

Dear Families:

We hope everyone is doing well, staying safe and staying healthy! So far, we have our Phase I and Phase II students on campus, and will be welcoming our on-campus 7th, 8th, 10th, and 11th graders for Phase III on Tuesday, Oct. 20th. We don't have many announcements this week, but as always, let's keep working together to continue the education of our students!

As always, our most up to date links and announcements are available at <http://tinyurl.com/brayscovid19>.

Bell Schedule for the Week	Students will engage in classes from 8:30am – 3:45pm daily.																
	Monday, 10/12	Tuesday, 10/13	Wednesday, 10/14	Thursday, 10/15	Friday, 10/16												
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Upcoming School Days Off for Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday, October 16th: Staff and Student holiday Monday, October 19th: Student holiday, Staff professional development Tuesday, November 3rd: Staff and Student Holiday/Election Day 																
Phase III Orientation for Students	Those students in 7 th , 8 th , 10 th , and 11 th grade that have chosen on-campus learning will be attending a virtual orientation on Wednesday, October 14 th .																
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Quarter 2 Learning Survey Opening Soon	Each 9 weeks, families will have the opportunity to choose between virtual or on-campus learning. The survey for 2 nd quarter will open on Tuesday, Oct. 20 th . The survey will be open until 11:59pm, Sunday, Oct. 25 th . If students choose to move from virtual to on-campus learning, they will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 4 th . Students that are learning on-campus can switch back to virtual learning at any time, but those wishing to switch from virtual to on-campus can only move at the beginning of each quarter, or every 9 weeks.																
Social Media	We are having trouble with our Brays Oaks Instagram account, and are unable to post on there. We will continue to post updates on Facebook for the time being. Please make sure to follow us on Facebook until we can get the Instagram issues resolved. Facebook: YES Prep Brays Oaks																
New Parent & Visitor Policies	To ensure the safety of students and staff in the building, we have created new policies for anyone coming to campus, including parents and visitors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No one will be allowed to enter the building without an appointment. If you have a question or would like to make an appointment, please call the front office at (713) 967-8399 																

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you need a document, please email your request to braysoaks@yesprep.org and allow 24 hours for the request to be fulfilled. • If you have an appointment with the Legacy Clinic, please ring the bell on the front door of the school and let the front office know you have an appointment. You will be asked to wait outside until someone is available to bring you inside. • We can not allow parents to drop off lunches or materials for students. • If a student needs to be picked up from school early, please call the front office upon arrival. The receptionist will ask questions in order to verify that you are a person approved to pick up the student, and the student will be walked out to the car. Please do not enter the building to pick up a student.
<REMINDER> School Supplies for On-Campus Learning	<p>If your student will be returning to campus, here is a list of things that they will need each day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mask • Fully charged laptop & your charger • Headphones • Writing utensils (pencils, pens) • One spiral notebook or composition book for each class • A folder for any papers or handouts • Ti-Nspire graphing calculator for grades 8-12 • Reading materials designated by course (novels, etc.) • A full water bottle • Student ID
<REMINDER> Grading- 2020/2021 Schoolyear	<p>This year, our grading calendar is different than what it's been in the past. Below is a summary of the changes to the schedule for the year, and the impact it has on student grades:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the 2020/2021 grades fall under a quarter system which means your student will get report cards every nine weeks. This is different from the six-week model we've followed in the past. There will be four quarters (Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4) in total over the course of the schoolyear. • First semester consists of two Quarters (Q1&Q2). • All courses except English (ELA) follow an accelerated curriculum. This means your student will take a year-long course in 1 semester. <p>For classes that are not ELA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 = semester 1 grade (Part A of your student's grade) • Q2 = semester 2 grade (Part B of your student's grade) <p>If your student fails a course at the end of a quarter, they will need to sign up for credit recovery. Credit recovery is an opportunity for your student to regain the credit they did not earn over the course of a quarter. Credit recovery courses cost \$200, and they are not always offered for all courses through YES Prep. If a course is not offered through YES Prep, your student will need to take the course through Houston Community College (HCC). If a student graduating with the class of 2021 fails a course, they will only be able to sign up for credit recovery through HCC. We encourage you to regularly check your student's grades through Skyward.</p> <p>More information about credit recovery will be available in the coming weeks.</p>
Daily Health Check App	<p>All students on campus will be completing a daily health check through Skyward. They will be asked if they have had any Covid 19 symptoms or been around anyone that has exhibited symptoms or has tested positive for Covid 19. This is being done so that we have the ability to contact trace any cases that occur on campus.</p>
On-Campus Orientation Materials	<p>Last week we held orientation sessions for students that will be returning to campus during Phase 2. Below you will find the handout for these sessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Spanish
Latinx Heritage Month Events	<p>Celebrating Latinx Heritage Month is not the same online as it is in person, but we have scheduled some events for the students to participate in!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, Oct. 14th: Wear Cultural Dress for a Latinx Country

We thank you for your patience and flexibility as we navigate virtual learning!

Best,
Stephanie Gounder
Principal, YES Prep Brays Oaks