

April 23, 2021

Dear YES Prep Families,

We hope this message finds you safe and well. This week has been another one filled with incredible events we will not forget. First, we again want to take a moment to say his name, George Floyd. In the wake of Tuesday's verdict and every day, we are committed—now more than ever—to eliminating social injustice and teaching empathy and equality in our classrooms as we stand up for, educate and empower the leaders and citizens of tomorrow. While we find some relief in the ruling, we know there is still much work to be done to dismantle racism, anti-blackness and systems of oppression that exist in our country. We stay committed in this work. Secondly, we witnessed NASA's ingenuity flying a helicopter on Mars this week. Although there were setbacks along the way, NASA set their mind on a seemingly insurmountable goal and they ultimately made it happen.

We hope these events this week spark courage, hope and innovation in everyone but especially in our students at YES Prep. In these remaining weeks of this school year, we rally behind them and remain committed to their health, safety, well-being, rigorous education and success on their path to college and beyond.

Thank you for reading this Family Update in its entirety for information, updates, and reminder about stimulus check information and resources for families, COVID-19 vaccines clinics, the Family-School Relationship Survey, STAAR testing, AP Summits and more.

#### Important Dates Reminder

- **April 26** – Registration for AP Summits closes (\*AP Summit will be on May 1 & 8)
- **April 30** – Deadline to complete the Family-School Relationships Survey
- **April 26-May 14** - End of Year Reading and Math MAP testing for students in grades K-2

#### Stimulus Check Information & Resources

The pandemic has created incredible economic challenges in our country and in our communities. We know that many of our families have not claimed their stimulus funds. Recently, the rules changed to increase accessibility, which may impact our families. As such, we have created [a webpage on our site](#) to offer more information and resources to ensure that members of the YES Prep community have received the assistance available to them through the stimulus program.

Please read the information on our webpage carefully. YES Prep wants to make sure you were aware of the information, but for additional details please consult a financial resource. If you have general questions on this topic, please e-mail [updates@yesprep.org](mailto:updates@yesprep.org).

#### COVID-19 Vaccines

As a reminder, YES Prep has partnered with HEB to provide the Moderna two-dose COVID-19 vaccine via vaccine clinics at several of our campuses. These vaccines are **FREE** to all YES Prep staff, students and families who are 18 years of age or older. **As clinics become available at our campuses, our staff will be in touch with you directly with instructions on how to sign up for an appointment.**

We will have four more clinics distributing vaccines on Friday, April 30 (see table below). **If your child is a student at one of these campuses, our staff will be in touch with you directly with instructions on how to sign up for an appointment.** For our remaining campuses, we will be rolling out more clinics in the coming weeks. Please see the 1<sup>st</sup> dose schedule below for locations and dates. Your child's campus will be in touch with you as more information becomes available.



Date	Campus(es)	Additional campuses that can access this site
4/23/2021	Brays Oaks Gulfton	N/A
4/30/2021	Southeast North Central North Forest Eisenhower	Southeast Elementary & Hobby North Central Elementary North Forest Elementary Hoffman
5/7/2021	East End Southside Southwest West White Oak	Southside Elementary
5/14/2021	Fifth Ward Northline Northside Northwest	Thrive  Northbrook MS & Northbrook HS

### Family-School Relationships Survey Closes April 30

On Monday, April 12, you should have received an email from the Panorama Education Team. This is a legitimate email that links directly to your Family-School Relationships Survey. Your feedback on this annual survey is truly invaluable. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts so we can provide the best educational experience possible for your child(ren).

To learn more about the survey, please click [HERE](#). If you did not receive the email from Panorama, please reach out to your campus registrar for assistance. Thanks in advance for your input!

### STAAR Update

STAAR is an important data point for our students, campuses, and district. If you have not yet already, please review the information [on this site](#).

All campuses will be running their regular bus routes on STAAR days. If your student needs to take the bus on their testing day(s), please refer to your campus's most updated routes and stops to find the stop most convenient for your student. The most current routes and stops are posted on your campus website and will be posted through social media. If you need any assistance, please contact the front office of your campus. Buses will continue to follow all COVID safety procedures. If a bus is full before reaching all stops, a second bus will be dispatched to complete the route, or the original bus will drop off the students on campus and then complete the rest of the route.

### AP Update

Last week we shared information with all AP students about registration for upcoming AP Summits (May 1 & 8). AP summits are important opportunities for students to prepare for their exams which may earn college credits while still in high school! Students should register for AP Summits on Eventbrite using the links shared with them in Microsoft Teams.

YES Prep is committed to creating a safe, compliant, and effective testing environment for all AP students that will give them the best opportunity for success. All AP students, including Online at Home students, are expected to complete their AP exams at their home campus. Please contact front desk if you have questions.

Please visit our AP Site for more information.

## Did You Know?

Even at top-rated traditional ISDs, students of color have worse academic outcomes than their white peers, often by wide margins. [But public charter schools are helping reverse these achievement gaps!](#) Underserved students, when provided with the support and opportunities they deserve, thrive.

## Recognizing ACE, Athletics & Operations

This week is Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week! Join us in thanking our Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) and Athletics departments for all they do for our students and families during and after school! Likewise, this week we have been celebrating our Operations (Ops) school staff during Administrative Professionals Week. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our directors of campus operations, operations coordinators, campus medical assistants, receptionists, registrars, School Information System (SIS) clerks and nurses, our campuses run smoothly each and every day.

As always, we would like to thank you for trusting us with the responsibility of educating your children. Thank you for your support and partnership as we continue our commitment to prioritize safety while also working tirelessly to provide the highest quality instruction, online and in-person. Our next Family Update will be on **Friday, April 30**.

Thank you