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Monthly Newsletter of Launch Expeditionary Learning Charter School

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Chi Osse Visits Launch

On Tuesday, March 29th we had the privilege to welcome New York City Council Member Chi Osse into our school building. During the visit we talked about what makes Launch/this community special and how to help create a healthy, safe and beautiful community.

Additionally, Council Member Chi Osse was presented with the UBUNTU AWARD and took time out of his busy schedule to sit down with a few of our students for short interview (full clip is available on our website in the "Highlights" section).

STAY IN THE KNOW

Please text YES to **67587** to opt in to receive messages from the Launch communication system.

A Message From The Principal

To Our Launch Community,

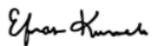
March and April are busy months at Launch as students took their state ELA test and prepare to take their Math Test.

Over the course of March and April, students have been receiving targeted and differentiated instruction to build their confidence and comfort with the state test. Launch invested in a spiral bound test prep course pack for each student which we will be sending home prior to each test for last minute review. **Please ask your child to share their coursepack with you so you can see the dedication and practice they put into getting ready for their big tests!**

Additionally, we were proud to host representatives of the EL Education community for our first-ever EL Education site visit on April 4 and 5. **Launch was selected from a national pool of applicants to engage in a credentialing process and become a mentor school to others in the EL Education community.** Our visitors had a chance to interact with students, teachers, families and administrators to learn more about our rigorous and culturally-relevant approach to teaching and learning.

Feel free to reach out to myself or any member of the Launch Crew anytime. We are your partners!

Ubuntu,



Efrat Kussell

Principal

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A Message from our Family Engagement Coordinator

Greetings Launch Families,

It's standardized testing season, and our students have been preparing for the ELA and Math assessments. Please make sure your student arrives early, has a good breakfast and is ready to shine!

The Parent Association has reviewed the Parent Association Survey and we have heard you!

Our next Parent Circle will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7pm, parents overwhelmingly submitted feedback that a later time would promote greater participation. Our Parent Circles are informal and are not recorded, it is a safe space, this session will focus on How to have meaningful relationship and that sex conversation with your student along, with what is respect and trustworthiness.

The Launch Parent Association facebook closed group page has posts for summer opportunities if you have not already joined our page please do.

Please look for upcoming fliers and zoom links.

See you there.



Dear Mama Poetry Slam

On Friday March 25, 2022 we had our first in person event with our long term partners **Save Our Streets (SOS)** and featured elementary school, **La Cima Charter School**. Students, staff and community members shared authentic poems and performances as we celebrated women in our community for Women's History Month.



A Message From Our Director of School Operations

NEW YORK STATE MATH EXAM

We are excited to inform you that your child will be taking the New York State Math Exam on Wednesday, April 27th and Thursday, April 28th. The math state exam is designed to measure how well your child is mastering their grade-level learning standards that guide classroom instruction and help to ensure that students are on track to graduate from high school with the critical thinking, problem solving, and reasoning skills needed for success in college and the modern workplace.

The tests also show how schools and districts are progressing with the learning standards and can support professional development for teachers. Like the 2019 tests, the 2022 Grades 3-8 math test consists of two testing sessions each. This means that students will take their exam over two testing days. The math exam will be untimed. As long as students are working productively, they will have as much time as they need to complete each test session, within the confines of the regular school day.

APRIL'S HALF DAYS

Launch will have 3 half days at the end of the month due to the NYS Math Exam. Students will be dismissed at 1PM on Wednesday, April 27th, Thursday, April 28th and Friday, April 29th. There will be no after-school or clubs on those days. On Wednesday & Thursday, if a student test pass the 1PM time, parents will be informed of their students' late dismissal.

