

November 13, 2020

Dear YES Prep Families,

As you may know, there is a rise in COVID-19 cases again across the country. With the holiday season approaching, we would like to reiterate that our district and campus administrators, certified medical assistants (CMAs), custodial and operations staff continue to take proactive measures for the well-being of our school communities each and every day. YES Prep continues to prioritize safety at each of our schools and family support and participation in following safety guidance is and has been very important in keeping our schools safe and keeping our students learning. Thank you. YES Prep continues to closely monitor information daily concerning coronavirus (COVID-19) and follow the guidance and expertise of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), City of Houston Health Department, Harris County Public Health and Texas Department of State Health Services.

Please make sure to read the following letter in its entirety for information, updates and reminders about student uniform waiver extension, Common Assessment results, accessing Quarter 1 report cards, the Student Assistance Form, and sibling priority status in the student lottery for the 2021-2022 school year.

Important Dates Reminder

- **Nov. 4 - Jan.14** – Quarter 2 **For Northbrook MS and HS, Quarter 2 ends on Dec. 18*
- **Nov. 13** – Report Cards available
- **Nov. 23 - 27** – Fall break

Student Uniform Waiver Extension

YES Prep will waive the uniform policy for students for the entire 20-21 School Year. Students will follow the “free dress” policy as outlined in the [Individual Campus Supplement for their school](#). Students have the option to wear a YES Prep-issued uniform.

Student Assistance Form (SAF)

The [Student Assistance Form](#) (SAF) is the best way to contact a Student Support Counselor. Whether your child could benefit from a brief check-in or on-going counseling or your family needs to be directed to immediate on-campus or community resources, Student Support Counselors review SAF electronic referrals daily. Because SAF submissions are for non-emergencies, they are typically responded to within two business days. If the concern involves a student who is in danger of harming self or others and/or potential abuse/neglect, please contact your Student Support Counselor or school administrator directly.

Student Assistance Form link: https://yesprep.force.com/saf/s/?language=en_US

Common Assessments Results

Thank you for all of your support in ensuring your students took their first Common Assessment. We are very proud of our students' effort on this exam.



We know you are wondering how your student did on this exam, and we encourage that you check your Q1 Report Card following the directions below.

The best way to prepare for exams is to be in class every day, at home or at school. Completing assignments and taking advantage of the technology platforms we have will also improve your students' scores and readiness for college.

Quarter 1 Report Cards

Student grades for Quarter 1 are now available. You can access your student(s) first report card of this school year beginning today, Friday, November 13th. Student grades can be viewed by logging in to [Skyward Family Access](#) and selecting the Grading Tile. To see the printed report card, go to the Portfolio tile and select the Q1 Report Card file. You will click “accept” when prompted, to view the Report Card. *As a reminder YES Prep Northbrook campuses ended Quarter 1 on October 16th. Quarter 1 grades can be found in Skyward.*

YES Prep Means Legacy: Student Lottery Sibling Priority

Every year, YES Prep proudly welcomes both siblings and children of our alumni to our campuses. We believe that this is continued proof that our families believe in our mission to provide equitable access to quality education to all families.

As a current YES Prep family, we would like to thank you for your partnership in this work and want to share some exciting news --Our lottery application is NOW OPEN for the 2021-2022 school year! **We invite all families with siblings of current students in grades PK-3rd and 6th -9th to apply for our YES Prep lottery.** As a result of the trust you have in YES Prep, **all siblings are granted a priority status within our lottery process.** While this does not guarantee a seat, it gives your child(ren) the best chance to join one of our YES Prep campuses. As a reminder, all current YES Prep students do not need to re-apply! For more information, please visit www.yesprep.org/lottery

The application for YES Prep Northbrook MS and YES Prep Northbrook HS is NOW OPEN! Please visit this site to apply: <https://www.springbranchisd.com/studentsfamilies/choice-program/apply-here>.

Did you know?

Public charter schools like YES Prep must meet high standards for academic and financial performance. In fact, public charter schools are held to a higher standard than traditional ISD schools when it comes to transparency, performance, closures and expansions. [You can read more about it here.](#)

Did you know, the CDC has guidance on how to navigate the holidays this year during a pandemic? [You can find guidance from the CDC here](#) on how to enjoy Thanksgiving activities and take steps to protect yourself and your family from getting or spreading COVID-19.

As always, thank you families for trusting us with the responsibility of educating your children and for your support and partnership as we continue our commitment to prioritize safety while also working tirelessly to provide the highest quality instruction, online and in-person.

Thank you

P.S. – **Happy belated Veterans Day**—especially to the veterans and family members of veterans among us like Ronald Castro, a teacher at YES Prep White Oak and a Navy Veteran. [Click here](#) to read about his experience and what it meant to him to serve our country. Thank you for your service.