



# The MARVEL MEMO

## YES Prep WEST Family Newsletter

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### Upcoming Family Events

Thank you for entrusting us with the responsibility of preparing your student for success in college and beyond. As a family-oriented public school system, we strive to support and engage families in order to provide the best education to our students. In this spirit, please note the two family events that will be taking place next week. Although participation in these events is completely voluntary, we hope that you can attend and help spread the word to others.

#### Event 1: Parent Press Conference

- **What:** Houston area charter parents will talk about the charter school that they chose for their children and announce the delivery of 5,000 handwritten letters calling on Texas legislators to support public charter schools. Join us as an audience member and get a free YES Prep t-shirt!
- **Date:** February 8, 2017
- **Time:** Please arrive by 9 a.m. to sign in and grab your shirt. Press conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end by 10:30 a.m.
- **Location:** KIPP Explore Academy, 5402 Lawndale Houston, TX 77023
- **Attendees:** Public charter school parents, staff, community leaders, and elected officials
- **Cost:** FREE
- **RSVP:** Email [communications@yesprep.org](mailto:communications@yesprep.org) and be sure to include your t-shirt size (M, L, XL, or XXL) in your email.
- **Details:** Audience members will not be asked to speak on stage. You can speak with media if you are comfortable doing so.

#### EVENT 2: "Know Your Rights" Informative Town Hall sponsored by Univision 45 Houston

- **What:** Univision will provide information about immigrant rights in Spanish.
- **Date:** Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Location:** YES Prep Gulfton, 6565 De Moss Drive, Houston, TX 77074. The event will also be livestreamed on their [website](#).
- **Cost:** FREE and open to the public
- **RSVP:** Email [communications@yesprep.org](mailto:communications@yesprep.org)
- **Details:** Presentation will be in Spanish and participation is anonymous and confidential. Child-care will be available.

Please visit <http://www.yesprep.org/know-your-rights> for the most up-to-date resources and opportunities to advocate for social justice.

### CA2 Round 1: February 6-7

Common Assessment #2 is coming soon for select grade levels/courses. See chart below for specific information regarding exams. These STAAR benchmark exams will be graded and affect your child(ren)'s semester grades, so please encourage strong performance. Non-testing grades will have school or alternate activities on these days.

Monday, February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, February 7 <sup>th</sup>
7 <sup>th</sup> : Writing CA2 (STAAR benchmark) 8 <sup>th</sup> : Reading CA2 (STAAR benchmark) 9 <sup>th</sup> : English I CA2 (STAAR/EOC benchmark) 10 <sup>th</sup> : English II CA2 (STAAR/EOC benchmark)	8 <sup>th</sup> : Math CA2 (STAAR benchmark)

Additional Information: Please ensure the following for your child(ren) for all testing days: healthy dinner and breakfast, good night's sleep, and on-time attendance. Note that students will attend classes after testing each day. If you have any general questions about testing, please contact the Front Office at 713-967-8200.

### Reminder: School Uniform

As a reminder, the YES Prep West has school sweatshirts that students may purchase and wear as an outer layer over the school uniform. Turtlenecks, t-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, and sweaters that do not include the YES Prep Public Schools logo may be worn underneath YES Prep uniform clothing, but the outer layer must always be a school-approved uniform shirt and a YES Prep sweatshirt, sweater or jacket. Once a student enters the school building, they must remove any sweatshirt or jacket that is not part of the YES Prep West uniform.

### Alternate Lunch Program

Lunch balances harm our school because they pull money away from necessary materials and resources that are vital for learning. We want to be able to provide the best educational experience for all students, and we need your help to ensure that our budget for these experiences is kept intact. Should your student have a balance over \$15.00, he/she will receive an alternate lunch of a cheese sandwich and milk until the balance is below \$15.00. Please ensure that your student's lunch account balance is up-to-date. You can check your balance online and make payments at [www.SchoolCafe.com](http://www.SchoolCafe.com). If you have not filled out a lunch application, you can find that on our website at <https://onlineapps.yesprep.org>. You may also come to the school if you would like to file a paper application. If you have questions, please contact the Front Office at 713-967-8200.

**Reminder: Academic Fee Collection**

All academic fees must be paid in full for your student to participate in grade level Spring Trips. Statements have been sent home with your student if there is an outstanding balance.

**Reminder: Student ID Requirements**

All students are to report to school with their school ID displayed. Students need their IDs throughout the day and will receive a demerit or mark should they not have their ID with them.

**Student Travel Fundraiser**

A team of YES Prep students will embark on a journey to Japan in just under 140 days! For many of our students the trip to Japan will be their first ever international experience, and we are excited to hear of their travels upon their return. The tour leaders are currently seeking donations to purchase group T-shirts. Any contribution helps towards reaching their goal (they currently have \$65 out of \$498). We would appreciate if you share the link via email or social media to anyone you think is interested in helping. Thank you! To donate, please click the following link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/japan-tour-shirts-for-students>.

February					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Semester 2 Common Assessments – March STAAR Courses Book Fair Begins	7 Semester 2 Common Assessment – Math 8 <i>Ms. Burton’s Birthday</i>	8 MS Soccer Match Brays Oaks vs. West @ Southwest Girls @ 3:30pm Boys @ 5:00 pm	9 High School Movie Night The Outsiders (Student Council)	10 Seniors take TSI @ UHD  Blood Drive <i>Ms. Hsiao’s Birthday</i>	11 Juniors take SAT Diagnostic #2 @ The Rock
13 No School	14 TENTATIVE: The Marvel Valentine Lunch  MS Movie Night (Student Council)	15	16 MS Soccer Match KIPP Sharpstown vs. West @ East End Girls @ 3:30pm Boys @ 5:00 pm	17 MS Dance 4:00pm to 6:30pm Fourth Six Weeks Ends <i>Mr. Burch’s Birthday</i>	18