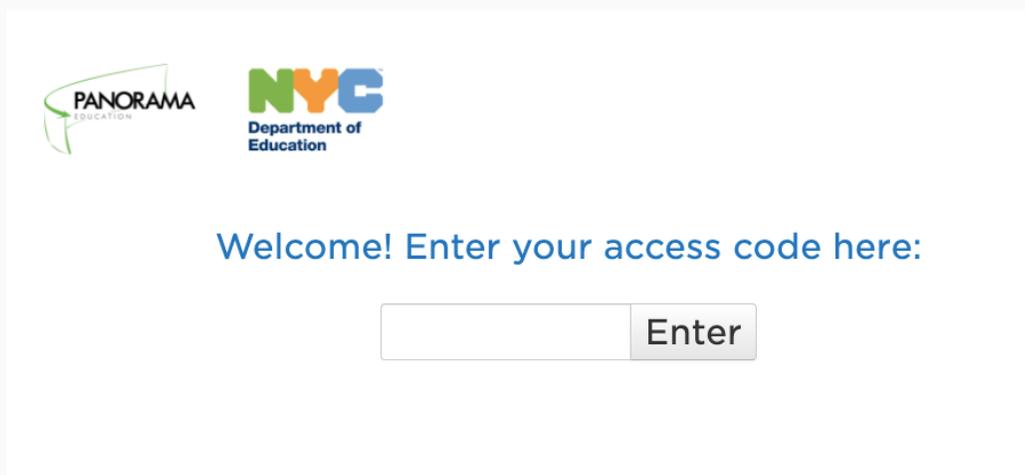
DOE FAMILY SURVEY - DUE APRIL 15th

Thank you for your participation in this year's 21-22 School Year Family Survey! This message includes context for taking the family survey along with the website link. To access the DOE Family Survey, you will need your child's OSIS number - please contact me for this information **IMMEDIATELY**. When entering the OSIS into the website, you will enter a "F" followed by your child's OSIS. *ex F12345678*

Please complete this survey **NO LATER** than **Wednesday, April 13th**.

TAKING THE FAMILY SURVEY ONLINE

Families (parents/guardians) will take the School Survey by entering an F + their child's OSIS number in the survey code field at <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/nycdoe/login>. Please note that each access code can only be used to submit one survey: that code is automatically disabled after it is used to complete a survey. Once Families navigate to <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/nycdoe/login>, they will enter their access code as shown below:



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Education

Welcome! Enter your access code here:

A Message From Our Director of School Operations

WHEN TAKING THE STAFF SURVEY

1. Read each question carefully and think about the answer choice that best matches what you know and think about your experiences here at Launch.
2. Remember that the purpose of the survey is to help us understand the things we do really well and the opportunities where we can improve your experience.
3. As you take the survey, please think only about your experiences here at Launch.

Missing Student Records & Information

During the month of April, the Operations Team will be reaching out to families to collect the following Items: updated COVID-19 consent forms, proof of residency, handbook confirmations, immunization records and birth certificates. Students will be sent home with forms that specify what items are missing from their files. Please return the form with the associated document to the Main Office as soon as possible. In addition, if you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Joseph - Director of School Operations - at SJoseph@launchschool.org or call the Main office at (718) 715-0548.

Immunization for School Year 2021-2022

As a reminder, if you haven't already, please reach out to your medical provider to update your child's Immunizations for the 2021-2022 school year. 6th grader students must receive a Tdap shot while 7th grader students must receive their meningitis immunization from their medical provider. If you have questions related to immunizations or other student records, please reach out to SSavage@launchschool.org.

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Food Benefits

The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) has communicated the following information for the

The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) is part of the U.S. government response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through P-EBT, eligible school children receive temporary emergency nutrition benefits loaded on EBT cards that are used to purchase food. Children who would have received free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Act if their schools were not closed or operating with reduced hours or attendance for at least 5 consecutive days are eligible to receive P-EBT benefits. P-EBT also provides benefits to younger children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) whose covered child care facility is closed or operating with reduced hours or attendance, or who live in the area of schools that are closed or operating with reduced hours or attendance.

IEP SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT

This message is for families whose students currently have an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) through Launch. We are in the process of solidifying IEP funding for our students so that our school can receive reimbursements for services that are provided to students, who have individualized education plans (IEPs). In order to receive these funds, we need to collect consent to submit a reimbursement claim to Medicaid. If your child is enrolled in Medicaid, we also are requesting their Client Identification Number (CIN).

