



Marvel Memo

PARENT NOTES – WEEK 5
For the Week of 4/27 – 5/1



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Video Update #5 - <https://www.facebook.com/WestMarvels/videos/838991923289850>



Hi Marvel families,

We hope that you are all well and we are excited to share some updates as we wrap up our fourth week of Keep YES Prep Learning!

Meal Distribution

Due to staffing limitations, meals are not available at YES Prep West. Families can go to any of the other 11 sites, including Brays Oaks, Gulfton, and Southwest, to pick up meals from 11am – 1pm on Mondays and Thursdays. Families will receive multiple meals at those pick-up times. Meals will be available at these locations from April 20th through August 14th.

U.S. News and World Report

We are excited to announce that YES Prep West has been ranked in the Top 100 High Schools in Texas by US News and World Report earlier this week. Five YES Prep campuses were ranked in the Top 100. Thank you to all the tireless work from all our staff, students and families! See more [here](#).

YES Prep - West

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 **#57 in Texas Rankings**
#350 in National Rankings

YES Prep - West is ranked 57th within Texas. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at YES Prep - West is 100%. The... [READ MORE »](#)

GRADUATION RATE

95%

COLLEGE READINESS

80.9

ENROLLMENT 9-12

460

Family Survey

Please remember to take the **Family Survey by Monday, April 27th**. This survey will allow us to determine the effectiveness of our distance learning program and assess evolving family and community needs. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your perspective so we can Keep YES Prep Learning! The survey can be accessed [here](#) or by going to www.yesprep.org/covid19. Every family that completes the survey will be entered into a raffle for a pizza delivered to their home. We will have 10 winners!

Keep YES Prep Learning

Currently, 99% of students are active on Office365 and are engaging in lessons as part of Keep YES Prep Learning. This is SO exciting. We cannot wait until we can say that 100% of students are participating in the program. Moreover, we had a large number of students completing every assignment during Week 3! This

week, we are rolling out our new, big campus goal. We are aiming for 80% participation on every single assignment! We are so excited that two grade levels – 8th and 10th grade – are within 10% of this goal for their assignments last week. We also had 11 courses meet this goal! In order to provide students with the weekend to get work done during this unprecedented time, **all assignments will now be due at 8 am on Monday**. Please be sure you are completing exit tickets for all lessons by this deadline!

Cap and Gown Pick-Up

Cap and Gown Pick-Up will take place for Seniors at YES Prep West from 3-5pm on Monday, May 4th. Get ready because we guarantee that this will be more than just a typical cap and gown pick up! Seniors, and the families they have in their cars, should be prepared for some fun surprises when they come by their campus during their time slot! Even if you don't have a cap and gown to pick up, we highly encourage you to drive by the campus! All seniors that roll through will be entered into a raffle for YES Prep to provide food for your family currently living in your home to enjoy during a Graduation Virtual Watch Party!

Time	Monday – 5/4	Tuesday – 5/5	Wednesday – 5/6	Thursday – 5/7	Friday – 5/8
9:00 – 11:00am	Southwest	North Central	Southeast	Gulfton	East End
1:00 – 3:00pm	Brays Oaks	North Forest	N/A	White Oak	N/A
3:00 – 5:00pm	West	Northside	Fifth Ward	Eisenhower (@White Oak)	N/A

As our students' and staff's safety is always our number one priority, we will continue to utilize safety guidelines including all staff delivering caps and gown to cars using gloves and wearing masks, engaging in social distancing of at least 6 feet, and asking that students and families do not get out of their cars. We highly encourage all students and families to follow the most updated mandatory mask order for Harris County and wear homemade masks or bandanas. If you didn't order a cap and gown but are interested in getting one be on the lookout for information.

Sincerely,
Ms. Semaan (current Principal) and Ms. Kaveeshwar (future Principal)

ACADEMICS

<https://www.yesprep.org/covid19/academics>

Week 5 Family Guide – **Important Information on AP Testing!**

Check out this week's guide to stay up-to-date on academic information and the grading policy. Click [here](#)!

