



Cooper Cafe

*Back to School
2023-24*

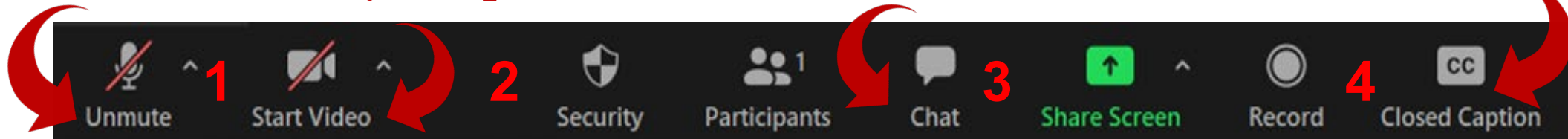
September 1, 2023
6:30 pm via Zoom

Welcome!



Agenda

- Adjustments: Pick Up & Drop Off
 - Programmatic Updates
 - Operations Updates
 - Parent Faculty Association
 - Questions?
1. **Please stay muted** to eliminate background noise.
 2. **Video is encouraged** (but up to you). We would love to see your faces!
 3. **You can turn on live subtitles.** Click on the More link in the toolbar.
 4. **Please ask your questions in the chat, we will answer LIVE.**



Introductions





“Not by pointing to sun-bathed mountain tops do we prove that Phoebus warms the valleys. We must point to homes, average homes, lighted and cheered by the good, the beautiful, and the true. Then and not till then will the whole plateau be lifted into the sunlight.”

Dr. Anna Julia Cooper

School Leaders



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Principal



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Pick Up & Drop Off



Pick-up & Drop-Off (PUDO) Accomplishments

- Our community remains tremendously adaptive. *Thank you* for adroitly responding to modifications in our PUDO process.
- In particular, *drop off has become much smoother.*

Adjustments

- Instead of arriving by 3:40, *parents should arrive by 3:35.*

Why?

- We want to prevent a bottleneck situation with parents picking up students from DC Prep.



Washington Latin Cooper Campus Arrival/Dismissal Map

Approach Drop-off/ Pick-up location under the Franklin Bridge on 8th St

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Cooper faculty walk students to/from door from 8th St

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Drop-off / Pick-up location

8th St NE

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Students enter/ exit through gym door

Avoid our street!
Cooper parking lot closed;
limited street parking

Washington Latin
Cooper Campus
711 Edgewood NE



Programmatic Updates



Aid, assistance, reinforcement, *help*.

- Our teachers are already sharing ***stories of growth*** about our returning students.
- Middle school is challenging and proves that ***we all have room to grow***.
- Auxilium meets ***every student where they are*** by providing academic as well as social and emotional support.

Auxilium Programmatic Offerings

- Executive Functioning
- Math 180
- Read 180
- Civitas
- Public Speaking
- Social Emotional Learning/Counseling
- Book Club
- Latin Support

Student Placement

- A student's placement in Auxilium will be determined ***based on our observations and their scores on our upcoming MAP tests***.



Core Electives at Cooper

“Rhythm and harmony must permeate the soul, and this training ought to end in a passion for beauty.”

Plato, The Republic, 401-402
importance of the Arts

- The classical education places great emphasis on the arts (Truth, **Beauty**, Goodness).
- Our curriculum includes the arts in each grade.

Our courses include ...

- Art
- Theater
- Physical Education
- Music



Wednesdays at Cooper

A Purposeful Break in the Week

- Students *will intensively engage with their dialectic, numeracy and literacy skills*, through the *Touchstones* program. Students will also engage *with the arts*.
- Study Hall; no tutorial
- Ranging from *skateboarding to crocheting to filmmaking*, Arts Block provides students with more than 20 unique offerings in the first semester.

Wednesday	
8:00 - 8:30	ADVISORY
8:35 - 9:48	NUMERACY BLOCK
9:50 - 10:03	MILK BREAK
10:05 - 11:18	LITERACY BLOCK
11:20 - 11:50	ADVISORY LUNCH
11:55 - 12:20	COMMUNITY MEETING
12:20 - 12:50	RECESS
12:55 - 1:43	STUDY HALL
1:45 - 2:58	ARTS BLOCK
3:00 - 3:15	ADVISORY



Tutorial: What is it?

- Tutorial is *an opportunity for students to receive specific support* from their teachers.
- Students may decide they want help from a teacher, or a teacher may ask them to come to tutorial to discuss.
- Students should come *prepared with specific questions* related to a lesson or an assignment.

What are the details?

- Tutorial occurs ***Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:15-3:45.***
- Student should plan to arrive at the start and stay for the full tutorial period.
- There is ***no tutorial on Wednesdays or Fridays***, nor on half days.



Cooper's New Positive Behavior Support System

Starting after Labor Day, the Cooper campus will implement a new system to support students and staff.

- Students will **receive demerits for behaviors that deviate from our school culture**, such as being late to class, using non-permitted devices, disrupting lessons, using foul language, or leaving class without permission.
- Receiving **four or more demerits in the course of one week will earn students a detention**. Detentions last one hour and occur on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30.
- Serving two or more Wednesday detentions in a month will result in a student serving a Saturday detention with Ms. Roberts.



Operations Updates



MAGIS@Cooper - Afterschool Program

Through MAGIS@Cooper we seek to provide a safe, structured space where students can receive enrichment after classes end.