Please enter the link below to access the Medicaid Consent and CIN Collection portal, a secure site where you can share this information using your computer or mobile-device. The portal is only four screens and should take less than five minutes to complete. You will need your child's name, birth date, and NYC Student ID number to access the site.

Medicaid Consent and CIN Collection Portal: www.nycenet.edu/medicaidconsent

If you have any questions or would like to follow-up with Mr. Savage or Mr. Joseph, please feel free to contact us at SJoseph@launchschool.org. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that our public schools receive as much funding as possible for the critical support that is provided to our students.

6TH GRADE UPDATES

Message from the Grade Level Chair

We are officially 3/4ths of the way through our 6th grade year! Your 6th grader is closer than ever to becoming a 7th grader, and they should be showing this consistently by demonstrating our **Habits of Heart and Mind**. They know what to do and how to do it, and teachers are expecting them to demonstrate greater independence and self-control.

We have entered State Test season - so it is **more important than ever that students arrive on time every morning so they don't miss important practice and preparation!** The ELA exam was given on March 30 and March 31 and the Math exam will be given on **April 27** and **April 28**. While the state exams are only one part of how students demonstrate success at Launch, they are an important measure of student growth and we want all students to be prepared to shine! **Please check in with your students about the test and hype them up with positivity and confidence to do their best!**

MATH

In math we wrapped up the 3rd marking period with our unit on Geometry! **Kids did an outstanding job finding the area of parallelograms, triangles, and trapezoids as well as finding the volume of rectangular prisms!**

We're now heading into Circuit Training! This is the Launch Math team's approach to test preparation. **Students have already learned all of the math they need to know in order to succeed on their test - and for the next 4 weeks we're focusing on the Mathematician's Plan - our strategy for ensuring we use everything we know to get each question right!** This includes reading each question twice and annotating the question; jotting down a quick note about what the question is asking; creating a plan to solve; organizing our work space; and asking themselves, "Does my answer make sense?"

We know that by using these strategies, kids will do their best on the state exams - and ALL math work! Please check in with your child about the Mathematician's Plan, and ask them to explain the steps! This will help them remember their steps when testing day comes!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact **Mr. Kilgore at ekilgore@launchschool.org and Ms. Rodriguez at arodriguez@launchschool.org**



ELA

In ELA we began the month of March by focusing on preparing for the state test that took place on March 30th and 31st. Please make sure that all students come to school on time and well rested. We have all worked hard and know students implemented strategies learned in class. (PLAN OF ATTACK). We will continue to use these strategies after the state exam.

Students have been preparing by reading and analyzing multiple texts as well as annotating while they read. They have also practiced writing short response and extended response(essays).

After the state test we are *excited* to start our next book Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly. We know that the work that comes with reading this book will be challenging yet rewarding. Please talk to your child about some of the topics that we will cover. Every student will receive a book and they must hold on to it and bring it to class everyday. There will be homework assigned several times during the week.

SOCIAL STUDIES

In Social Studies, we have been wrapping up our unit on the causes and effects of the Columbian Exchange and Trans-Atlantic slave trade. Students learned about the encounters between the Indigenous People of the New World, the Middle Passage, and Mercantilism. **After state exams, we will be diving into the experiences of Africans once they reach the Americas. We will be focusing on slavery and resistance movements.**

SCIENCE

In Science we are finishing up our Earth, Moon & Sun Unit. Students have been modeling the way that light from the Sun is illuminated on the Moon's surface. With this knowledge, students have been able to investigate the Moon's orbit and the pattern of phases that we see from Earth. This week we enjoyed the Oreo Cookie Moon Phase Lab in which students collaborated to create all of the phases.

