

BRIGHT FUTURES

Transition News

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Martin Luther School Transition Handbook

Are you looking for information from a previous newsletter?

Are you looking for resources for post-secondary education, employment or independent living?

Use the link to access Martin Luther School's Transition Handbook.

This is an ongoing document to provide information to our students and their support team.



Martin Luther School

Martin Luther School - Transition Handbook by Katlyn Carpenter |
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What are Transition Services?

What are Transition Services?

- The support includes services available in post-secondary education, employment, and independent living skills.
- Starting at age 14
- Services are identified that align with IEP goals
- The student and the IEP team identifies strengths, needs, and interests
- IEP team builds transition plans that align with future goals



Transition Class

9-12th grade

In the fall Transition Class will cover these topics and more:

Job Exploration and Groundwork

- strengths, needs, interests, career research

Post Secondary Employment and education

- goals, exploring options, exploring post secondary education, IEP advocacy and understanding agency supports

Workplace Readiness

- work maturity skills, resume writing, reading job postings, job applications, and job interviewing

Independent Living Skills

- budgeting, healthy living, self-advocacy

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation will visit each class once per month to directly teach about communication and soft skills



Transition Class and The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Once per month a representative for pre-employment transition services from OVR joins the class to focus on job readiness skills.

Each student needs to have a Pre-ETS transition form filled out.

Please look for this document in your email from DocuSign!

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| | | PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES (PRE-ETS) REQUEST | |
| PRE-ETS (DNR use only) <input type="checkbox"/> | | BSL/PACT Student (DNR use only) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Pre-ETS only students with disabilities learn about themselves, understand work requirements, practice work skills, explore training options, and choose a career that may be further explored through Individualized Vocational Rehabilitation Services. To request Pre-ETS, complete and return this form to: | | | |
| WHAT SERVICES ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT? (check all that apply) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Readiness Training (I'd like to learn about soft skills and the skills needed on a job) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Job Exploration Counseling (I'd like to learn about in-demand jobs and what jobs might be the best fit for me) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling on Post-Secondary Options (I'd like to learn about ways to explore training options after high school) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Advocacy Instruction (I'd like to learn about my rights, accommodations, and how to advocate for myself) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work-Based Learning (I'd like to learn how to gain experience at a workplace) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure what service is right for me. | | | |
| Comments: | | | |
| STUDENT INFORMATION: | | | |
| FIRST NAME: _____ | | LAST NAME: _____ | |
| DATE OF BIRTH: _____ | | SEX: _____ | |
| *MAKE SURE OF THE APPLICANT'S STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino American <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian Native/Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic/Latino (Other) <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | | |
| *ETHNICITY (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | LANGUAGE PREFERENCE: <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |
| *ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION NEEDS: <input type="checkbox"/> Large Print <input type="checkbox"/> Braille <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | *ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION NEEDS: <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Language Interpreter <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |
| STUDENT PHONE: _____ | | E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ | |
| *MAILING ADDRESS LINE 1: _____ | | | |
| *MAILING ADDRESS LINE 2: _____ | | | |
| CITY: _____ | | STATE: _____ | |
| ZIP CODE: _____ | | SCHOOL (SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING): _____ | |
| *CITY OF RESIDENCE: <input type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY) <input type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRENTLY ATTENDING | | | |
| *GRADE: _____ | | | |
| *OCCUPATIONAL OBJECTIVE (FUTURE OCCUPATION) (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Determined <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | *ANTICIPATED GRADUATION/EXIT DATE: _____ | |
| PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____ | | PHONE: _____ | |
| EMAIL: _____ | | COMMUNICATION PREFERENCE: <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |
| ADDITIONAL POINT OF CONTACT (optional): _____ | | RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____ | |
| PHONE: _____ | | EMAIL: _____ | |
| COMMUNICATION PREFERENCE: <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | COMMUNICATION PREFERENCE: <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Planning for the Future Checklist

8th-12th grade

This is a great resource for students and parents to keep track of beneficial activities in the areas of post-secondary education, employment and independent living.

The checklist is shared with students at their IEP meetings.

[Planning for the Future Checklist](#)



Graduation and Post Secondary Education

High School Graduation Ceremony



Graduation & Promotion



10:00 AM

Friday, June 5, 2026

MLS Gymnasium

On Friday, June 5, 2026, we will be holding our high school graduation as well as celebrating the promotion of our eighth grade students. Please join us for the celebration and a brief reception following the ceremony.

