WAGNER WEEKLY WRAP-UP

OCTOBER 4, 2021

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 11 NO SCHOOL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY/ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY

OCTOBER 12 SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING 5:00 PM

PARENT ASSOCITATION MEETING 6:00 PM

OCTOBER 15 WAGNER SPIRIT DAY/ATHLETIC WEAR

OCTOBER 29 WAGNER SPIRIT DAY/ HALLOWEEN

OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER 1 FIRST DAY OF AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

NOVEMBER 2 NO SCHOOL ELECTION DAY

NOVEMEBR 9 SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING 5:00 PM

PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING 6:00 PM

NOVEMBER 10 EVENING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

NOVEMEBR 11 NO SCHOOL VETERAN’S DAY

NOVEMBER 12 AFTERNOON PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 12:30 PM- 2:30 PM

NOVEMBER 25 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

NOVEMBER 26 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIIVNG HOLIDAY

**NYCDOE UPDATE:  Face Covering Policy**

The DOE’s face covering policy has been updated to align with the NYS Commissioner of Health’s determination that all persons entering a NYC Department of Education building must wear a face covering. This policy provides schools with examples of how they can use age and developmentally appropriate strategies to support children towards improving mask tolerance and includes steps to take when children will not wear face coverings (not including children with approved mask exemptions). We are delighted to share that our students have been phenomenal at taking care of themselves and each other by wearing their face coverings.

If your child is not medically able to tolerate a mask, please let your school know so that an alternative [accommodation](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/504-accommodations-student-and-family-guide) can be provided. For questions about the face covering policy, please contact your school.

### NYCDOE UPDATE:  SUBMITTING COVID TESTING FORMS

Starting Monday, September 27, the DOE has increased random COVID-19 testing in all elementary, middle, and high schools for students in grades 1-12 from biweekly to weekly. We can only test students whose parents have provided an updated testing consent form to their school. You are encouraged to provide this consent for your child if you have not done so. If you have already submitted a testing consent form for the 2021-22 school year, that consent form remains in effect. If you have not yet submitted your consent, you can do so one of two ways:

* Fill out the form using your NYC Schools Account (NYCSA): schoolsaccount.nyc or
* Download the form online at [schools.nyc.gov/covidtesting](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/health-and-wellness/covid-information/covid-19-testing-for-students) and bring the completed form to your child’s school.

**NYCDOE UPDATE: Specialized High School Admissions Test**

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All current 8th and first-time 9th grade students who live in New York City can apply to high school and test and/or audition to apply to the Specialized High Schools during the 2021-2022 school year. In mid-October, you’ll get your child’s welcome letter with details on how to access your MySchools account and participate.

SHSAT UPDATE

Today, we have updates for students interested in applying to any/all of the eight testing [Specialized High Schools](https://schools.nyc.gov/SHS). You apply to these schools by registering for and then taking the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT); offers are made based on each student’s SHSAT score, their school preferences, and seat availability. Here’s what to do, when:

* Prepare. Detailed test information, sample tests, and information about testing accommodations are available [on our website](http://schools.nyc.gov/SHS).
* Register. Registration will open in mid-October 2021. Specific registration dates are coming soon!
* Test. All registered students will take the SHSAT in December 2021. When specific test dates and other information become available, we will send an update.

MORE UPDATES ARE COMING SOON, INCLUDING:

* When to submit your high school application, the way to apply to most of the city’s 700+ program options.
* When and how to register for programs at Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts, NYC’s audition Specialized High School, which uses a separate admissions process.
* How to audition for arts programs at high schools across the city, including LaGuardia.

WHAT TO DO NOW

* Visit [schools.nyc.gov/High](https://schools.nyc.gov/High) and [schools.nyc.gov/SHS](https://schools.nyc.gov/SHS) to get the latest information and watch our video series to learn how to participate in high school admissions. For in-depth information, read last year's digital [High School and Specialized High Schools Admissions Guide](https://schools.nyc.gov/HSGuide). Please note that some resources and information will be updated this fall to reflect any changes for 2022 admissions.
* Start exploring high school program options in the [MySchools.nyc high school directory](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmyschools.nyc%2Fschools%2Fhigh-school&data=04%7C01%7CREckhardt3%40schools.nyc.gov%7C46c6aa7a74d84784a14f08d97c5c3807%7C18492cb7ef45456185710c42e5f7ac07%7C0%7C0%7C637677557781208242%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=WEpLKj1oKsPRtvWZMfW4Miv%2BuUWF2ACNZYZFNc05H0o%3D&reserved=0). You don’t need to log in or create an account to use the online directory!

Questions? Talk to your child’s current school counselor or email HSEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov.

**UPDATE: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Card for Food**

Every single NYC public school student is automatically eligible—regardless of income or immigration status. No application or registration is required. P-EBT does not affect any other benefits or public charge status. Students in parochial or charter schools may be eligible if their school participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).  For more information, please check out the links below.

* [P-EBT Guidance (English)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ah9EcHkW2ef7AKJAA4D8tizcNhZ4lvcE/view?usp=sharing)
* [P-EBT Guidance (Spanish)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qK2zZeipfpf3E74u5eiAitSQs0t0dC1V/view?usp=sharing)
* [P-EBT Guidance (Haitian Creole)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kLgMnWrh9n3Y3dHh02YyOhQH1-PJyG7a/view?usp=sharing)
* [P-EBT Guidance (French)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FRaZTauityOcQcxWXk7pxVwRlt5gOONp/view?usp=sharing)

For detailed instructions on how to replace your P-EBT card, see below:

* [P-EBT Replacement (English)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ok6ZOgYtRTwpy9aC7hcOxonD3TOahT8k/view?usp=sharing)
* [P-EBT Replacement (Spanish)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JJsEnbo18kafQEJV8ToDh97up6zpoOoQ/view?usp=sharing)

#### School Building Visitors

All visitors aged 12 and older must show proof of at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccination to enter a school building. Visitors do not include students attending school in a DOE building. This proof may be provided in several ways, please see [schools.nyc.gov/2021health](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/health-and-wellness/covid-information/health-and-safety-in-our-schools) for more information.

In order to enter the building, a visitor must:​

* show identification,​
* have proof of vaccination, ​
* complete the daily health screening form, and​
* wear a face covering. ​

Staff, contractors, and volunteers remain required to provide proof of vaccination (1 dose) by October 4, 2021.  Staff must upload proof to the [DOE Vaccination Portal](https://vaccine.schools.nyc).