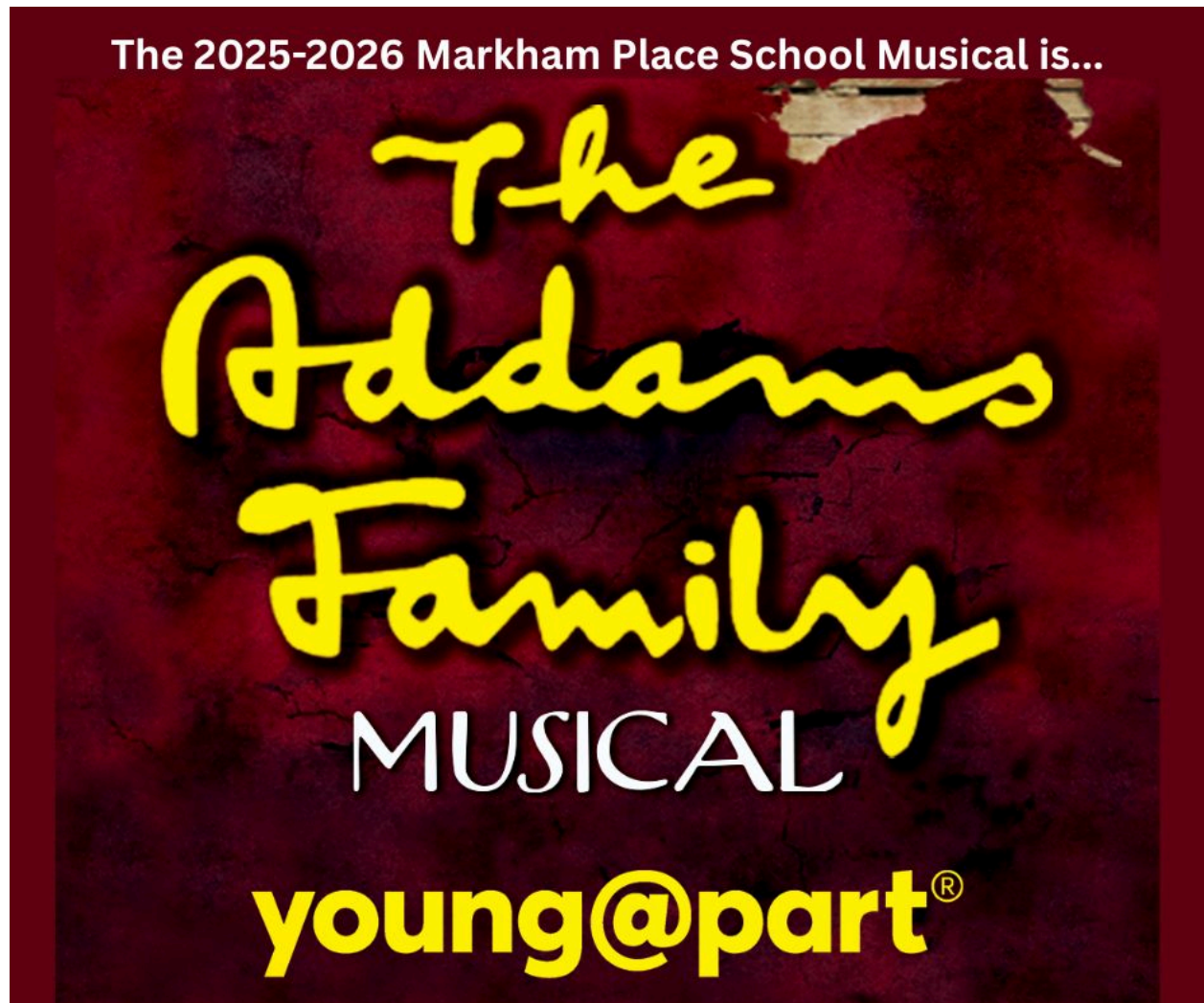
[Boys Basketball](#)

Upcoming Dates & Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME & LOCATION
Saturday, 11/15	CyberPatriot Introductory Round Competition	10:00am-3:00pm MPS Tech Lab
Monday, 11/17	Washington DC Parent Meeting (8th Grade Parents)	6:30pm MPS Cafetorium
Monday, 11/17 - Wednesday, 11/26	Clothing Drive at MPS	Collections at MPS
Tuesday, 11/18	CyberPatriot Meeting	3:05pm MPS Tech Lab
Tuesday, 11/18	Yearbook Club Meeting Yearbook INFO: Parent Ads Business Ads	3:05pm MPS Room 131
Tuesday, 11/18	School Musical Cast Audition Meeting	3:10pm MPS Music Room
Tuesday, 11/18	Little Silver BOE Meeting (Student Recognition)	7:00pm MPS Cafetorium
Wednesday, 11/19	YMCA Model UN Meeting	3:05pm MPS Conference Room
Wednesday, 11/19	YMCA Model UN Parent Meeting	6:00pm YMCA of the Jersey Shore
Wednesday, 11/19	Esports / Computer Club Meeting	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Thursday, 11/20	End of Marking Period 1	Last Day of MP1 Related Arts Classes
Friday, 11/21	Little Silver Shovelers Pizza Party	*Must Commit to Participate in Shoveling this Winter to Sign Up.

