

Amani Welcome Letter - SY 2022-23

August 8, 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome Amani Public Charter School Family to the 2022-2023 School Year. The mission of the Amani Public Charter School is to provide students who attend the school from 5th through 8th grade with the academic and critical thinking skills necessary to succeed in competitive high school programs, college, and the career of their choice. While you are with us, we will surround you with a strong and coherent message that you are loved, that you are special, that you are smart, and that you are filled with a positive light and energy. And in the end, you will be the embodiment of that mission, successful in high school, college, and life.

COVID Safety

In a few short weeks, we will be returning back to Amani to kick off our 12th year. To advance our community of care, today we wanted to remind you of our health and safety protocols - what we refer to as the Layers of Protection. We continue to monitor the CDC as they prepare updated guidance for the new school year and will share that with the community. That being said, Amani will continue with our best practices concerning masking, distancing, hand hygiene, and sanitizing. We continue to operate under the shadow of the COVID pandemic and now MonkeyPox. While the Risk of exposure to monkeypox remains low, we will go into the year with an awareness that our protocol and practices around keeping everyone healthy and safe remain in place which will benefit the overall health of the community. As always, we strongly encourage all members of the community who are eligible and able to get vaccinated for COVID-19. We strongly believe that it is important to have layers of protection with regard to fighting the spread of COVID-19 in the community, and access to Vaccines for all members of the community over age 12 is an important part of this. It is important to recognize that the vaccines are safe, effective, and critical to reducing the spread of the virus and mitigating severe disease and hospitalization.

Amani 1:1 Chromebook Program

We have allocated resources so that we can move swiftly to fulfill our commitment to our 1:1 Chromebook initiative which provides a Chromebook to all scholars enrolled in Amani Public Charter School.

The cost of insurance is \$27 per year and will be folded into our comprehensive supply fee for a total of \$50. Fees will be collected at orientation. More information on this is provided below. Before receiving your Chromebook, all parents must read and complete, through the link, the Chromebook Acceptable Use Policy at <https://forms.gle/wot9gdSZFJwqFDUp8> and have completed the registration process.

Breakfast and Lunch

We are committed to providing every student in our school community with all the tools they need to succeed, including nutritious meals that everyone can enjoy together. That is why we are pleased to inform you that the Amani Public Charter School (“Amani”) is participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program called the Community Eligibility Provision (“CEP”) for the current school year. All enrolled students of Amani are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day of the 2022-2023 school year.

Uniforms

Amani is a uniform school. Information about uniforms can be found on our website under Parents>Uniforms. Links to our Uniform Policy and Provider information are below for your convenience.

- Uniform Policy - www.amanicharter.org/Uniform-Policy-22-23.pdf
- Uniform Schedule - www.amanicharter.org/Uniform-Schedule-2021-2022.jpg
- Uniform Provider: Lu-Del's. Parents can shop in person at their Yonkers location or online at the link below:
 - ludelsuniforms.com
 - 364 S Broadway Yonkers, NY 10705
 - Phone: (914) 969-2664

**New 7th-grade parents please note that the 7th and 8th-grade uniform is different from the 5th and 6th-grade uniform! For more information please see our Uniform Policy above.*

Uniform Schedule

Day	Lower School (5th & 6th)	Upper School (7th & 8th)
Monday	PE Uniform	Academic Uniform
Tuesday	Academic Uniform	PE Uniform
*Wednesday	Academic Uniform	Academic Uniform
Thursday	PE Uniform	Academic Uniform
Friday	Academic Uniform	PE Uniform

School Supplies

To make sure all scholars have the appropriate supplies for their classes, parents will purchase school supplies from Amani directly for \$50 (*includes chromebook insurance*). Each scholar will receive the following school supplies:

- 6 Composition notebooks
- 5 Folders (1 for each core class)

- Math Binder
- Sticky notes for the year
- Index Cards for the year
- Pens, Pencils, highlighter, and crayons
- Chromebook insurance for the year
- Chromebook

Suggested Materials for Home

- Notebook
- Pen, pencil, calculator
- Folder

Orientation

We are planning a robust Orientation Program for all grades during the first week of school. To our new members, we are delighted that you are joining the Amani family and thankful for those that are continuing on their academic journey with our school. We are asking that ALL scholars participate in the Orientation Program. This is a **REQUIRED EVENT** for all scholars and attendance will be taken. Students are expected to attend orientation, uniforms are strongly suggested.

Payment Fee

\$50 payment for supplies and chromebook insurance will be collected during orientation.

Cash or card will be accepted. You can also pay online here:

<https://www.amanicharter.org/supplyfee2022/>

First Full Day of School

The first FULL DAY of school for all scholars will be Friday, September 2, 2022.

Schedule for First Week of School

8/29/2022	Monday	7:50 AM - 1:15 PM	5th Grade Orientation
8/30/2022	Tuesday	7:50 AM - 1:15 PM	6th Grade Orientation
8/31/2022	Wednesday	7:50 AM - 1:15 PM	7th Grade Orientation
9/1/2022	Thursday	7:50 AM - 1:15 PM	8th Grade Orientation
9/2/2022	Friday	7:50 AM - 1:15 PM	All Grades

The full Academic Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year can be found at this link:

<https://www.amanicharter.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Academic-Calendar-2022-2023-websites.pdf>



The Scott Show - VIRTUAL Event

This will be a great opportunity to meet the Amani administration and learn more about the school.

Thursday, August 25, 2022

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

[Scott Show Meeting Link](#)

<https://amanicharter-org.zoom.us/j/86018082260>

Meet The Teacher Night - IN PERSON Event

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

5:30 PM -7:30 PM

We look forward to meeting all of you shortly. In the meantime, we send you peace, joy, light, and laughter. We thank you and we have gratitude for you for choosing to be a part of the Amani Family. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Marketing Manager, Ms. Popoter at mpopoter@amanicharter.org.

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