- Participants in MAGIS @ Cooper will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of programs throughout the 2023-24 school year.
- MAGIS @ Cooper will **serve students Monday through Thursday until 6:00 pm**. The program is not offered on Fridays, school holidays, nor half-days.

Offerings include (also on Magis page of latinpcs.org)

- Homework Club, meets every day
- Dungeons & Dragons, meets once per week
- Storybook Writing competition (seasonal opportunity; more details will be forthcoming)
- Coloring Club, meets twice per week
- Community Council, starts in late September and meets once per week

Registration through MySchoolBucks!

See the Make Payments page of latinpcs.org for details or login to MySchoolBucks.

Fee-based program; **reduced fee for students who qualify for Free/Reduced Meals!**



Updates about Buses

- Based on our recent transportation survey, ***we are making adjustments to our transportation plan:***
 - We will be ***combining*** the Hillcrest and Anacostia riderships with the northeast Capitol Hill (9th & Maryland) ridership.
 - The southeast Capitol Hill (8th & Independence) bus ***will run directly*** to Cooper.
- Bus routes and times are available on the website.

Updates about MySchoolBucks

- Bus registration has been ***built into MySchoolBucks.***
- Please set up your MySchoolBucks account!



Family Engagement



Last year's takeaways ...

- You want more chances to engage with Cooper
- You want a structured Parent Faculty Association (PFA)

So ... Please join our PFA!

- Our PFA will connect families, support our school, cultivate a positive connection between families and staff members, and raise funds for student facing activities.
- ***We are looking for:***
 - Two Parent/Guardian representatives per grade
 - PFA Leaders (titles TBD)
- If interested, ***please reach out to Ms. Roberts*** (kroberts@latinpcs.org)



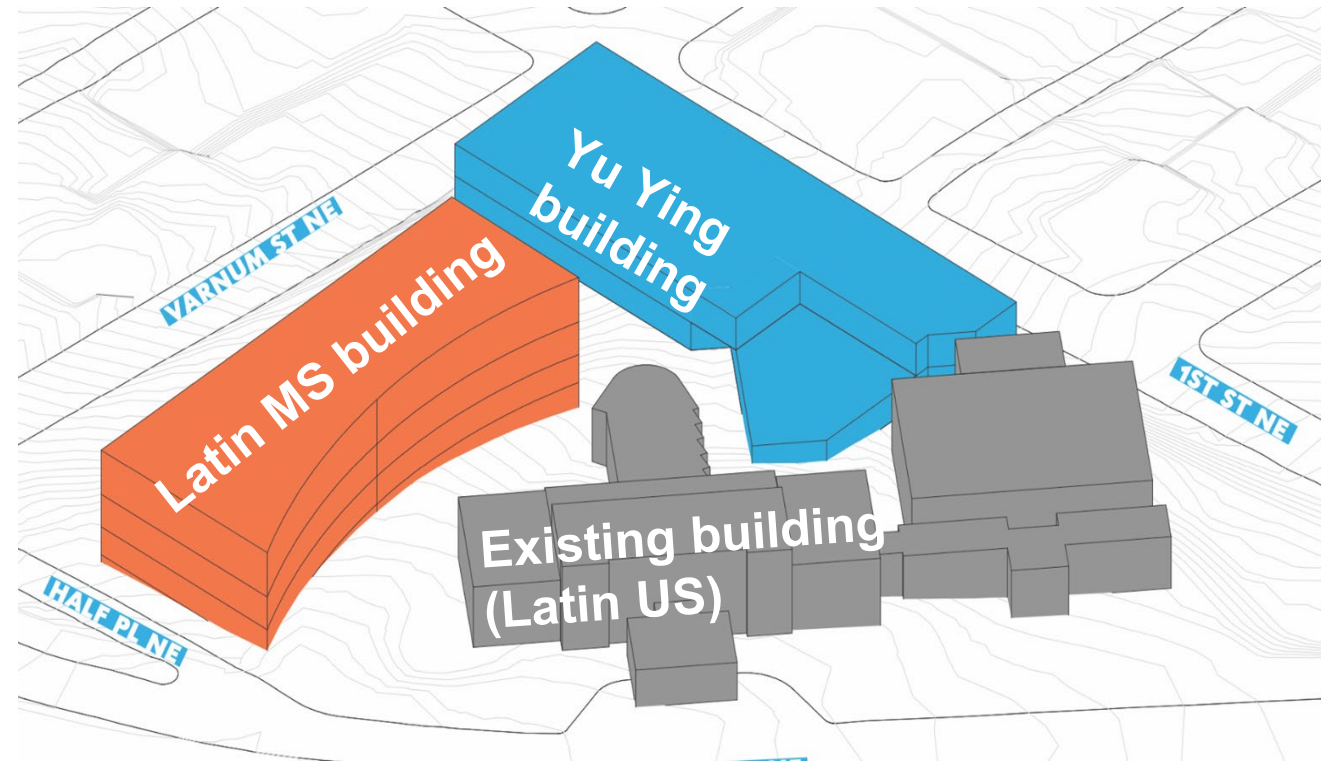


Joint Campus Project



Washington Latin & Washington Yu Ying are planning a joint project at the former Kirov Ballet School.

- **2023-24:** Construction of new building for WYY (**Early Learning PK3-K**)
- **2024-25:** Construction of new Latin building (**Middle School**)
- **2024-25:** Renovation of existing building (**Latin's Upper**)
- **Parking and traffic strategies** will be coordinated with both schools.



Joint Campus @ 4301 Harewood Road NE





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Questions?