For Week 5, all assignments are due on Monday 5/04 at 8 AM.

Grading Timeline

Report Type	Grade Reports Available in the Home Access Center
Report Card for A5	Friday, April 17 end of day
Progress Report for A6	Wednesday, April 29 end of day
Report Card for A6	Thursday, May 28 end of day

- Report cards will not be mailed home. Please use [Home Access Center](#) to access Grade Reports.



Keep  yesprep Learning

YES Prep West Teachers' Office Hours

6th Grade Office Hours

Time	Teacher	Subject
9:00-10:00	Washington	ELA
	Hawkins	Science
10:00-11:00	Vu	Math
	Andrade	Math
	Roberts	Social Studies
11:00-12:00	Izuegbu	ELA
	Marquez	Reading Lab
	Chavero	Art
12:00-1:00	Izuegbu	ELA
1:00-2:00		
2:00-3:00	Andrade	Math
	Hawkins	Science
	Chavero	Art
3:00-4:00	Washington	ELA
	Vu	Math
	Roberts	Social Studies
	Marquez	Reading Lab

7th Grade Office Hours

Time	Teacher	Subject
9:00-10:00	Ms. Colson	ELA
	Mrs. Brinson	Math
	Coach Brown	PE
10:00-11:00	Mr. C	Math Lab
	Mrs. Brown	Science
	Ms. Ketcham	Math
11:00-12:00	Ms. Winnie	Reading Lab
	Mr. Jones	Social Studies
	Mrs. Ku	ELA
12:00-1:00	Mrs. Brown	Science
	Coach Brown	PE
1:00-2:00	Ms. Colson	ELA
	Mrs. Brinson	Math
	Ms. Winnie	Reading Lab
2:00-3:00	Mr. C	Math Lab
	Ms. Ketcham	Math
	Mrs. Ku	ELA
3:00-4:00	Mr. Jones	Social Studies

8th Grade Office Hours

Time	Teacher	Subject
9:00-10:00	Nash	Math
	Luna	Science
10:00-11:00	Thompson	ELA
	Alexander	Social Studies
11:00-12:00	Lopez	ELA
	Brusacoram	Tech
	Holmes	Math
12:00-1:00	Lopez	ELA
	Brusacoram	Tech
1:00-2:00	Luna	Science
	Thompson	ELA
2:00-3:00	Alexander	Social Studies
	Nash	Math
	Holmes	Math
3:00-4:00		

9th Grade Office Hours

Time	Teacher	Subject
9:00-10:00	James	Biology
	Adamah	Seminar
10:00-11:00	Uwagboi	Algebra 1
	Reyna	English 1
	Byrd	English 1
11:00-12:00	Sanchez	Algebra I
	Figueroa	World Geo
12:00-1:00	Figueroa	World Geo
	Byrd	English 1
1:00-2:00	Reyna	English 1
	James	Biology
2:00-3:00	Sanchez	Algebra I
	Uwagboi	Algebra 1
3:00-4:00	Adamah	Seminar

10th Grade Office Hours

Time	Teacher	Subject
9:00-10:00	Edwards	Psychology
10:00-11:00	Rucker	English II
11:00-12:00	Rucker	English II
	Charron	World History
	Kono	Chemistry
12:00-1:00	Charron	World History
	Kono	Chemistry
1:00-2:00	Campbell	Art
2:00-3:00	Edwards	Psychology
3:00-4:00		

11th Grade Office Hours

Time	Teacher	Subject
9:00-10:00		
10:00-11:00	Yacoub	Seminar
	Bell	IRC
	Nguyen	Physics
11:00-12:00	Patel	Math
	Cherenfant	History
12:00-1:00	Odetunde	AP Lit
1:00-2:00	Patel	Math
	Yacoub	Seminar
2:00-3:00	Bell	IRC
	Odetunde	AP Lit
3:00-4:00	Cherenfant	History
	Nguyen	Physics

