



Marvel Memo

PARENT NOTES – WEEK 8
For the Week of 5/18 – 5/22



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Video Update #8 - <https://www.facebook.com/WestMarvels/videos/242323017195759>



Hi Marvel families,

It is hard to believe that we will be entering our FINAL week of formal lessons as part of Keep YES Prep Learning next week.

As we wrap up this school year, we have numerous events that we cannot wait to share with staff and students. We will have our virtual YES Prep Talent Show, events for Asian and Pacific Island American Month, and multiple individual grade level events. Students will also complete reflections on this school year and think about their future goals moving forward. Look for a comprehensive schedule for the week of May 26-28th on social media next week!

Even as we enter summer break, meals will continue to be available at 11 YES Prep sites, including Brays Oaks, Gulfton, and Southwest, from 11am – 1pm on Mondays and Thursdays through August 14th. Families will receive multiple meals at those pick-up times.

Keep YES Prep Learning

As a reminder, **all assignments are due at 8am on Monday**. Please be sure you are completing exit tickets for all lessons by this deadline! Shout out to high school students for increasing your participation this past week. We are excited to see how engaged all students were this week as we wrap up our best week yet!

AP Testing began this past week. Shout out to all our students that took AP government, AP calculus, and AP English Literature this past week. Good luck to our Marvels taking environmental science, psychology, English language, and Spanish language next week! Good luck to all our Marvels that are taking AP tests in the coming two weeks. You have worked incredibly hard with the support of your teachers and we cannot wait to see the results of your efforts.

Exam Start Time	Monday May 18	Tuesday May 19	Wednesday May 20	Thursday May 21	Friday May 22
11:00 am		Music Theory			
1:00 pm	Biology	Psychology	English Language and Composition	World History: Modern	Statistics
3:00 pm	Environmental Science				Spanish Language and Culture

Senior Signing Day

Senior Signing Day will occur virtually at 7pm on May 19th. That is only 4 days away! Shout out to the seniors for submitting their videos. Can't wait to see where you declare! Everyone – make sure you watch to celebrate your fellow Marvels and their hard work!

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

CAMPUS CULTURE



May 15, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Supporters of YES Prep West –

I am writing to inform you of a very important update for the **upcoming 2020-2021 school year**. As many of you know, **Mrs. Roshunda Brown** has been an integral part of the West community for the last several years. It is with excitement for her family and with deep sadness for the West community that I announce that she will be transitioning out of her role as Middle School Dean of Students at the end of this school year. Mrs. Brown and her family will be moving back to her hometown of Memphis, Tennessee in order to be closer to her family.

Because YES Prep West is a family-oriented school and I care so deeply about our community, it is with great pride that I introduce and transition **Mr. Gaquez Jackson** as the next Middle School Dean of Students beginning in August of 2020. Mr. Jackson has been a teacher at YES Prep for several years and believes deeply in a strong and family-oriented school culture. He comes to this work as a successful educator and previous Grade Level Chair and works to ensure that all children are safe, learning and growing.

Mr. Jackson and I value your trust and your support of YES Prep West. We look forward to continuing our work together as we transition into a new school year.

Thank you for all of the support you have provided the West community. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me, Reem Semaan, via email.

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ACADEMICS

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

Week 8 Family Guide

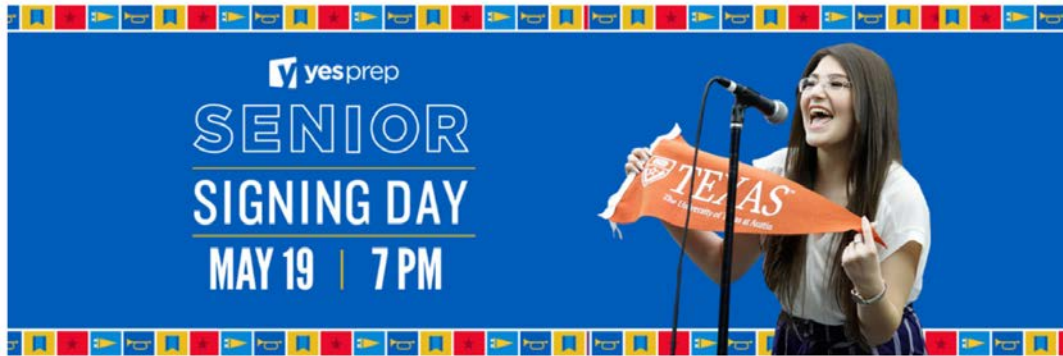
Check out this week's guide to stay up-to-date on academic information and the grading policy. Click [here](#)!