If you have any questions please contact **Mr Krugielki at mkrugielki@launchschool.org and Ms. Kurtz at jkurtz@launchschool.org**

7TH GRADE UPDATES

Message from the Grade Level Chair

In March, our students took the New York State English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics assessments. The **Math exam will be given on April 27 and April 28**. We understand that NYS assessments are only one snapshot of a student's learning in school. However, the assessments allow our students to demonstrate their competency of state-wide standards. We do not want our students to get overly concerned or anxious about the tests, but to approach them with a positive attitude and to do their best! **Our students are well prepared to demonstrate their knowledge, and we can't wait to see them shine.** In preparation for the state tests, as well as regular best practice, we encourage our students to get a good night's sleep every night, arrive at school right on time, and put their 100% focus into their classes. **Our cell phone policy remains that students must turn in their phone upon arrival every day and we appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations.**

ELA

This month, our readers and writers have been preparing for our ELA state test, which took place on March 30-31. Students have engaged in weekly multiple choice and short answer response practice. We are so proud of how our students have taken on test prep. After our state test, we are moving into our **Gun Violence Expedition Unit! In this unit, our students will be reading novels about the ramifications of gun violence.**

SOCIAL STUDIES

We just wrapped up our book study of *Fever 1793*. We worked hard and had tons of fun putting together our newspaper spread booklet. **All students completed amazing and thorough research, though some spreads were not able to include all that background knowledge!** Overall, there is great creativity and authenticity in these pieces! Each class collectively chose a newspaper name. Students have made so many modern and past connections to the book, especially the Covid-19 pandemic related to the yellow fever epidemic discussed in the book.

During the month of April and for the next 5-6 weeks we are diving into our well known 7th grade expedition about gun violence! Students will explore the history of guns and the foundation of the Second Amendment. 7th grade historians will debate, discuss and collaborate possible solutions to decrease gun violence in their communities and the nation. Wrapping up the expedition, Launch will collaborate with SOS as done in previous years to conduct a safe peaceful walkout to spread awareness within our Crown Heights community about gun violence.

ART

This month students will be finalizing step two of their projects by entering the digital oil painting phase. **They will be adding texture to skin, clothes, hair and clean background to their Afro-Futurism paintings.**

Students will continue weekly project uploads and photoshop tool assessments.



MATH

During March, math scholars dug into our probability unit. Scholars found the theoretical probability of a chance event (such as rolling a number cube and getting 2 or 3) as well as the theoretical probability of multiple events occurring (flipping a coin and getting heads, and then rolling a number cube and getting 2 or 3!). We also explored why theoretical probability is not always what happens in real-life. **Ask your scholar about it! In celebration of Women's History Month, we were excited to highlight the exceptional mathematics of the young ladies in all of our classes on our bulletin board.**

In April, math class is switching gears to prepare for the math state test on April 27th and April 28th. For the next 2 weeks, scholars will be reviewing key skills from the year in a circuit training routine. We printed a test prep workbook for each student. Math scholars will need this test prep workbook every day for classwork and homework. **Please support your scholar in bringing in their book everyday.**

SCIENCE

During March, students learned about the different Phase Changes such as gas, liquid and solid. In the Phase Change Unit, we introduce students to the concept of freedom of movement. They build upon their knowledge of kinetic energy and apply that to molecular scale of solids, liquids and gases. **We will cover the unit in four chapters wherein each chapter will end with a quiz. Students can turn in any missing work in order to boost their grades. It is very encouraged! We will end our exploration of the different phases with a Unit Exam and Argumentation.**

In April, we are beginning the Gun Violence Expedition Unit! WOOHOO! WHOOP WHOOP! They will be exploring viruses and diseases in relation to the issue of Gun Violence. **They will kickoff the expedition by exploring incidences of gun violence in my community and around the country. We will end the Expedition with a Walk OUT!** They will have a socratic seminar to speak about the issue at hand and create booklets to hand out on their walk!

High School

All Launch Charter School 8th graders have submitted a public high school list to Ms. Logan and on behalf of every 8th grade student and family **your child's high school application has been submitted**. High School Applications have closed as of March 1, 2022

Next Step:

APRIL – LATE MAY 2022

In April, students who applied to any of the 8 testing Specialized High Schools will get their results, which will include their SHSAT score and up to one offer to a testing Specialized High School (SHS).