12th Grade Office Hours

Time	Teacher	Subject
9:00-10:00	Linda Garza	Senior Seminar
	Maya Bajwa	Senior Seminar
10:00-11:00	Neri Vallejo	Government
	James Hankins	AP Gov
	Ashleigh Hess	Spanish
11:00-12:00	Luis De Leon	AP English Language
	Miranda Patel	AP Calculus/Algebra II
	Jena Edwards	Fitness/Physical Ed.
12:00-1:00	Neri Vallejo	Government
	Maya Bajwa	Senior Seminar
1:00-2:00	Miranda Patel	AP Calculus/Algebra II
	Ashleigh Hess	Spanish
2:00-3:00	James Hankins	AP Gov
	Jena Edwards	Fitness/Physical Ed.
3:00-4:00	Luis De Leon	AP English Language

COLLEGE INITIATIVES



Ms. Waybright
Director of College Counseling

CLASS OF 2020



Cap and Gown Pickup



Cap and Gown Pick Up will take place between Monday, May 4 and Friday, May 8 at seniors' home campuses. Get ready because we guarantee that this will be more than just a typical cap and gown pick up! Your teachers and campus staff will be waiting to cheer you on and celebrate you from their cars. Seniors, and the families they have in their cars, should be prepared for some fun surprises when they come by their campus during their time slot! Even if you don't have a cap and gown to pick up, we highly encourage you to drive by the campus.



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If you didn't order a cap and gown but are interested in getting one, order online before Tuesday, April 28 and it will be ready for your campus's Cap and Gown Pick Up time. Additional information about ordering opportunities after April 28 will be communicated to seniors directly from their campus.

YES Prep staff are also working to finalize graduation dates and plans for seniors and we'll provide more details by next week!



ACE NEWS



Ms. Castillo
ACE Coordinator

ACE will start a virtual program next week! We will be offering dance, cooking, Girls on the Run and sports. All students are welcome even if they were not enrolled in ACE during the school year. Students will receive instructions on how to join, all classes will be available on Microsoft Teams. Please reach out to Ms. Castillo for any questions at 346-270-3661. Thank you!

ACE Virtual Clubs

Week 1: 4/27/20

INFO	TUESDAY 28	WEDNESDAY 29	THURSDAY 30	FRIDAY 1
<p>How do I join the class?</p> <p>Go to Teams, click Join or create team and copy and paste the class code</p> <p>Can I join if I have never been in ACE?</p> <p>YES! All West students are welcome</p> <p>Questions? Message Ms. Castillo on Teams</p> <p>*GOTR is only for girls who were previously enrolled*</p>	<p>Marvelettes</p> <p>Online dance class with Ms. Campbell 4:30-6 PM</p> <p>West Culinary Institute Online cooking class with Mr. Figueroa 1-2 PM Class Code: 52z3xyt</p>	<p>Marvelettes</p> <p>Online dance class with Ms. Campbell 4:30-6 PM</p> <p>West Culinary Institute Online cooking class with Mr. Figueroa 1-2 PM Class Code: 52z3xyt</p>	<p>Marvelettes</p> <p>Online dance class with Ms. Rucker 4:30-6 PM</p>	<p>Marvelettes</p> <p>Online dance class with Ms. Rucker 4:30-6 PM</p>

CAMPUS OPERATIONS

<https://www.yesprep.org/covid19/meals>



<UPDATE!> Campus Food Distribution

The **West campus will no longer** be a location for families to pick up meals during the weekday. You can still access any of the YES Prep locations listed below. Free breakfast and lunch meals are available on **Mondays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** to all children 18 and under. Pickup can be either curbside/walk-up or drive thru.