COLLEGE INITIATIVES



Ms. Waybright
Director of College Counseling



Senior Signing Day

- **WHEN/WHERE:** Please join us in celebrating our seniors on **Tuesday, May 19 at 7p.m.** by heading to our website and watching their declaration videos at [yesprep.org/SeniorSigningDay](https://www.yesprep.org/SeniorSigningDay).
 - *Videos will be posted on May 19 at 7pm.
- **HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** We will also be hosting a live social media wall on the website, so don't forget to show your support for our seniors on Twitter and Instagram by posting and using the hashtag **#SSD2020**. We also encourage you to use these additional hashtags: **#AgainstAllOdds**, and **#CollegeSigningDay!**
- We can't wait to see where the Class of 2020 is heading after graduation!

Senior Graduation

- YES Prep's graduation website: <https://www.yesprep.org/about/system-wide-events/commencement>
- **Virtual Graduation:**
 - Our online graduation ceremony will occur within the same time frame as our original graduation date, and it will be live-streamed online.
 - **Saturday, May 30 at 3:00 pm.**
- **In-Person Graduation:**
 - Tentatively scheduled for **August 1 OR August 2 at Bayou City Event Center**, where we've held past graduations.

CAMPUS OPERATIONS

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



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

Houston Food Bank Summer Food Service Program

The Houston Food Bank is offering **SFSP* at Home** meals to eligible children under age 18 during the COVID-19 pandemic. (*Summer Food Service Program). Parents/guardians may apply and provide consent for a weekly home delivery of 5 frozen lunches and 5 shelf stable breakfasts for children in their household. See the flyer below for more information!

Apply Here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/summerfeedingenglish>

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Parents/guardians may apply and provide consent for a weekly home delivery of 5 frozen lunches and 5 shelf stable breakfasts for children in their household.

One application per household.

Applications may be completed on a phone or computer. All information is confidential and will only be used to confirm eligibility, determine children are not receiving meals elsewhere, and provide details for delivery.

SFSP at Home can replace breakfasts and lunches kids were receiving at school.

All meals meet USDA nutrition guidelines.

Children meeting these criteria may be able to receive home delivered meals if:

- They reside in area not served by SFSP or other USDA meals from a school district
- Qualify for FRL, SNAP, other federal assistance program or be income eligible
- They live in an eligible area (50%+ FRL status school)
- They are not able to access meals served elsewhere due to transportation, disability or other reasons



Questions?

**Call the Houston Food Bank
at 832-369-9390**

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

HOME OFFICE

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

End of Year Closeout

YES Prep Public Schools is committed to providing safe opportunities to close out the school year given the current circumstances regarding COVID – 19. As such, below are several updates regarding end of year closeout.

- **Locker Cleanout & Textbook Return - SENIORS ONLY**
 - **Who: ONLY** Seniors will partake in locker cleanout & textbook return at this time.
 - **When:** May 18th – June 12th. Campuses will be contacting families with a specific update regarding when they will be expecting seniors to pick up items left in their lockers and to return their textbooks.
 - **Additional Information:** Locker Cleanout & Textbook Return for current 6th – 11th graders will be part of our reopening plan at the beginning of next school year.
- **Returning YES Prep Issued Laptop & Charger**
 - **Who:** All borrowed laptops and chargers for students in 6th – 12th grade are expected to be returned EXCEPT students who will participate in Credit Recovery, ACE, or are in Special Education.
 - **When:** May 26th – June 12th. Campuses will be contacting you with a specific update regarding when families will be expecting to return YES Prep Issued Laptops & Chargers.
- **Final Report Card**
 - Your students final report card for the 2019 – 2020 School Year will be mailed between June 1st – June 12th, 2020

If you have any questions regarding the topics above, please reach out to your campus front office between the hours of 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM between Monday – Friday.



Family Communication Letter

Click [here](#) to read the most recent updates from YES Prep!

MARVELOUS MARVEL MOMENTS

CHECK OUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES: Instagram - [@yesprewestmarvels](#) • Facebook - [@West Marvels](#)