



Charlestown-SANDTOWN Connection Newsletter

August 2024

New Song Academy School Supply Drive



The Annual New Song Academy “Back to School Drive” will take place **August 9th through August 16th**. On the last day, Friday, August 16, collection tables will be set up at the Fireside, the Terrace and the Chesapeake between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM. Your donations, supplies or funds, can be dropped off at that time. Prior to the 16th, Please call **Donna Chesson at 443-304-2268** or **Dan Matthews at 410-314-9768** to arrange for pickup of items.

Although all school supplies are welcome, below is a list of the items most requested by teachers and staff.

Glue sticks, pens and pencils, colored pencils (preferred over crayons), hand sanitizer, copy paper, backpacks, age-appropriate books for pre-K through 8th Grade and prepackaged snacks (no peanuts or peanut butter) would be greatly appreciated.

Monetary donations are always appreciated as this allows teachers to purchase what is most needed in their own classrooms and for their students. If you choose to give a check, please write checks to the “**Charlestown-Sandtown-Connection**”

The checks can be brought to the tables on August 16th or sent to **Jim Herman, Treasurer, ST-308**. Donated funds are tax deductible, and you will receive a receipt.

New Song Hires New Principal

Dr. Shaun M. Mason possesses a Doctor of Education in Educational Administration (2013), an Education Specialist Degree in Educational Administration (2010), and holds School Administrator K-12 certifications for the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia. He is a proud HBCU alumni from Hampton University. He also possesses a Superintendent I/ II license in the State of Maryland

ELLIC Session Planned November



Our Neighbors Down the Street: The Story of Sandtown – Then and Now

Date: Friday, November 8, 2024
Location: Charlestown Auditorium
Time: 1 PM - 2:30 PM - **FREE to ALL**

Join us for a deep dive into the history of the Sandtown Community and its unique connection with the Charlestown Community. This course will cover the origins of the relationship and the various programs Charlestown residents have supported over the years. You'll also hear personal stories from Sandtown residents about how these programs have positively impacted their lives. It's a great opportunity to learn about the power of community collaboration and support. Dan Matthews, (HR 513) and Ted Churn (HR 535) developed the program.

Thanks to Dave Douds



David Douds resigned from the cSc Board at the August Board meeting. Lon Chesnutt expressed appreciation for David's contributions as Treasurer and active member over the years.

Jim Herman is now in that position.

Join cSc Working Groups

There are many ways to volunteer to support the SANDTOWN Organizations. The websites linked below describe the work that they do. If you are interested in more information on how you can contribute, please contact the working group leader. The email links are active

- [New Song Community Learning Center](#) - [Donna Chesson](#)
- [No Boundaries](#) - we are looking for a working group leader
- [Jubilee Arts](#) - [Nancy Fayer](#)
- [Turnaround Tuesday](#) - [Jack and Jane Anderson](#)

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