Thursday, 11/20 thru Tuesday, 11/25	Fall Conferences Early Dismissal for Students • Thursday, 11/20 & Monday, 11/24 Evening Conferences (6:30 - 8:30pm) • Friday, 11/21 & Tuesday, 11/25 Afternoon Conferences (1:30 - 3:30pm)	12:30pm Dismissal on all school days 11/20-11/25
Tuesday, 11/25	PTO Meeting (via Zoom)	8:00pm Zoom
Wednesday, 11/26	Markham Place Mixed Up Minute to Win It (Schoolwide SEL Activity)	During School Hours
Wednesday, 11/26	Early Dismissal for Students	12:30pm Dismissal
Thursday & Friday, 11/27-11/28	Thanksgiving Break 	School Closed
Monday, 12/1	School Reopens	
Tuesday, 12/2	School Musical Stage Crew Meeting	3:10pm MPS Music Room

Markham Place School Musical 2026

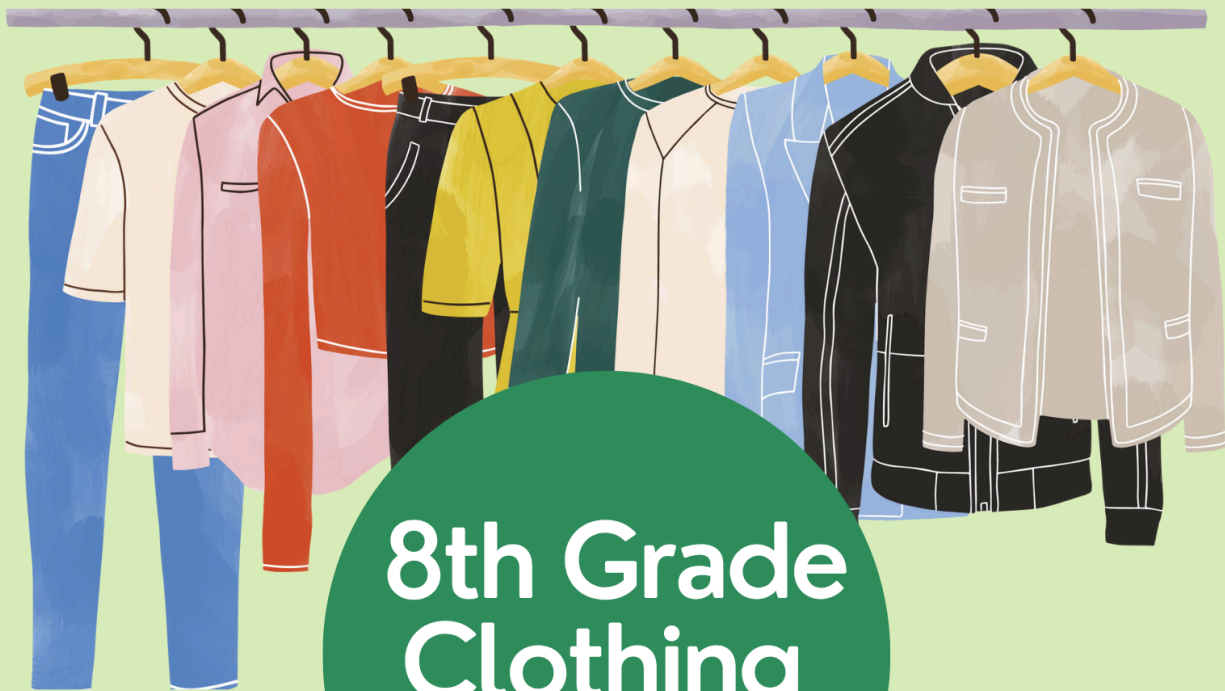


CAST AUDITION MEETING

For students interested in auditioning to be in the cast of the show, there will be a meeting on Tuesday, November 18th at 3:10-3:45 in the music room.

STAGE CREW MEETING

For students interested in signing up to be part of the stage crew, there will be a meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd at 3:10-3:30 in the music room.