Graduation Requirements

MLS Graduation Requirements

21 credits total

4 English

3 Math

3 Science

3 Social Studies

1.5 physical education/wellness credits

6.5 Elective Credits



Pathway to Graduation (Act 158)

Act 158 in Pennsylvania is a state law that outlines five different pathways for high school students to meet graduation requirements, essentially requiring them to demonstrate college or career readiness by achieving proficiency on Keystone Exams or through alternative methods like industry-based certifications or advanced placement courses, depending on the chosen pathway; effectively moving beyond solely relying on standardized test scores for graduation.

[Pathway Link](#)

Grades and Attendance Matter!!!!

MLS students need to be in school 70% of the academic calendar days of each semester to earn credit for the semester. They must pass the course with a 60% (D) or better.

Federal Student Loan Information

Parents/Guardians of Seniors:

A link will be sent to senior students family members, guardians, and parents for a virtual information session on 3/25/26 at 6:30 p.m.



Please see the following information that will be covered:

[WHO FILLS OUT THE FAFSA?](#)

[FAFSA Checklist](#)

This link has information on the [Federal Student Loan Process](#)

The application for the 2026-2027 school year opened on September 24, 2025, and the federal deadline is June 30, 2027.

Please reach out if you have questions or need support

[PHEAA Grants, Scholarships, and loans](#)



College Visits

Reach out to me if you need support with specific college tours and visits. I will plan with students to schedule open houses of their interests.

Employment

Working Papers

I am excited that I am getting contacted often about issuing working papers!!

What you need to know:

I CAN support students looking for jobs, applying for jobs, and practicing for interviews

I CAN support students with preparing working papers so they are ready to go be issued

I CAN give very specific directions about the process at the student's school district

I CANNOT issue working papers- that must be done by the residing district



Common Districts Directions:

[Norristown School District](#)

[Philadelphia School District](#)

[Upper Darby](#)

[Abington School District](#)

[Coatesville School District](#)

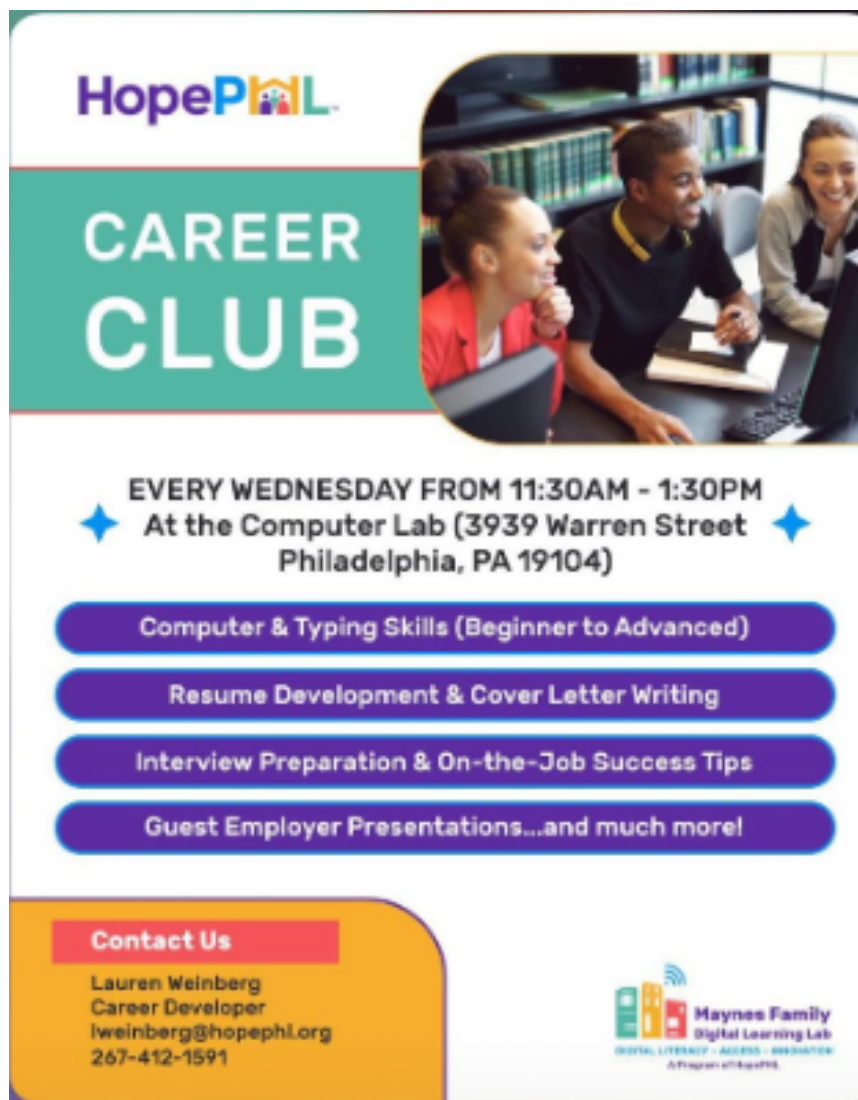
[Colonial School District](#)

