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PARENT NOTES – WEEK 4
For the Week of 4/20 – 4/24



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Video Update #4 - <https://www.facebook.com/309434182429069/videos/624154474980561>



Hi Marvel families,

We hope that you are all well and we are excited to share some updates as we wrap up our third week of Keep YES Prep Learning. Due to staffing limitations, meals will no longer be 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.

Report card grades for A5 will be available on the Home Access Center starting Friday April 16th, after 4pm. There will be videos posted on our social media sites that will remind students and families on how to log onto the Home Access Center. Families will receive an individual email to remind them of their log-in. Please reach out to the Front Office with any questions.

Keep YES Prep Learning

Currently, 98% 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.

This week, we are rolling out our new, big campus goal. We are aiming for 80% of students to complete ALL of their assignments each week. We already have courses that are meeting this goal - Sci 7, Sci 8, ELA, Biology, Geometry/Alg. II, Chemistry, World History, Physics, and Psychology. Seven more courses are within 10% of this goal! Shout out to our 8th graders with the highest participation at 74%. Look out for more incentives and activities to increase engagement in the coming weeks.

To the Class of 2020

We know this is a trying, emotional time. With news of the altered format for Senior Signing Day, some of you may be feeling sadness and disappointment. We know it is not the same and we are doing our best to make sure that we are finding a way to continue the excitement and keep everyone safe. We cannot wait for the live streamed Senior Signing Day that will happen on May 19th. Last week, Ms. Waybright hosted a focus group to continue to explore ideas and options for making your senior experience as meaningful as possible, even as we continue into the summer before you head off into college!

Sincerely,

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

ACADEMICS

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

Week 4 Family Guide

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

NEW For Week 4, all assignments are due on Monday 4/27 at 8am.

During A6 (April 6th – May 22nd, 2020)

Grading During Keep YES Prep Learning: Policy

- For A6, students will receive equally-weighted, achievement-based grades on assignments based on the mini-lessons in each class.
- Grades in A6 can only improve students' scores for the semester; as such, we encourage students to correct their work, but we will not offer graded reassessment opportunities. Common Assessment 2 will still count as 7% of the semester grade, with the exception of courses that did not test prior to closure.
- We are currently studying the potential impacts of GPA. Our goal is to make a decision that is in the best interest of our students and their college access. We will update this document once we have made a decision.

Grading Timeline *NEW*

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

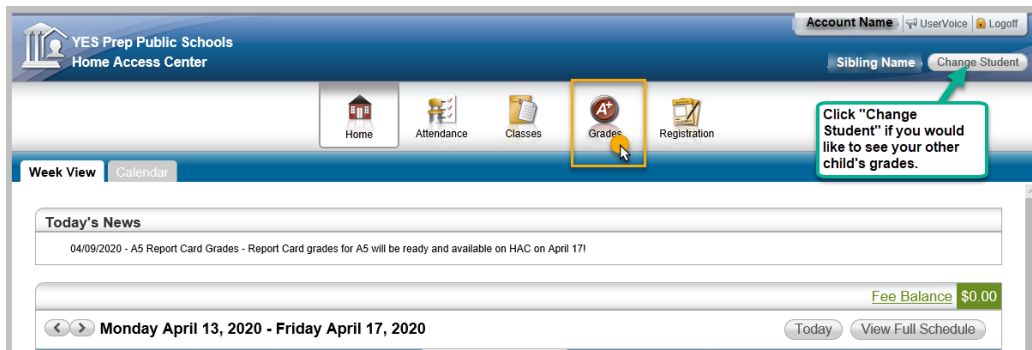
- Report cards will not be mailed home. Please use [Home Access Center](#) to access Grade Reports.
- You can check grades in the [Home Access Center](#) at any time.

