

Shenandoah Elementary School 3412 Shenandoah Ave St. Louis, MO 63104

Greetings Shenandoah Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. My name is Constance Myers and I am your Family and Community Specialist. I serve in collaboration with the Office of Family and Community Engagement who coordinates the valuable efforts of the Family and Community Specialists. As we kick off the beginning of a successful school year, please allow me to express my gratitude of thanks for giving our district and school this great opportunity to be a strong part of your child(ren) educational journey. I believe that Knowledge is Power....and we have a safe learning environment where we welcome our families to be empowered.

As your Family and Community Specialist, I am committed to engaging parents, school and our community into building valuable relationships and partnerships; bridging the gap between home and school by building better relationships where parents become effective leaders and representatives in the decision-making processes. I am responsible for assisting our school with ensuring that compliance with all district, state, and school policies are met.

In addition to the above responsibilities, I seek out ways to integrate community resources that strengthens our school's programs, aid in assisting families with developing a home-school environment that helps to support our children as students. Studies have shown that when there is a strong connection between home and school, there tends to be a tremendous increase in students' academic achievement and attendance. It is our desire that every student achieve and succeed and together we can continue to make it happen.

We welcome you to be a volunteer and participate in our school's PTO, events/activities, and classroom field trips. A VOLUNTEER APPLICATION MUST BE APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES. https://www.slps.org/Page/24422

The process time take about 4 weeks and must be renewed every 2 years.

I am 'Fired Up and Ready' to gear off the new school year. Once again, thank you for allowing me to be your Family and Community Specialist and as I am reassured that we will excel as a team seeking the best educational journey for our students. I look forward to building stronger and better relationships with all our families. Let's Stay Connected as we are Better Together! Please feel free to contact me via phone or email during regular school hours from 8:05am-3:07pm. Don't forget to visit our district's website at <u>www.slps.org</u> and/or our school's website at <u>https://www.slps.org/shenandoah</u> for updates.

## Raising the Standards by Connecting with Families and Communities Onward

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