[William Penn School District](#)

Please continue to reach out for support!

Career Club

Hope PHL Career Club



The flyer features the Hope PHL logo at the top left, which includes a house icon with a person inside. To the right is a photograph of three diverse young adults sitting around a table in a computer lab, looking at a laptop. Below the photo is a green banner with the text 'CAREER CLUB' in white. The main text of the flyer is centered and reads: 'EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 11:30AM - 1:30PM At the Computer Lab (3939 Warren Street Philadelphia, PA 19104)'. Below this are four blue rounded rectangular buttons with white text: 'Computer & Typing Skills (Beginner to Advanced)', 'Resume Development & Cover Letter Writing', 'Interview Preparation & On-the-Job Success Tips', and 'Guest Employer Presentations...and much more!'. At the bottom left, there is a yellow rounded rectangle with a red header 'Contact Us' and the contact information for Lauren Weinberg. At the bottom right is the logo for the Maynes Family Digital Learning Lab, which includes icons of a house, a person, and a Wi-Fi symbol, and the text 'Maynes Family Digital Learning Lab DIGITAL LITERACY - ACCESS - ORIENTATION A Program of HopePHL'.

HopePHL

CAREER CLUB

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 11:30AM - 1:30PM
◆ At the Computer Lab (3939 Warren Street) ◆
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Computer & Typing Skills (Beginner to Advanced)

Resume Development & Cover Letter Writing

Interview Preparation & On-the-Job Success Tips

Guest Employer Presentations...and much more!

Contact Us

Lauren Weinberg
Career Developer
lweinberg@hopephl.org
267-412-1591

Maynes Family
Digital Learning Lab
DIGITAL LITERACY - ACCESS - ORIENTATION
A Program of HopePHL

Junior Barber Academy

MLS is partnering with the Junior Barber Academy to run an 8 week program during Panther Time. Student's are being encouraged to take this opportunity. There is also opportunity to sign up outside of school (see below)



LEARN BARBERING

BUILD YOUR FUTURE.

8-WEEK BARBER TRAINING FOR AGES 12-19

Why Join JBA?

- ✓ Build real job skills
- ✓ Learn from licensed barbers & educators
- ✓ Gain confidence & discipline
- ✓ Find positive mentors and role models
- ✓ Open doors to jobs & entrepreneurship

APPLY NOW ↓

TEXT - 267-214-8839
Location: 3901 Main Street
Phila Pa 19127
(Building A)

Office of
Reentry Partnerships



Support@juniorbarberacademy.com Juniorbarberacademy.com

Free Barber & Cosmetology Class

Junior Barber Academy

Nonprofit organization

We are an organization focused on cultivating the next generation of barbers.

Next free class May 31st (Philly)

SIGN UP TODAY 📧 📅

3901 Main st, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19127

linktr.ee/juniorbarberacademy

FREE
BARBER
& **COSMETOLOGY**
CLASS

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH

HOSTED BY
JUNIOR BARBER ACADEMY

Join us for a powerful Open House where students can learn real barbering and cosmetology skills in a hands-on environment.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- HANDS-ON TRAINING**
Practice real skills in a real environment.
- LIVE DEMOS**
Barbering & cosmetology in action.
- MEET INSTRUCTORS**
Learn from experienced professionals.
- LEARN HOW TO ENROLL**
Find out how to start your journey.

WHO CAN JOIN?