View Your Student's Grades in Home Access Center

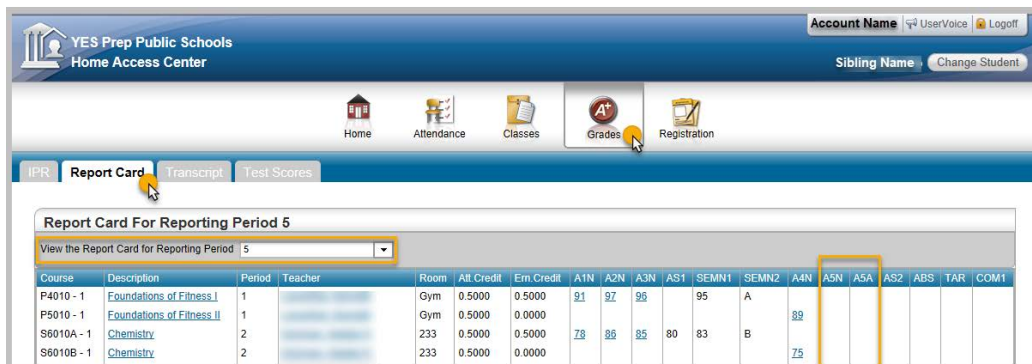
You can look up your student's grades online. Go to the [Home Access Center](#) and follow the guide below!

Enter your username and password. If you do not know your username or password, you can contact your student's front office staff between 9:00 AM – 12:00PM, Monday – Friday. Click Login, the home page will appear next.

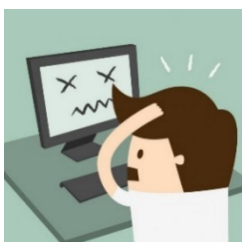
Click on the "Grades" icon in the top banner, to view your child's grades.



Select the Report Card, or IPR (Progress Report) tabs to view current grades.



For questions regarding the Home Access Center, contact the front office between 9am – 12pm at **713-967-8200**.
You can also watch this video for more information on the Home Access Center:



Need Help With Technology?

If your student is having trouble with their Microsoft Account, YES Prep issued laptop/hotspot, or you do not have access to a device or WI-FI, follow this link:
<https://www.yesprep.org/covid19/academics/helpdesk>

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

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**.

COLLEGE INITIATIVES



Ms. Waybright
Director of College Counseling

College Counseling

- At this point, ALL seniors should have signed up for their 1st advising session with their College Counselor.
- The purpose is to see where they're at with their college admissions, financial aid, decisions, next pathway, etc. and to receive guidance about next steps.
- If possible, parents/guardians are encouraged to join the virtual meeting!

Seminar Instruction

- At the beginning of each week, Seminar teachers post the lessons and assignments for the week.
- This past week, this has been the focus:
 - **Junior Seminar:** Continuing to work on their first essay for college by completing ApplyTexas Essay Prompt A
 - **Senior Seminar:** Completing their Award Letter Analyzer excel with the financial aid they've received from each of their colleges

Senior Focus Group

- On Thursday, May 16, Mrs. Waybright held a Senior Focus Group for the Class of 2020 to provide updates and allow them to share their questions, concerns, and feedback.
 - **Online Learning**
 - *Because they're graduating this semester, it's very important that seniors complete their assignments on Teams and pass their classes.*
 - *College Counselors send the Final Transcript to the colleges seniors plan on matriculating at.*
 - *Staying on top of their instruction, assignments, and deadlines also help prepare them for the rigor of college courses.*
 - **Senior Signing Day**
 - *Will occur virtually on **Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 pm CST!***
 - *Over the next two weeks, seniors will be working on recording and submitting a video with their declaration. This will occur through their Senior Seminar Teams page. Home Office will be compiling the videos for the campus link.*
 - *YES Prep will share a link for each campus to "livestream" their campus' senior declarations! More details to come.*
 - **Senior Events**
 - *Home Office and West's Culture Crew are working on how to make events like graduation, prom, and the Gowning Ceremony happen.*
 - *Any updates will be shared on the Seminar Teams page.*
 - **Graduation**
 - *Herff Jones is working on how to distribute senior orders (cap and gown, class ring, etc.).*
 - *If you'd like to order for your senior: www.hjgradcenter.com*

- Any updates will be shared on the Seminar Teams page.
- **College Matriculation**
 - There are still deadlines for seniors to commit to their college.
 - Decision Day (when they commit/submit an enrollment deposit) is usually May 1st; however, some colleges have extended their deadline to June 1st.
 - It's very important that seniors are checking in with their College Counselor about their next steps.

Alumni Support

- The **COVID-19 Alumni Scholarship Survey** is temporarily closed. Home Office is waiting on a new process to be approved. Once the survey re-opens, the Alumni Affairs team and I will share it on our respective Instagram pages (@yesprepalumni and @ypw.college.initiatives).
- On **Wednesday, April 22**, @yesprepalumni will go Live on Instagram to check-in with and answer alumni questions!

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.

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

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