

FORCE Parent Notes

January 8, 2021



Happy New Year Gulfton Families! We wish you all health, wealth, peace, and happiness in this new year!

Important Reminder: If you completed the survey to have your student attend in person this next quarter, those students will start on January 19th. They should arrive to school no later than 8:30am.

COVID Health & Safety Precautions

As we go through this very stressful time, please note to take extra precautions in observing any possible COVID from any family members. If your child is being tested for COVID, please do not send them to school until you get the results of the test. It is better to be on the side of cation as your decisions may have an impact on your child's classroom or the entire school. If they have any signs of illness, keep them home until you can confirm they do not have the COVID virus. Be sure to notify the school when you decide to keep your child home under these circumstances and your child will not be penalized. We need to be much more diligent concerning the health of our children before we send them off to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

FORCE Updates

Final Exams

High school students will have final exams on Wednesday (1/13) and Thursday (1/14) during class in certain courses. In-person students will test in person, on campus. Virtual students will test from home by logging into their classes like they do every day. Timely attendance to class on these days is imperative. These final exams have large implication on a student's Quarter 2 final grade. Virtual and in-person students who are absent for final exams will be asked to make up their final exams on Friday, January 15th. This is a holiday for all other students.

Family Pulse Check & Student Climate Surveys

We are about to officially end the first semester of the school year. Given the long, challenging path this year has proven to be, YES Prep would like to hear the voices of families and students regarding their experience at this point in the school year. Understanding the perspective of students and families is critical for our planning and ensuring we can meet the needs of the people we serve. Here is the <u>link</u> to the 2nd Family Pulse Check Survey. Instructions for the student survey are posted on your student's grade-level Teams channel. Both surveys should be completed **by January 15, 2021**. Thank you in advance for sharing your invaluable perspective with us!

New Family Portal Communication Platform

YES Prep provides different tools to help you stay connected to how your child is performing at school. Staying connected will allow you to see if your child is on track or needs additional support in their education.

The YES Prep Family Portal is a user-friendly way for families to view important information -attendance, grades, missing assignments, etc.- and understand their child's progress. Even better, you can now download the Family Portal as a mobile app for iOS or Android. Watch a short video (English o español) at https://www.yesprep.org/families/dashboards to learn more about the app. We will officially launch this communication platform beginning with Quarter 3, which starts January 19th.



21-22 Lottery Still Open

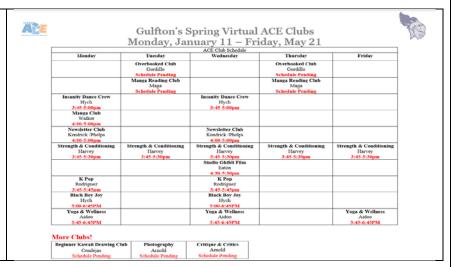
You can still apply for the next school year lottery by visiting www.yesprep.schoolmint.net. If you need assistance applying for the lottery you can contact the front office for assistance at 713-967-9800.

ACE

What is ACE?

FREE after school program (currently virtual) Any Gulfton student can sign up at anytime Clubs offered in the Fall, Spring & Summer

Gulfton's ACE clubs will begin January 11th. Student sign up will open on Friday, January 8th. Student sign up will be posted on TEAMS. Please reach out to Mrs. Perez for any questions <u>daisy.perez@yesprep.org</u>. *All ACE clubs will remain virtual through TEAMS.



Gulfton Calendar				
Mon 1/11	Tues 1/12	Wed 1/13	Thurs 1/14	Fri 1/15
Meal Distribution 11-2pm			Quarter 2 Ends	Content Day (No school for Students)
			Virtual Family Tour for	•
			Potential New Families	
			9-10am	
Mon 1/18	Tues 1/19	Wed 1/20	Thurs 1/21	Fri 1/22
MLK Holiday- No school for students	Beginning of 3 rd Quarter	Presidential Inauguration		
Meal Distribution 11-2pm				

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