- ALL AGES**
Open to anyone interested in learning.
- BOYS & GIRLS**
All genders welcome.
- NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**
We'll teach you!

SUNDAY MAY 31 | **12:30 PM - 3:00 PM** | **3901 MAIN ST PHILADELPHIA, PA**

West Philadelphia Zoo Scholars

Find information below:

[Zoo Scholars](#)

WEST PHILADELPHIA ZOO SCHOLARS



Philadelphia Zoo is looking for the next generation of conservationists who will care for and protect wildlife and wild places.

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- Lessons about zoology, climate justice and careers in wildlife conservation and sustainability
- Mentoring and professional development support
- Paid stipend and internship opportunities

ELIGIBILITY

- Students entering 10th and 11th grade in the '26-'27 school year
- Preference given to students living in or attending school in West Philadelphia

SCAN TO APPLY



Questions? Please contact
wpzs@phillyzoo.org



PHILADELPHIA
ZOO

Mentoring Young Women in Construction

Find Info at this link:

[Mentoring Young Women in Construction](#)

 nawicpf

MYWIC
MENTORING YOUNG WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION
Presented by NAWIC Philadelphia Foundation



**Registration
OPEN for**
JUNE 15 - 26 | NORTHEAST
JULY 6 - 17 | SOUTH
2026
APPLY TODAY



**LEARNING TODAY,
LEADING TOMORROW.**

**OPEN TO 7TH - 12TH GRADE GIRLS
THROUGHOUT PHILADELPHIA!**

JUNE 15 - 26 NORTHEAST • JULY 6 - 17 SOUTH

- CAMP MEETS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 9AM - 3PM •
- CAMPERS MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND ALL 10 DAYS

 NAWICPF@gmail.com |  www.nawicpf.org/MyWIC

Esperanza Health Center

[Esperanza Health Center](#)



SUMMER TEEN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IS BACK!

Join Our Immersive 3-week Program and Get Hands-On Experience to kick start your career in healthcare!

APPLY NOW!

Application
Deadline:
June 19th



July 20th - August 5th
M-W 12:30-4:00pm

The CORE, 3222 H st.
Philadelphia, PA 19134

For More Information:

esperanzahealth.com/recdesk

vanessa.ewhg@esperanzahealth.com



Independent Living

Teen Zone After School Program

Now Accepting Applications!

Calling ALL TEENS! Admissions are NOW OPEN for the North Light Teen After-School Program 2026!

- FREE Tutoring
- Creative Workshops
- Cooking Classes
- Community Service Hours
- Summer 2026 Paid Internships
- Extracurricular Activities
- Monthly Incentives & Stipends
- Sports & Fitness
- Chill Hangout Lounge & Game Room

Get college-ready with us! Don't miss out—join our community of growth and fun!



North Light Community Center

175 Green Lane, Philadelphia PA

Teen Zone After-School Program Admission 2026

For ages: 13-18



Why Choose North Light Teen Zone After-School Program?

- Free Tutoring Services
- Free workshops
- Cooking classes
- Community service hours
- Summer 2026 paid internships
- Extracurricular Opportunities
- Monthly incentives/paid stipends
- Sports
- Teen hangout lounge
- Game room
- College & Career Readiness/college tours

Submit the registration form and enroll by March 1st 2026
to have the one-time fee waived!

More Information Contact:

thill@northlightcommunitycenter.org
or 215.483.4800

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Mother's Day

COOKING CLASS

Cooking Class Experience for Kids & Families

-  Celebrate Mother's Day with Love & Food
-  Hands-on Cooking Experience
-  Learn • Cook • Enjoy

 Sunday, May 3rd

 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

 2946 W Dauphin St (North Philly), Philadelphia, PA

 Limited Spots Available

luma.com/wk82thff

Hosted by:

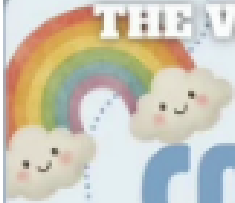
PMBF Michael Boone Foundation
EMPOWERING YOUTH. UPLIFTING COMMUNITIES

 Cravings KITCHEN

 Strawberry Mansion Learning Center



THE VILLAGE PROJECT SERIES

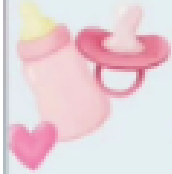


Please Join Us for a

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER



MAY 9, 2026 | 11AM-1PM



*Celebrating and Supporting Expecting
Families in Our Community*

What To Expect:

BABY SHOWER GAMES &
ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY
PARTNERS, SUPPORTIVE
FAMILY CONNECTIONS, LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS

Free Resources

**Available To Expand
Your Concrete Supports:**

DIAPERS, WIPES, BABY CLOTHES,
BABY ESSENTIALS, ETC.



