

PTA MEETING – ZOOM December 9, 2020 @ 6pm

Alicia Perez Katz

Co- Presidents: Beth Kufeld and Becky Burgoon

Beth- no new business, quiet hoping will start in person in January for people who chose the hybrid program

Baruch “swag” – Eric Goldberg working on online store for Baruch merchandise. WE have inventory and email will send out what we have in stock with pictures and we can arrange to have existing merchandise get to you by holiday.

9th grade – meet and grade for new families, about 35-40 students are currently signed up to attend. It is on Thursday Dec 17th

Ms Katz:

NO updates in terms of when we will go back to school. HS will open later, she has not idea. No more opt-in periods. Things are changing frequently.

Documents = has all links to child’s schedule by grade as well as office hours for the teachers. Office hours used to support students. Spanish students doing small group meetings on zoom. Report cards In. NYC Student accounts. Can see attendance, transcript and IEP information. My Keyzer sends out transcripts as needed.

Student Govt putting on a Talent Show next week. PTA supporting prizes for creative categories. School wide read out Jan 25- STAMPED. We will purchase ebook for student if they need it. Adult group discussed this book as well. Semester ends Feb 1. NO Regents exams. Used that week to kids catch up time. No student can receive Failing grade, will have to make up work to pass the class. NX means incomplete and will give you a plan with assignments needed to complete to get credit for class.

Changing electives in Jan.

11th – college prep course

9th grade- Sr mentor program will meet with SRs.

Idea to take quarantine and make it positive. Doing projects

10th grade Lord of the Flies character presentations.

11th grade- create on advertisement -studying Rhetoric

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Amazed at how much we can do through this virtual platform.

Annie Howell – parent space Monthly meetings Racism in America. Study group can change topic at some time but this is the topic now. Partner with Student Equity team to have an event to cross Converse about the book Stamped. Audio book

As of now, regents are cancelled will keep teaching and days of instruction. Will do special event or catch-up assignments and be creative with the time.

Planning on Regents in June dates.

School breaks are on schedule.

Sandra – email her directly for details about the 9th grade meet up.

Since schools are closed- PSAL not happening for sports. No after school programs. Encourage parents to connect to help kids get together and practice sports.

IS there an improvement in camera usage for students, especially the 9th where the kids don't know anyone or see others. It is a problem. There is a negative impact with no face- to- face learning. The school cannot mandate for them to use camera. Use camera and you can boost your grade.

10th graders made a plea to not have their cameras on. They don't want people staring at them. Have a day to class time to socialize. Cameras on or off, important that kids are engaged. Possibly have a 15 minute time frame where everyone needs to turn their camera on.

Alicia- teacher- just checking students work takes 3 times the amount of time. Teachers need to click on documents instead of just seeing their paperwork. Students had anxiety of seeing themselves on camera. Balance of not isolating students while encouraging others. If you can't have your camera put a picture of your choice

Teachers are trying break out rooms. Discussed ideas to get more students put their cameras on so the whole class can be engaged. Students are becoming more isolated.

Students can create their own Zooms without the teachers – let your children know they can meet during a free period.

Email PTA with any questions.