8th Grade Clothing Drives

GIVE A LITTLE, HELP A LOT

Clothing Drive Dates

November 17-26
December 29-January 5

Where

Markham Place School

Donations will be accepted November 17-26th and December 29-January 5 at Markham Place. Please bag your donations and drop them off in the school vestibule or in the van located in the back of the building. Donations accepted include: clothes, coats, shoes, gloves, scarves, hats, belts, backpacks, handbags, toys/games.

Cleaning out your closets for a fall spruce up or a post-holiday clean out? Consider donating your lightly used clothes and shoes to the two scheduled 8th grade clothing drives! These items can go a long way in helping someone in need and earning some money for the 8th grade trip to Washington. We will earn money based on the amount of clothing and shoes we recycle and donate.

Advertise your business in the Markham Place School yearbook.

The Yearbook Club is thrilled to invite businesses to showcase their support in this year's publication! Advertising opportunities are available to both local businesses in Little Silver and those outside our community. With your help, we can make this year's yearbook the best one yet!



**Create and purchase
online by 12/14/2025**

jostensadservice.com/business

Color Ad

Full Page \$275

1/2 page \$140

1/4 page \$70

1/8 page \$45



Go to:

DESIGN A BUSINESS AD

**Questions? Email Mrs. Urbanczyk at:
yearbook.markham@gmail.com**

DESIGN A BUSINESS AD [HERE!](#)

Calling all eighth grade parents!

The Yearbook Club is excited to offer parents the opportunity to celebrate their eighth graders! You can honor your child's milestones, achievements, and successes with a personalized ad in this year's yearbook.

Please note: This will be separate from the baby pictures and Point Road pictures. Those will be requested in January and will include all students.



**Create and purchase
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jostensadservice.com/student

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1/4 page \$70

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Little Silver PTO Holiday Pie Fundraiser

Make your holidays sweeter while supporting the Little Silver PTO featuring handcrafted pies from
Four & Twenty Blackbirds Bakery

 **Order By:** Saturday, December 7, 2025 

 **Pickup Location:** 1663 Market at Sickles Farm 

 **Pick Up Dates:** 12/22/25 & 12/23/2025 

The Little Silver PTO receives **\$5 for every pie sold!**

Scan QR code to place your order and choose from:
Lemon Chess | Caramel Apple Crumb
Salty Honey | Chocolate Chess

**LITTLE
SILVER
PTO**



HOLIDAY PIE FUNDRAISER INFORMATION: [Click Here!](#)

INFINITE LOVE CRAFT FAIR

Several Markham Place 5th graders have been preparing crafts to sell at an upcoming craft fair to support the organization Infinite Love. Infinite Love is a charity founded by a Middletown family whose daughter was undergoing cancer treatment. You can learn more about the charity at: <https://www.infiniteloveforkidsfightingcancer.org/>

Please see the flyer below and consider attending the craft fair Dec 14th!

MIDDLETOWN'S OWN

Hearts & Hands

formally known as Jersey Jewelry
est. 2016

Join us for our fourth holiday fundraiser to donate to
Infinite Love for Kids to support children fighting cancer

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11 BERG COURT EAST, MIDDLETOWN
DECEMBER 14TH 11 AM-3 PM

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Expect :

- Bracelets Key chains
- Ornaments Coasters
- Cards Baked goods
- And more!

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For more information,
check out our Instagram:
[@heartsandhands.nj](https://www.instagram.com/heartsandhands.nj)





The magical [Lights of Little Silver](#) will illuminate our community on Friday, December 5, 2025!

Enter your home into the competition and then hop on board a bus with your friends, family, and community members for a guided tour of the festive sights around town and vote on the most festive homes in our community. This year, there will be four categories and lots of fun prizes for participants to win.

Before and after your tour, you can browse & shop for holiday goodies from local vendors at the Little Silver Holiday Bazaar, which will be hosted inside the greenhouse of 1663 Market at Sickles Farm on the night of December 5th.

Are you a business interested in becoming a sponsor or vendor and participating in the holiday bazaar? Reach out to lightsoflittlesilver@gmail.com and/or purchase a vendor full/half table [here](#).

Important Dates

Family Sponsorships Open: 10/23/2025

Bus Tickets Open: 11/3/2025

Family Sponsorships Close: 11/20/2025

Lights of Little Silver event: 12/5/2025



Decorated homes will be in Little Silver, and the holiday headquarters will be at 1663 Market at Sickles Farm. Bus pick-up/drop-off will be at 1663 Market at Sickles Farm, and the holiday bazaar will be held inside the greenhouse at 1663 Market at Sickles Farm.