If a child cannot be present, YES Prep must identify eligible children in one of the following ways:

1. School student ID card
2. Birth certificate for children not in school
3. Individual student report card
4. Any official document from a school, such as an application or attendance record

Free Meals for Students

Mondays & Thursdays

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Distribution Sites

- Brays Oaks
- East End
- Fifth Ward
- Gulfton
- North Forest
- Northline
- Northside
- Southeast
- Southwest
- Southside
- White Oak



School Front Office Hours

If you need to contact your school for questions, the school front office hours are Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm noon. West's front office number is **713-967-8200**.

STUDENT SUPPORT

[Student Assistance Form](#) • [Bullying Prevention Tips](#) • [David's Law Overview](#)



Ms. Warner
Middle School Counselor



Ms. Sifflet
High School Counselor

Counselors Checking In!

We hope this message finds you in great spirits and good health. We realize a lot has happened since we last shared spaces with each other and we wanted to let you all know even though we're separated by distance, our commitment to supporting you all remains the same. Check out the video below to learn about the various ways we are here to support you and how to get in touch with us! <https://youtu.be/IOEesy23Z3o>

Helpful Resources for Your Family

The link below provides a list of organizations that can help you with specific needs during this time such as medical needs, mental health, food and housing assistance.

<https://www.houstontx.gov/obo/COVID-19-Houston-Resource-Pack.pdf>

Online Trainings by CrimeStoppers

CrimeStoppers is offering online trainings for students and families on virtual safety. This is a great resource for you and your family especially due to the increased reliance on technology and online usage at this time. We encourage you to check out the link below detailing the online trainings available.

https://crime-stoppers.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CS-Virtual-Safety-Presentation-Calendar_aprilmayadditions.pdf

HOME OFFICE

<https://www.yesprep.org/covid19>

ALL YES PREP SCHOOLS WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

U.S. News and World Report Rankings

Earlier this week, [U.S. News and World Report](#) released its 2020 rankings of the nation's best high schools, and all 10 eligible YES Prep schools are in the top 10% in the country! Plus, we have 5 of the top 100 schools in Texas. We're also the district with the highest percentage of our schools (45%) ranked among the top in our metro area, with YES Prep taking 5 of the top 25 spots in Greater Houston. We are over the moon, proud of our YES Prep students and grateful to our teachers and staff, who are providing all students with a college-ready education and increasing the number of students from underserved communities who graduate from college prepared to lead!



YES Prep - West

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#350 in National Rankings

Overall Score 98.03/100

All Rankings

🏆 **#350 in National Rankings**

🏆 **#57 in Texas High Schools**

🏆 **#16 in Houston, TX Metro Area High Schools**

🏆 **#4 in YES Prep Public Schools Inc. High Schools**

🏆 **#80 in Charter High Schools**

Family Survey

How is “Keep YES Prep Learning” going for you and your family? YES Prep asks for your feedback by clicking on this [link](#) to take a brief survey. The questions will help us understand how the program is going and will inform us of the needs of our school community. Take the survey at this [link](#) by Monday, April 27. Our entire school community plays an important role as a partner in the education of every student. During this extended school closure, we want to work together to address issues that affect students’ equitable access to educational experiences. Thank you for your participation! Thank you again for trusting us with the responsibility of educating your children. We know these are challenging times but please know YES Prep is still here and eager to support you and our students.

PARENT SURVEY 2019-2020

26-question survey on the effectiveness of our distance learning program and assessing the evolving needs of our families.

START >

Please complete
by April 27



Senior Signing Day 2020: Save the Date!

Each year our district comes together to celebrate our seniors and their commitment to pursue higher education on Senior Signing Day. Although COVID-19 has altered the day-to-day life for all of us, we remain firmly committed to keeping this tradition alive and making it a memorable experience for the Class of 2020. This year, we will create a virtual Senior Signing Day experience on May 19 at 7 p.m. Seniors are receiving participation instructions from campus staff this week and next week. Stay tuned for more details!

MARVELOUS MARVEL MOMENTS

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