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SCHOOLDAZE NEWSLETTER

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From administration:

Welcome back! The start of the 2009-2010 school takes place just 25 short days from today. Much work by our staff continues to take place to ensure our best year thus far. You will begin to see and to hear the results of that work over the next month.

We have included information you will need to get the year started. Please note the dates of the various events and be sure to attend those which apply to you.

Important August and September dates:

August	25	Grades K-7 parent orientation/open house/picnic.	4:30-6:00 p.m.
September	1	Grades 8-10 parent orientation/open house/picnic	4:30-6:00 p.m.
September	8	First day of school half day/dismissal at noon	

School day schedule:

Our basic school day will be as last year. School doors will open for entry at 7:45 a.m. Latch key students may enter earlier, but everyone else will enter at 7:45. Dismissal times will be as follows:

Full days: Grades K-4 3:20 p.m.
 Grades 5-10 3:30 p.m.

Half days: Grades K-4 at 11:50 a.m.
 Grades 5-10 at noon.

Times for students riding MTA buses will be released later. We cannot determine them until the MTA works out the schedule.

MTA bus service:

Bus and Your Ride service will be available again this year for those needing them. Bus passes may be purchased for each month at any Kroger Store. Last year they were \$30.00 per student per month.

Applications for bus service are due by September 11th. They must be turned in to the school office by then. Your Ride applications are due to the school office by August 27th. We must have them in the school office by August 27th.

Please note the following:

- The MTA cannot guarantee service for applications turned in after the due dates.
- Bus service will begin shortly after the September 11 application deadline.
- Passes for the buses are not prorated; therefore, the pass costs \$30.00 no matter how many or few school days are in the month.

Shirt orders:

If you have not ordered your children's uniform shirts from the office, please do so immediately. Students must wear their uniforms on the first day of school. Uniforms need to be ordered now to have any chance of being here in time for the first day of school.

PTO meeting:

The first PTO meeting for this school year will be Tuesday, September 15th at 3:45 p.m. This organization is critical to our school program. We encourage all parents to consider being active in its meetings and projects.

New parents:

We extend a very special welcome to all new students and families at Madison. We look forward to having a great year together.

Website:

Please be aware that the school website is a great place to keep up with Madison happenings. Parents will find a lot of information on the website, including the Schooldaze Newsletters. This one is already on line.

The website address is www.madison-academy.org.

Students:

Our desire this year revolves around giving our students the most successful school year they have had. The underlying question for decisions on curriculum and programs is, "Is it best for the students?" If not, we don't want to do it. If so, it should be done.

We thank all of our parents for the choice you have made to make Madison Academy the school for your children.