All proceeds benefit the PTO, so let's come together to Light Up Little Silver and create a dazzling display of community spirit, along with an incredible evening of fun and festivities.



- 1. If you are interested in entering the Lights of Little Silver Competition, sign up for one of the two Family Sponsor tiers.**
- 2. Anyone (family sponsor or not) can ride on the bus for a guided tour of all the homes that are part of Lights of Little Silver competition or grab a digital map and drive yourself around town at your own pace.**
- 3. Check out the Holiday Bazaar at 1663 Market at Sickles Farm**

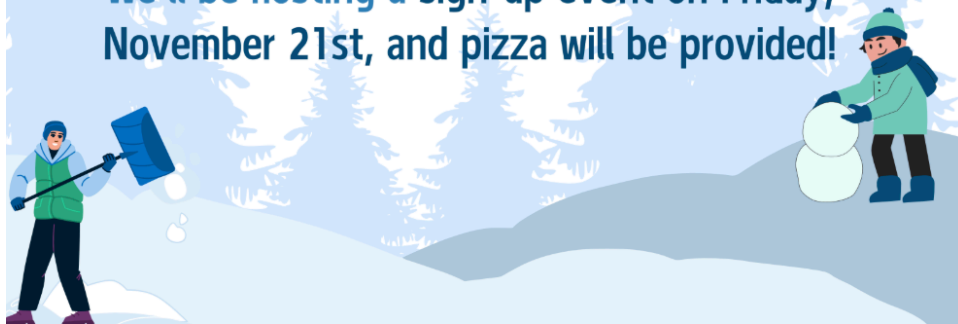
HELLO Winter

The Little Silver Shovelers are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help our neighbors in need by shoveling driveways this winter!

This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours while making a meaningful difference in our community.

If you'd like to join us, please **RSVP** using the embedded link.

We'll be hosting a sign-up event on Friday, November 21st, and pizza will be provided!



PIZZA PARTY [SIGN-UP LINK](#)

Students who sign-up for the pizza party MUST commit to shoveling

Any questions, please contact the Little Silver Helpers at
LittleSilverHelpers@gmail.com

A festive flyer for the 'Operation Sleighbells' event. The background is a light beige color with hanging pink Christmas trees and a snowflake. The title 'JOIN US FOR Operation SLEIGHBELLS' is prominently displayed, with 'Operation' in a red script font and 'SLEIGHBELLS' in a bold red serif font. A red bow with green holly leaves and red-and-white striped candy canes is positioned below the title. The event details are listed in red text: 'Join us for our annual Operation Sleighbells event, where KidsGive partners with Monmouth County Family and Children's Services to help make the holidays brighter. Together, we'll fulfill Christmas wish lists for children in need while also spreading cheer by creating heartfelt cards and handmade ornaments for patients at BoldAge Pace.' The date and time are shown in a decorative layout: 'DECEMBER 7 10AM-12PM'. The location is 'PORT-AU PECK FIREHOUSE 433 MYRTLE AVENUE ~ OCEANPORT'. The KidsGive logo is at the bottom left, and a QR code is at the bottom right. The flyer is decorated with small red stars and dots at the bottom.

JOIN US FOR

Operation

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DECEMBER 7 10AM-12PM

**PORT-AU PECK FIREHOUSE
433 MYRTLE AVENUE ~ OCEANPORT**

KIDSGIVE
IT'S ABOUT TIME



[Click Here](#) for Information & to Register. QR Code in flyer does not work!



Markham Place

Cafeteria Menu for November 2025

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 or a Bagel Lunch (with Yogurt and String Cheese)

All Lunches are served with homemade soup, Fresh Fruit, Fresh Veggies and Choice of Milk or Water

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Chicken Nuggets Homemade Soup Fresh Veggie Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	4 French Toast Sticks Hashbrown Sausage Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	5 Beef and Cheese Rice Bowl lettuce, salsa, sour cream Fresh Fruit Homemade Soup Milk or Water	6 NJEACONNVENTION SCHOOL CLOSED	7 NJEACONNVENTION SCHOOL CLOSED
10 Chicken Nuggets Homemade Soup Fresh Veggie Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	11  Thanksgiving Feast	12 Chicken Patty Sandwich Homemade Soup Fresh Veggie Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	13 Hand Tossed Pizza Homemade Soup Fresh Veggie Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	14 Cheeseburgers Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water
17 Chicken Nuggets Homemade Soup Fresh Veggie Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	18 Pancakes Hashbrown Sausage Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	19 Hot Dogs Homemade Soup Fresh Veggie Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	20 EARLY DISMISSAL NO LUNCH SERVED	21 EARLY DISMISSAL NO LUNCH SERVED
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