REGISTER HERE!



2201 Margaret street, Philadelphia PA, 19137



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
M.FLANNERYCUA3@ELCONCILIO.NET



JUVENILEJUSTICE.ORG

@JJCPHILLY

PHILLY TEEN CURFEW: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

AGES 14-17: 10:00 PM – 6:00 AM

AGES 13 AND UNDER: 9:30 PM – 6:00 AM

NEED A SAFE PLACE TO GO IN THE EVENINGS?

YOUTH CAN ENROLL INTO A COMMUNITY EVENING RESOURCE CENTER TO AVOID CURFEW VIOLATIONS. CERC PROGRAMMING IS FROM 6-9 PM, BUT STAYS OPEN UNTIL 2AM FOR POLICE CURFEW HAND-OFFS.

GO TO PHILA.GOV/PROGRAMS/COMMUNITY-EVENING-RESOURCE-CENTERS TO FIND A CERC NEAR YOU. CERCs PROVIDE HOME COOKED MEALS, A FREE RIDE HOME, AND OFFER SAFE, FUN, AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

SHARE THIS WITH A YOUNG PERSON OR PARENT WHO NEEDS IT.

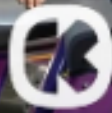


FREE

SUMMER PASSES FOR TEENS



**SIGN UP
MAY 18**





vitalityvillage2024

Free Camping Trip Discovery Pathways

June 15-18

Must be 14-18 Years old

Boating,
Swimming,
High ropes,
Campfires, and
more



Free!

Stay In Cabins

Make New Friends

Challenge yourself and have fun!



Fill out the form
at QR Code or
email Mr. Adam

adam@discoverypathways.org, 215-219-3007

vitalityvillage2024 Free camping trip for youth. Scan QR

code to register or email

Transition Events

Youth and Adult Career & Opportunity Expo

Overview- Click link for [Tickets](#)

Careers, apprenticeships, resources & more – all in one room. Come connect, explore opportunities, and invest in your future. Free to attend

Philadelphia is full of opportunity – and this event is your chance to find it.

Join us on **Wednesday, May 13th** from **1:00 PM to 5:00 PM** at the **Sixth Man Center** for a free **community career and resource expo** designed to connect residents of all ages with the people, programs, and pathways that can move their lives forward.

Whether you are actively job searching, exploring a career change, or simply trying to understand what options are available to you, this event was built with you in mind.

On the floor, you will find employers who are actively hiring, apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs, workforce training and education providers, and community resources – all under one roof and ready to engage.

This is an opportunity to see the full landscape of what Philadelphia has to offer right now and to walk away with the knowledge, connections, and next steps to position yourself for what is ahead.



YOUTH & ADULT CAREER & OPPORTUNITY EXPO

2026

Join the Urban League of Greater Philadelphia & Philly Youth Basketball for a powerful day of connection, careers, apprenticeships, and life-changing opportunities.

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 13, 2026
1PM-5PM**

 **THE ALAN HORWITZ
"SIXTH MAN" CENTER**

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- EMPLOYERS
- PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS
- MOCK INTERVIEWS
- APPRENTICESHIPS
- NETWORKING
- RESOURCES

EMPLOYER REGISTRATION **ATTENDEE REGISTRATION**



PROPELLING TOWARDS MY PURPOSE

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT JUSTICE IMPACTED RESOURCE FAIR



**MAY 16
2026
11AM-3PM**

AVAILABLE RESOURCES:

EMPLOYMENT & CAREERS | PAID TRAINING | GED & EDUCATION
PATHWAYS | EXPUNGEMENT SUPPORT | MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
| MENTORSHIP | HOUSING & REENTRY RESOURCES

**EDDIE'S
HOUSE**
5900 Market St
First Floor

TO REGISTER
SCAN THE QR CODE



Registration includes
Lunch and Swag Items

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Public Safety

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