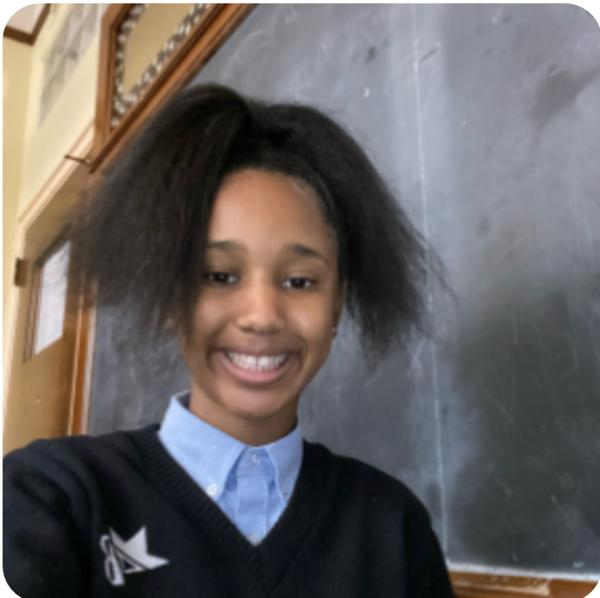
In late May, get your high school offer letters from Ms. Logan. This letter will include your admissions results, including any high school and/or Specialized High Schools offer(s).

Alumni Feature

Meet **Aissatou**

I am a sophomore at Cristo Rey brooklyn. In High School I love the experience of being able to intern at American Express, it is providing me with an expansion of life skills for the real world. I am also taking advantage of the extra help from my teachers.

I love Launch, I was able to present my SLC and this has helped me greatly in various ways at CRB.



Academic Section

Greeting Families:

- The last progress report for Quarter 3 was sent out on March 28.
- Quarter 3 ends April 1st and Report Cards will be mailed out April 11, 2022 with Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance certificates.
- The New York State English Language Arts exam were on March 30 (Wednesday) & March 31 (Thursday).
- **The New York State Math Exam will be on April 27 (Wednesday) & April 28 (Thursday)**
 - **Students need to arrive by 7:40 am each day and will have a 1:00 pm dismissal (if their exams are complete). We will reach out to families of any student, who have not completed their exams by 1:00pm.**

Launch Clubs

Launch Club's Goal this school year is to ensure Every student is able to succeed in school every day because they feel like they belong and can succeed. Launch Clubs is the caviar to this vision.

I like to share one of my favorite Creeds:

I belong here

I can succeed here

I am trusted to make wise choices here

Launch Clubs began on March 10, 2022 and run the following Thursday's from 3:05 pm - 4:15 pm

Launch Clubs Dates:

March 10, 17, 24

April 7, 21

May 5, 12, 19, 26

Showcase June 9, 2022

8TH GRADE UPDATES

Message from the Grade Level Chair

This month our students are preparing for New York State Assessments to demonstrate their growth and mastery of state wide standards. The ELA exam was held on March 30th and March 31, while the Math exam will be administered on April 27th and 28th. **Our students have engaged in targeted test prep with many opportunities to practice so that they go into the test feeling confident in their skills. We are excited to see and celebrate their success and growth.**

The NYC Summer Youth Employment Application is now open. **Students turning 14 by July 1st are eligible to apply to employment. Applications are due on Apr 22, 2022.** You can complete the application with your child at <https://application.nycsyep.com/>. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Ms. Marshall, School Social Worker at dmarshall@launchschool.org.**

MATH

As we go through the months of March and April, we are transitioning into our Circuit Training unit where we begin to prepare for the NYS Math State Test. The NYS Math State Test will be on Wednesday April 27th and Thursday, April 28th. We will be reviewing all topics that we have been teaching throughout the entire school year.

We will continue with weekly homework given on Tuesday and due on Friday.

Please look out from weekly updates of information and celebration from Ms. Fears and Ms. Webb.

SCIENCE

Students have been learning more in depth about the human body's structures and functions. Students have been working on a project where they take on the role of a doctor or scientist to diagnose various conditions and present their findings in a final project. In our next unit students will be learning about genetics and the ethical decisions around advancements in genetics. Our Final Showcase for this project was on April 7th and 8th!

Please ask your child about what they are learning in class. All work is up in google classroom.



