

# Catalyst Academy Principal Newsletter

January 2024

Catalyst Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the 2024 year! Scholars have been focused on wrapping up the second quarter of the year with projects, presentations, assessments, and lots of joy and celebration. We look forward to discussing their progress with you at Scholar Goal Circles on January 31st!

We know you have a choice - thank you for choosing Catalyst!

With appreciation,

Principal Lawrence



## Important Dates

**January 31st:** Scholar Goal Circles

**February 1st:** Black History Month Celebrations Begin!

**February 19th:** No School for Scholars and Staff

## Scholar Goal Circles

### Scholar Goal Circle Details

- During our last round of Scholar Goal Circles, we met with 144 individual families on November 8th! Our goal is to meet with 100% of families face-to-face in order to discuss scholar progress and set goals for the rest of the year.
- To sign up for a Scholar Goal Circle, please use this [link](#). It is very important that you choose the correct classroom/homeroom for your scholar.
- If you can't make it on January 31st and you'd like to schedule a makeup Goal Circle, please reach out to your child's teacher on Dojo.

# Celebrations

## Check Out Our Schoolwide Progress!

- **Attendance Improvements:** Our average daily attendance has improved from 70% to 87% from last year to this year and our chronic absenteeism decreased from 70% to 37%. Thank YOU for ensuring your scholar is at school and on time so that they can learn!
- **STEP Testing:** We are so proud of our scholars' growth on our Winter STEP test! Every single grade showed significantly more growth than last year.
- **MAP Testing Growth:** We look forward to reviewing our Winter MAP data to measure scholar growth and to determine how to best support their individual needs! We had a super successful round of testing - scholars tried hard, had strong attendance, and took their time. Kudos to all!

## Bus Transportation Safety

At Catalyst Academy, we hold our scholars to high expectations in school and on the bus. Over the course of the next few weeks, we will be working with our scholars on how to be leaders and upstanders while riding in our school buses. Please be on the lookout for additional communication regarding this topic and how you can support. Thank you!

## #CatalystJoy

Here's a peek at scholar joy from December and January



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# Spread the Word!

## Referral Incentive

Help us spread the word about Catalyst! If you refer a family who then applies to Catalyst, you will receive a \$25.00 Target gift card per referral.

## Resource Hub

[Catalyst Website](#)

[Catalyst Swag Store](#)