



## School Notes – October 15 th

### ALL PARENTS

1. We hope you had a nice three day weekend. Almost everyone has been conscientious about health protocols in and around school. (We still have a few adults showing up at dismissal without masks!) We hope you are being just as careful AWAY FROM SCHOOL. Tracking has shown that many outbreaks start with social or family events not connected with school. Masks and social distancing are for all the time, everywhere. Stay vigilant!! Please review the Superintendents letter regarding protocol that must be followed. This was emailed to you on Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>.
2. Progress Report will be sent to you on Friday October 23. Please look out for an email/ClassTag message from your child's teacher.
3. Extended Learning Day – You should have received an email a week ago regarding a FREE program open to all our students (K-8). These are the same people who ran our virtual Summer Program. If you are interested, please register ASAP. Registration runs through 15 October and is "first come, first served." Get extra instruction for your child after school or on Saturdays and it's all free!
4. Speaking of tuition, October payment is due next week. That is your third payment of the year, but we already have a number of families behind. School policy for three months behind is suspension from class. I dislike that step and I know things are tough but we can't run the school without tuition. Thank you for your understanding.
5. Income Survey form was sent home a few weeks ago. It was also posted on Class Tag. (students in school received a paper copy). We do this every year. It helps drive government aid to our school. All information is confidential and kept at school! Thank you to the parents who have already completed this and returned it to us. If you have not completed the form, please take the time to fill out the form and return it to school. We only need one form per family. Please take a picture of the completed form if you are remote or email it back to: [marmonta@stphilipneribronx.org](mailto:marmonta@stphilipneribronx.org)
6. In honor of those who have battled Cancer, students will be able to dress down tomorrow wearing either a pink, red, purple or black shirt tomorrow. Please remember **DO NOT** wear any jeans with holes in them. **Tomorrow is Cohort B. Children who are remote may participate.**

### REMOTE PARENTS

7. If you have a question for teachers, **please email them**. Do not use the chat box (that's for students.) And please, DO NOT go into the zoom meeting. That would be like you walking into the classroom! I had an incident last week. It's not fair to all the other students in your child's class. Also parents be mindful that your child is live on Zoom, please check to make sure your child's computer is muted before addressing your child or please have the conversation in another room, as well as making sure everyone is dressed appropriately before walking by the computer camera. Confidentiality/privacy is very important to us and would like to maintain those boundaries.

8. Reminders: All students MUST SIGN IN each morning according to the teacher's directions. This is not optional. The CAMERA must be on all day, with the exception of lunchtime, restroom, or with the teacher's permission. The chat box is only for communicating with the teacher. Students not following these rules will have points deducted from their grades. This is not last spring, when we were "making it up" as we went along. Remote learning is well organized and here to stay. We have 160 students at home, learning remotely. About 130 are doing a good job. The other 30 or so need to complete all missing assignments. Report cards come out next month don't allow yourself to fall behind, you need to catch up. Parents it's okay to say let me see what you are working on when your child is on Google Classroom. Parents I will be posting a video on how to use Google Classroom so you can understand the platform your child is using.

#### IN-SCHOOL PARENTS

9. PLEASE do not send your child to school if they are sick. Giving them medication in the morning is not the answer. We have had 2 occurrences in the last week! You must carefully assess your child's condition and take their temperature before sending them to school. As you might guess, handling a sick child in school during this pandemic is a lot more complicated than in the past. If your child is sent home sick, he/she may not return without a negative COVID test! If your child stays home, he/she can get the work on Google Classroom.