ELA

During the month of March, we were busy preparing for the NYS ELA Test, which took place on March 30-31. **Students have been completing rigorous daily practice to make sure we are all calm & confident on the day of the exam. We are so impressed with students' hard work and growth so far!** After the test, we will move into our unit on *Dread Nation*, a zombie novel set during the Reconstruction Era. Students will be considering how authors use sci-fi/fantasy tropes to make commentary on the realities of our society.

SOCIAL STUDIES

This month, we have wrapped up our 3rd unit, The Black Experience during the 19th Century, by discussing events that have led up to the Civil War and the effects of those events. **We have started our 4th unit on Reconstruction and Jim Crow and will be incorporating the novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, throughout the unit.**

We will continue to assign weekly homework and assessments.

ART

This month students will be finalizing step two of their projects by entering the digital oil painting phase. They will be adding texture to skin, clothes, hair and clean background to their Afro-Futurism paintings.

Students will continue weekly project uploads and photoshop tool assessments.

Message from our Counseling Team



This Spring, The counseling team is focusing on where students will be once they leave Launch and what skills they can develop to make healthy decisions.

Family collaboration is at the heart of these decisions as they will need your support with choosing high Schools, getting their first jobs and applying for new opportunities. Please read through the opportunities below with your child and discuss what interests them.

Go Zen Teen Virtual Internship 12-19yrs old

RE: 8th Grade Families and Summer Work

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Applications are OPEN!

What: The SYEP Application is open for students 14yrs +

Why: A summer job is a crucial opportunity for teens to gain responsibility and actively plan for their future. The SYEP program has historically been the first source of work for young people 14- 24. We need your help as parents.

Who: Any teen turning 14 by July 1st 2022.

Where: ([Click HERE](#)) or copy this URL:
<https://application.nycsyep.com/>

Next Steps: Please sit down to begin or continue the application with your child. **Applications are DUE April 22, 2022**

If you have questions please reach out to the Ms Marshall, Dept Chair of Counseling, School Social Worker @ dmarshall@launchschool.org (718) 715-1573

Message from our Restorative Practices Coordinator

Hello Families -

We are nearing the end of the year, and we will be reaching out to support students in achieving their academic goals for quarter 4. Family collaboration is important in making our students feel supported and accountable.

Ubuntu,

Mr. Antoine

MULTI-SUBJECT UPDATES

Message from the Grade Level Chair

Hello Family,

We are about to end our 3rd quarter and begin our final 4th quarter of school. It is the end of 3rd quarter and our Multi-Subject students are still having fun while learning. **The fun we are having in STEM and Humanities doesn't seem to come to an end.**

Multi- Subject is happy to be back in the classroom and having fun learning, see our class engagement below.

STEM

Hello MS STEM Families!!

Whoaaa!! We have had an AMAZING journey this month embarking on the Launch of our new unit in Earth History!! This month, we took a virtual field trip to the Grand Canyon and also took a select group of students to a live field trip at an amazing place in our own community called D.I.V.A.S. for Social Justice to make VR headsets! During our virtual field trip, students got to take an up close and personal tour of how the Grand Canyon was formed, its features, its location and learned more about the Native Americans who once called this "Wonder Of The World" home. **We are learning about the rock layers that encompass the Grand Canyon and we also stepped into the roles of Geologist to explore how they categorized rocks when technology was very limited.**

In Math.....Too Much Information is our Big Idea and students are learning a test taking strategy to use when a word problem has TMI and how to look for it. They are having a BLAST overall. Please encourage them to log on to i-Ready nightly to engage in their personalized instruction.



HUMANITIES

The benefits of hands-on learning are evident. Hands-on learning is a more engaging way to learn. It encourages problem solving and critical thinking...and it creates amazing work to display! Check out portions of our student-created book on the 1800s in America—the Westward Expansion. If you look close, you can see the faces of some of our students in the edited pictures. What fun! Great idea, Ms. P!

And we did it again! Students applauded as we finished our second book together this year, the dystopian novel *The Giver* by Lois Lowery. We are all excited to start our third and final novel for the school year—the coming-of-age, young adult novel *The Outsiders*. We began reading this novel in April.

