



Summer 2025 Newsletter

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A message from Director Ms. Wells:

It's difficult to say goodbye to another school year. We have so much to celebrate. Our students completed a total of 391 courses as they individually took steps toward their academic goals. We are so proud of each and every success. We are especially excited to celebrate several students returning to their home school for the fall and our two amazing high school graduates. What a privilege it has been for The Academy staff to work with such talented and fun students.



As we look ahead, I would like to share some staffing changes for the fall 2025. We will be saying good-bye to Mrs. Corriveau and Mr. Carroll. They are moving on to their next chapter and will be greatly missed. Their impact on our school and community will forever be one of gratitude.

Some new faces for August will include:

Mr. Lewton (Dean)
Mr. Magallon (SSFL)
Ms. Armbruster (teacher)
Mr. Waggoner (teacher)
Mr. Vahlkamp (teacher).



Back to School Information for 2025-2026

The Academy, RSSP students, are required to have an annual Alternate Education Plan (AEP) completed prior to attending the first day of school. The AEP is a subcontract between the student, parent/guardian, homeschool and the serving school (The Academy) team. The purpose of the AEP is to assist each student in meeting the required goals of the RSSP program. Once these goals have been achieved, the student is able to return to his/her home school. You will receive a phone call from the school administration in early August to schedule your child's required AEP conference. New students/families can expect a 40-45 minute appointment that will include a brief orientation, while returning students/families can expect a 25-30 minute appointment.

The appointment dates and time will be scheduled for:

Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 12:00 pm -2:00 pm or Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 7:50 am-2:00 pm

Mark Your Calendar

Online Registration Begins: **Monday, July 14, 2025**

School Office & Administrative Offices Open: **Friday, August 1, 2025**

In person or Phone Registration Assistance: **Tuesday, August 5, 2025**

Annual AEP Student/Parent/Staff Meetings by appointment:

Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 12:00pm—2:00pm

Wednesday August 13, 2025, 7:50am—2:00pm

First Student Attendance Day:

August 14, 2025, 7:50am—2:00pm (Our doors open at 7:30am daily for breakfast.)

A message from Assistant Director Ms. Leebold:

To the parents/guardians of students who took the ACT,

We administered the ACT in April to students in grades 9, 10, and 11 as well as those in grade 12 that did not test last year.

THE RESULTS ARE IN!!! You will receive a student report in the mail with the details of how your student performed.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Leebold at (217) 228-7158 ext/ 2307.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and see you in August!

A message from School Social Worker Mrs. Brigman:

Ever tried reasoning with your child mid-meltdown—and go nowhere?

Here's why: When a child is dysregulated, it's like there's a traffic jam in the brain. Emotions have blocked the road, and nothing—not rewards, not consequences, not even your calmest logic—can get through.

What they need first isn't correction. It's connection.

Help them clear the jam by offering co-regulation: a steady presence, deep breaths, or even just sitting quietly together. Once their "road" is clear again, then you can talk, teach, and guide

Save this as a reminder: Calm first, teach later.



QUINCY PARK DISTRICT SUMMER FAMILY EVENTS

Family Entertainment in the Park (Free event): At Moorman Park
September 4, 2025 – 6:00-7:00 p.m. – Ventriloquist Diane Rockwell

Family Scavenger Hunt (Free event): Come on out and have a fun time with your family and friends!
Explore our parks through finding items on our Scavenger Hunts!

June= Madison Park

July= Berrian Park

Movies In the Park | Presented by 1st Bankers Trust (Free event): Bring your chairs and blankets to Paul Dennis Complex on Friday nights to enjoy a family friendly movie three times in the great outdoors.

June 6, 2025 – Moana 2

July 18, 2025 – The Wild Robot

September 25, 2025—Wicked

Family Days: Come out and join us for family days in the park!

June 10, 2025- Family Game Night at the Batting Cage- Moorman Park 6pm-8pm

June 24, 2025- Inflatable Obstacle Course- Moorman Park 6pm-8pm

July 8, 2025- Water Day- Moorman Park 6pm-8pm

July 22, 2025- Foam Party- Moorman Park 6pm-8pm

August 8, 2025- Family Kick Ball Day- Moorman Park Pepsi Field 6pm-8pm