



Parent Pack Meeting on December 15

Parent involvement in education correlates with school improvement and higher student academic performance. We invite you to join a Parent Pack meeting on **Thursday, December 15 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in the cafeteria to learn about your child's school, important upcoming events (including a trip to Austin to support our school and your child's education) and volunteer opportunities across the YES Prep district and at West. Higher parent involvement = Higher student success. Hope to see you at the meeting! For more information, please contact our Campus Support Assistant, Ms. Treviño, at kaylee.Trevino@yesprep.org or 713-967-8390.

YES Prep Assessments

Attendance is more important than ever during our semester one district assessments. Please ensure your children arrive at school on time. **These exams count for 7% of their semester grade.** Students with unexcused absences will earn a 50% on the test(s) they miss.

Middle School and High School Special Education and 504 Students Receiving Extended Time Accommodations	December 8-9, December 12-15
6 th and 7 th Grade Students	December 12-13
8 th to 12 th Grade Students	December 12-14

We will have one half-day to administer make-up exams: December 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This only gives your student time to make up one exam. Additionally, he or she will miss the 6th-7th grade service trip and/or our campus Winter Wonderland event. If a student does not have an approved absence and has not been approved for a waiver, and that student is unable to make up the missed exam(s) on December 15, the student will be issued a score of 50% on his or her exam. This score will impact the student's semester grade, as it counts for 7% of that grade. If you know your child will be absent from school on one or more of the Common Assessment dates, please contact our Front Office and inform them right away. Please share the reason for the absence and be prepared to provide documentation. We cannot guarantee a waiver for the missed exams, as that decision is made by YES Prep's Home Office.

Last Week of Fall Semester

The last week before the holiday break is Monday, December 12 to Thursday, December 15. The dismissal time during the last week of school varies. Please use the table below to review the dismissal times and arrange student pick up according to the schedule. Also, please note that there is no school on Friday, December 16.

Monday December 12	Tuesday December 13	Wednesday December 14	Thursday December 16	Friday December 17
4:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	NO SCHOOL

Winter Break

Winter breaks begins on Friday, December 16 and ends on Tuesday, January 3. Students return to school on **Wednesday, January 4.** Students must wear a YES Prep polo shirt, blue/khaki pants, and a belt on the first day of school. Please use the table below to review the dismissal times and arrange student pick up according to the schedule. The week of January 9-13 will return to regular dismissal schedule.

Monday January 2	Tuesday January 3	Wednesday January 4	Thursday January 5	Friday January 6
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.

Girls on the Run Next Spring!

We have an exciting opportunity next semester for our middle school girls to take part in a self-efficacy building running program for the 4th year in a row! Girls will partake in skill-building activities and running drills that prepare them to run a 5k at the end of the semester. Practices will be twice a week afterschool (practice dates will be determined soon). If you would like more information on how your child can join Girls on the Run next Spring, please contact the Middle School Student Support Counselor, Ms. Ayad, at 713-967-8298 or at sasha.ayad@yesprep.org.

Traveling opportunities for students in 2018

The information meetings for the 2018 student trips to Florida and South Korea were held last week. Please see below for details and contact Ms. Marquez at 346-310-4653 or samantha.marquez@yesprep.org if you have any questions about the trips. **Limited space is available for these fun and educational opportunities!**

- South Korea – A nine-day international trip to three cities in this beautiful Asian country. Students will experience an excursion to Busan, Seoul, and Gyeongju, South Korea from June 20-29, 2018. For a full itinerary of the trip, click on the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/SouthKoreaTrip>.
- Florida – A five-day domestic trip to Orlando, Florida to experience a Disney Theme park, the Discovery Cove, the Universal Studios, Wonderworks, and more! Activities include snorkeling, swimming with dolphins, feeding tropical birds, a scavenger hunt at Harry Potter World, free time at the beach, and tons more! For a full itinerary of the trip, click on the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/WestFloridaTrip>.

YES Prep Lottery Officially Opened

YES Prep's lottery is open from **November 1, 2016** to **February 10, 2017** for families who wish to attend YES Prep in the 2017-2018 school year. To apply, create an account on our [online application system](#).

- **Students who currently attend YES Prep do NOT need to apply**, as they will be automatically registered for the following school year.
- [Eligible siblings](#) **MUST apply for the lottery** and will receive priority admissions.
- To apply for YES Prep Northbrook Middle School and YES Prep Northbrook High School, [click here](#).

December					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13 HS Basketball Home Game Aristoi Academy vs. West Varsity Girls @ 5:30pm Varsity Boys @ 7:00	14 Early Dismissal 12:00 p.m. <i>Ms. Treviño's Birthday</i>	15 Early Dismissal 12:00 p.m. MS Basketball Home Game Southside vs. West Girls @ 5:30pm Boys @ 6:30 pm YES Prep Basketball Tournament Winter Wonderland and Winter Dance (High School) 7 p.m.-10 p.m.	16 NO SCHOOL YES Prep Basketball Tournament	17 YES Prep Basketball Tournament
19 Christmas Break	20	21	22	23	24
26 Christmas Break	27	28	29	30	31
2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4 Early Dismissal 12:00 p.m.	5 Early Dismissal 12:00 p.m.	6 Early Dismissal 12:00 p.m. HS Basketball Home Game West vs. Southwest Varsity Girls @ 5:30pm	7