



We promise families a school with a challenging academic program and a culture that values integrity, academic excellence, civic responsibility, and accountability that centers on college and career readiness.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Congratulations! Your child has been selected for admission to Charlton Heston Academy for the 2024-2025 school year.

The Charlton Heston Academy (CHA) school board, administration, and faculty look forward to welcoming you and your child to CHA. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the founding principles of CHA as well as recent updates and clarification.

CHA was established based on the belief that St. Helen and the surrounding areas deserve a world-class education that prepares students for a high quality of life after high school. Thus, the Academy offers education from early childhood through grade 12, The Early College, Workforce Development, international and domestic travel, college course offerings, and Career and Technical Education.

CHA also understands summer learning loss can prevent students from being competitive across the national and global spectrums. The summer session will be optional for all students; however, this session will be filled with a heightened level of project-based and experiential learning. Some students will also participate in local camps as well as CHA-funded athletic and academic camps at Lake Superior State University (LSSU) and other colleges and universities. CHA will also offer Career and Technical Education programs for grades 6-12, and workforce development for students 14 years and older.

The first day of school is August 26, 2024. CHA will host a Parent and Community Open House on Wednesday, August 21st from 5:00-6:00. This event will allow parents and community members the opportunity to meet the staff and assimilate into the CHA Community. In addition, parents will be notified by CHA of the required registration documentation.

We believe all members of the CHA school community should dress for success each and every day. The student uniform/dress policy removes social status by way of clothing from the school environment, which will allow students to better focus on learning. Please be sure your child has the proper uniform each and every school day. The uniform policies/colors/requirements and other information can be found on the CHA website at www.charltonhestonacademy.com.

In addition to the growing academic and athletic programs, facility expansions, and altogether school growth, CHA is also proud to announce the following new programs:

1. Career and Technical Education for high school students. Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, Public Safety, Construction Trades; Information Technology and Video Gaming, Teacher Cadet, and more are being considered.
2. More and more college courses are being offered on-site at CHA for grades 8-12 (Lake Superior State University and Jackson College).
3. The Travel Club continues to expand with more and more students benefiting from both domestic and international travel opportunities.
4. Additional daily school bus routes and stops for even more convenience for parents
5. The free early childhood education program begins at six weeks old through four years, and is also a growing program allowing students to become engaged in formal education even earlier in life

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have questions or concerns. My mobile number is 313-622-9173. Welcome back to the CHA Team for another exciting year!

Educationally Yours,

David Patterson, Superintendent