

# MERRICK ACADEMY

## Summer Academy 2026

July 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are thrilled to welcome your scholar to Summer Academy 2026 at Merrick Academy! As we prepare for our first day on Monday, July 7th, please take a moment to carefully review the important information below. This letter contains updates to our program, arrival and dismissal routines, dress code, trip schedule, and leadership contacts.

We have updated our website — please visit it before the first day to access our Summer Academy Calendar and Family Handbook, both of which are available now.

### ABOUT SUMMER ACADEMY 2026

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Summer Academy is designed to strengthen academic skills, spark creativity, and inspire a love for lifelong learning. Scholars will engage in hands-on STEAM, literacy, and math instruction in a dynamic and supportive environment.

Our curriculum is intentionally infused with the IB Learner Profile attributes, encouraging students to become inquirers, thinkers, communicators, and principled leaders. In addition to classroom learning, students will participate in world-class trips throughout New York City, exploring iconic landmarks and cultural institutions.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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<b>Program Hours</b>	8:15 AM – 2:45 PM
<b>Early Drop-Off</b>	7:30 AM – 8:00 AM (Gym Entrance)
<b>Week 1</b>	July 6 – July 10 (Monday – Friday)
<b>Week 2</b>	July 13 – July 16 (Monday – Thursday)
<b>Week 3</b>	July 20 – July 24 (Monday – Friday)
<b>Week 4</b>	July 27 – July 30 (Monday – Thursday)
<b>Week 5</b>	August 3 – August 7 (Monday – Friday)
<b>Week 6</b>	August 10 – August 14 (Monday – Friday)

### MORNING ARRIVAL ROUTINES

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#### Early Arrival (7:30–8:00 AM)

- Students who arrive early should enter through the gym entrance.
- Students who arrive after 8:00 AM must wait until 8:15 AM to enter.

#### Program Start: 8:15 AM

#### Entrance by Grade

- Rising 1st – Rising 4th Grade: Enter through the GYM ENTRANCE.
- Rising 5th – Rising 8th Grade: Enter through the CAFETERIA ENTRANCE.

Students are expected to arrive on time. **Consistent late arrivals disrupt the learning environment for all scholars.**

## DISMISSAL

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### Bussing/Private Transportation-2:30 PM

- Students will be dismissed to their respective drivers from the Cafeteria.

### Independent Walkers — 2:40 PM

- Rising 7th & Rising 8th grade students are automatically dismissed as independent walkers at 2:40 PM from the cafeteria entrance.
- Rising 3rd & Rising 4th grade independent walkers dismiss from the gym entrance at 2:40 PM.

### Standard Dismissal — 2:45 PM

- Rising 1st – Rising 4th Grade dismiss from the GYM ENTRANCE at 2:45 PM. Parents will enter on 221st and exit through the gym.
- Rising 5th – Rising 8th Grade dismiss from the CAFETERIA ENTRANCE at 2:45 PM. Parents will enter through the cafeteria.

### Early Pick-Up

- Students who are picked up early must be picked up by 2:00 PM.
- If early pick-up becomes a consistent pattern, we will initiate a conversation about continued enrollment in the program.

If your camper's dismissal arrangements change for the day, email [summerdismissal@merrickacademy.org](mailto:summerdismissal@merrickacademy.org).

## MEALS & HYDRATION





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- Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided daily — no need to send food.
- **All students MUST bring a labeled water bottle every day.**

## DRESS CODE

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Students should come dressed and ready to move. The following guidelines apply every day:


-  Closed-toe athletic sneakers
-  Shorts and shirts
-  Dresses or skirts are permitted only if shorts are worn underneath
-  No open-toe shoes, sandals, or flip flops

**On TRIP DAYS, all students must wear this year's Summer @ MACS t-shirt. T-shirts will be distributed on the first day of the program.**

## TRIP SCHEDULE UPDATE

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Please note that our trip schedule has been updated due to changes in bus company availability. Please review the updated Summer Academy Calendar, which is attached to this letter and available on our website.

 **IMPORTANT: Rising 5th and Rising 6th grade students will have a trip on the FIRST DAY of the program — Monday, July 6th. Please make sure your scholar is wearing their Summer t-shirt on that day.**

## CLASS ROSTERS

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Please review the class roster and have a conversation with your child so that they know their summer class before the first day. This will help them feel confident and ready when they arrive.

## SUMMER ACADEMY LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Please don't hesitate to reach out to our team with any questions or concerns. We are here to support your family throughout the summer.

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### **Day Camp Phone (Camp Hours Only: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM)**

Ms. Shadae | 718-479-3753 ext. 100 / 101

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Our dedicated team is committed to ensuring each scholar thrives both academically and socially. We look forward to an incredible summer and to partnering with you for a meaningful and impactful experience.

Thank you for entrusting us with your scholar. See you on July 7th!

Warm regards,

Zenzile Keith & The Summer @ MACS Leadership Team

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