

IMPORTANT NEWS AND UPDATES FOR PARENTS

May 1st 2020

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si ou bezwen asistans nan tradiksyon, tanpri kontakte Madam Lopez oswa Mesye Frangella*

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND LEARNING

Parents and families, we need your help!

This week we had great attendance numbers. Students are signing in almost every day. We appreciate everything our families are doing to support student learning at home. We know it is not easy and many are struggling right now to manage all of their obligations. Some students this week did not submit assignments for their classes. We want to ensure students are learning even though they are not physically in school. We thank you for your continued support and are here for you if there is anything you need.

Students should use the link below to sign in each day:

<https://forms.gle/jhu2qWYR4a8Lbqv8>

If you have questions about Google classroom or any assignments, please reach out to Ms. Lopez

ADVISORY SESSIONS

Many parents gave us feedback and suggested that we incorporate more real-time learning. Teachers are now implementing real-time office hours and weekly advisory sessions. All students are invited to participate in these resources and we encourage them to be a part of weekly advisory so that they can connect with peers. Please encourage your child to take part in Advisory every Wednesday afternoon. They should check their ms890 email account for the invitation and link.



Weekly schedules for learning can be found on our school website:

<https://www.ms890.org/weekly-learning-overviews.html>

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



#ThankATeacherNYC

From **May 4–8**, NYC schools will celebrate **Teacher Appreciation Week**, the DOE’s annual tribute to the 79,000 educators who help guide the learning and growth of the City’s 1.1 million students every day. Throughout the week, we’ll be encouraging students, parents, teachers, and other DOE staff members to:

Use the DOE’s [Thank You Tool](#) to send customized appreciation emails to any NYC public school teachers between now and **Friday, May 8**;

- Send simple ‘Thank You’ messages to teachers via email or SMS texts; and
- Tell the world how you feel about your favorite teachers on social media by using the hashtag, **#ThankaTeacherNYC!**

We are grateful to City teachers for all that they do to guide, motivate, and support New York’s students, especially during these challenging times. Let us all show our teachers just how much we appreciate their work all week long starting on **Monday, May 4!**

PROGRESS REPORTS

Students and their families will be receiving progress reports next week, based on the work they have been doing so far during this 3rd marking period. These will be sent to parents via email or talking points.

UPDATED GRADING POLICY

This week, the mayor and chancellor announced an updated grading policy for remote learning. Students in grades 6 - 8 will receive **final grades** of “Meets Standards”, “Needs Improvement”, or “Course in Progress” if additional time is needed to complete the course.

To clarify, students will still be held accountable for submitting assignments each week. Students will receive feedback from teachers and their work will continue to be scored. Pupilpath will continue to be updated with grades.

We are currently in marking period 3. **Students will receive an overall number average (out of 100%) for each of their classes during marking period 3.**

For the final grade (for each class), the students’ averages for the three marking periods will then be averaged and that final overall average will be translated into one of three scores:

**MT for “Meeting”
N for “Needs Improvement”
And NX for “Course in Progress/additional time needed”**

Students who receive an NX will receive more time and resources to ensure they are meeting standard. As more information becomes available, we will share this with you.

You can find parent letters about the updated grading policy here:

English version: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/16Dml6MeFEYd8RvZZ2gZPq5m7NnHHpdsV/view>

Spanish Version: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/131q3LpAei1LhEx8lfwOmLTTyPX46Wqe4/view>

Haitian Creole version: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eIWk7zT8bOOZlaC05Rap1dO3bPGS1S3/view>

Arabic version: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kZqwKuNX2gjiR0Hs2lm7KXEbhqiWOncH/view>

Bengali version: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WTf8xfzV4AD3wla5w-0ilimC9TbGZ9HI/view>

Russian version: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kqIS4dZKA6HkRNIGHXitxZBkDhqCuPTz/view>

Urdu version: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CNUdQOd-cyhbs1tzyvPxclwUAHI_exm-/view

PROMOTING POSITIVE SLEEP SCHEDULE AND DAILY ROUTINES

We know many students are struggling to stay on a healthy sleep schedule. Now more than ever, it is important to maintain a daily routine to ensure students are not falling behind and developing unhealthy habits. The quarantine makes this difficult. That is why we would like to share some information and tips about how we can all experience better sleep during this time:



<http://www.med.umich.edu/1libr/SleepDisorders/TipsForSuccessfulSleep.pdf>

CENSUS 2020

Your response matters. Health clinics. Fire departments. Schools. Even roads and highways. The census can shape many different aspects of your community. Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.



The results determine how many seats in Congress each state gets. It's mandated by the U.S. Constitution in Article 1, Section 2: The U.S. has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.

<https://2020census.gov/en.html>

VIRTUAL MENTORING SERVICES

"I RaiseInc" is providing free virtual mentoring services. I'RAISE is now serving children virtually offering daily support yoga/meditation, video games simulation and more. For children ages 4-21

<https://www.iraiseinc.org/virtualprograms>



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Parents - Please share pictures of students learning with us if you would like to share on social media or in the newsletter.