In the meantime, please continue to encourage your children to read daily for at least fifteen (15) minutes. -- Ms. Andy & Ms. P

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Quarter 3 closes	2
3	4	5	6 Vision of the Future: Launch High School at Floyd Bennett Field 5pm-6pm	7	8	9
10	11 School-Closed Spring Break	12 School-Closed Spring Break	13 School-Closed Spring Break	14 School-Closed Spring Break	15 School-Closed Spring Break	16
17	18 School-Closed Spring Break	19	20 Virtual PA Circle 7pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 NYS Math Exam 1pm Dismissal	28 NYS Math Exam 1pm Dismissal	29	30

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Eid al Fitr	3	4	5	6 EL Education Better World Day	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Outdoor Welcome Event For New Families 4pm-5:30pm	20 Map Assessment #3	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 School Closed Memorial Day	31				



Learn About Launch Series



Why Launch? Join us to see how Launch students are building a better world

Join us for short virtual circles to learn about different elements of the Launch program.

Each Learn About Launch Circle will follow a similar agenda designed to help you meet members of the Launch community and learn about what makes us special. All circles will be recorded and placed on the New Family Events Page of our website within 24 hours of the event.

Register in advance for virtual circles:

<https://launchschool-org.zoom.us/join/tZcvfu2vrTlrH9Yt0CpLZ0IOf1leXymNYEJ7>

- 1) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- 2) All Learn About Launch circles will take place using the same zoom link.

Agenda

Each circle will be about 40 minutes long



- **Introductions**
- **Program Presentation (on specific topic)**
- **Open Discussion & Questions**
- **Closing Ceremony**

Program Presentations

Join us for all meetings or only a few. We chose a variety of times to accommodate varied schedules.

- **Clubs and Extracurriculars**
Thursday, March 24th, 5:30pm
- **STEM at Launch**
Tuesday, March 29th, 1:15pm
- **GSS Afterschool**
Thursday, March 31st, 5:00pm
- **Humanities at Launch**
Wednesday, April 6th, 1:15pm
- **Restorative Justice**
Friday, April 8th, 9:30am
- **Crew (advisory)**
Wednesday, April 20th, 2:00pm
- **Launch Parent Engagement with the PA**
Tuesday April 26th, 7:00pm
- **Launch Student and Alumni Panel**
Thursday, April 28th, 5:30pm
- **Special Education at Launch**
Tuesday, May 3rd, 12:00pm
- **EL Education and Culturally Responsive Curriculum**
Tuesday, May 10th, 9:30am



Welcome Events

Ready to Launch: Outdoor Welcome Event for New Families (in-person)

Thursday, May 19th, 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Join us safely in the schoolyard to celebrate the transition to middle school! Meet Launch teachers and staff, see performances from our Launch clubs, make new friends and pick up some Launch goodies. We are hoping for 100% attendance. Please arrange in advance to attend with your child.

Vision for the Future: Launch High School at Floyd Bennett Field

Wednesday, April 6th, 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Join us to learn more about the plans for Launch High School at Floyd Bennett Field. The next generation will be tackling climate change, food injustice, and systemic racism. Sitting in the classroom won't be enough to prepare tomorrow's leaders. That's why we're developing a state-of-the-art high school campus on Floyd Bennett Field. It will be the first school in our city intentionally designed to advance sustainability and racial equity. The 6th graders who join Launch in the 2022-2023 school year will be our first high school graduating class.

EL Education Better World Day (in-person)

Friday, May 6th (Several time slots, RSVP required)

The Launch community is committed to building a better world. Better World Day is an annual, national event showcasing student learning that contributes to a better world at EL Education schools, like Launch, across the country. All 300 members of the Launch community will volunteer with The Campaign Against Hunger (TCAH) to help end hunger in our community. Students, parents, teachers, staff and alumni will come together to plant at two TCAH farm sites, stock and support the super market style food pantry, and create packages for local children experiencing homelessness. Sign up on our website or contact Alexis Rubin if you would like to participate.

Family Kayaking Day at Floyd Bennett Field (in-person)

Saturday, June 11th (Times and details to follow. RSVP required)

Get to know other Launch families in the bay at Floyd Bennett Field, the site of the new Launch High School. More details about timing, transportation and how to prepare to follow.