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## 200 Participants. 10 Businesses. 1 Amazing Race Celebrating Multiple Intelligences!

**SCRANTON, PA** — After a year of cancellations and postponements due to COVID-19, students at Howard Gardner MI Charter School in Scranton will enjoy an extra activity to celebrate the end of their school year — an Amazing Race-themed event through the City of Scranton.

Hosted by the Howard Gardner MI Charter School Parent Forum, the Amazing Race is open to all Howard Gardner MI students and their families. This unique event will be held in addition to traditional Field Day activities. It promotes multiple intelligences, supports local businesses, encourages charitable giving, and promises to be a lot of fun, too.

Here's how it works: On Saturday, May 22, students and their families will don their official Amazing Race shirts and head to the school's campus in East Mountain, Scranton, to pick up their first clue. Teams will choose one of four routes featuring 10 Amazing Race locations in Scranton. Clues at each site will focus on eight types of intelligence: Linguistic, Logical-Mathematical, Spatial, Kinesthetic, Musical, Interpersonal, Intrapersonal Intelligence, and Naturalist. As they successfully complete tasks, participants will receive new clues, and drive to the next destination.

The course includes stops at the following locations: Battaglia's Sporting Goods, Blackwatch Café, Courthouse Square, East Scranton Little League Field, Friends of the Poor, Gertrude Hawk Chocolates Lackawanna County Children's Library, Mansour's Market Café & Eatery, and Scranton Running Company.

Students will enjoy a variety of activities, from designing their own chocolate flavor at Gertrude Hawk Chocolates to singing a capella on Courthouse Square, and decorating cookies and cupcakes at Mansour's Market Café & Eatery. When they reach Friends of the Poor, teams will donate canned goods before moving on to their next site. Participants are encouraged to visit as many Amazing Race sites as possible between 1 and 4 p.m., ultimately ending their journey at Nay Aug Park, where the ice cream truck will be waiting for them.

The concept for the Amazing Race was inspired by scavenger hunt birthday parties Parent Forum President Sarah Shoener hosted for her children last winter, when gatherings were restricted. Guests picked up clues at her home, and then received prizes at various locations. It was a safe, fun way to celebrate during COVID-19. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and Shoener realized the concept could be expanded into an event for the school.

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The race was originally designed for remote students, however, once in-person classes resumed, members of the Parent Forum opened registration to *all* students and their families. The Parent Forum will also host a Field Day for students, giving them two ways to celebrate the end of the school year.

To learn more about Howard Gardner MI Charter School, visit [howardgardnerschool.com](http://howardgardnerschool.com), follow them on Facebook, or call 570.941.4100.

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### **About Howard Gardner MI Charter School**

Howard Gardner Multiple Intelligence Charter School is the only public charter school serving the greater Scranton area with students representing 13 nearby school districts. Educating children in grades K-8, the school is tuition-free and annually admits students via a public lottery. The school's mission is influenced by Howard Gardner, a Scranton native and Professor of Cognition and Education at Harvard University, whose groundbreaking theory of multiple intelligences identified a holistic, experiential and personalized approach to educating children.