

August 17, 2020

Yorkville Intermediate School Families,

Only three days left until the 2020-2021 school year officially begins on August 20!

I want to take this opportunity to welcome all our Yorkville Foxes back to school. Whether your child(ren) are participating in school on-site, through e-learning, or in a hybrid schedule, the YIS employees remain united in our goal to provide all our students with the knowledge, structure, and support they need to succeed this school year.

Myself and Mrs. Larson would like to welcome you in person, but we hope a few videos will provide you a helpful transition back to school. Please take a few moments to view each:

- [Welcome Back Families](#)
- [Building Tour](#)
- [Classroom Overview](#)
- [Drop Off Procedures](#)
- [E-learning First Day of School: A How To](#)

While many aspects of the school environment will be different this year, the following guidelines apply to all our families:

- The school day at YIS starts at 8:35 and ends at 3:35 for full day students. 4th grade full day and 4th through 6th grade hybrid model students will attend on Thursday, August 20th for in-person instruction. 5th and 6th grade full day students will engage in e-learning on Thursday, August 20th and attend in-person on Friday, August 21st.
- Hybrid morning students attend 8:35 - 11:35 and hybrid afternoon students attend 12:35 - 3:35.
- My primary communication to families will be through a Friday email/e-newsletter. Please make sure your contact information is kept up-to-date with the school so that you receive these important messages. These communications will also be posted to our school website (www.y115.org/yis) for your reference.
- Students are expected to participate in their classes everyday school is in session, and teachers will report class attendance. Please call the student absence line 630-553-4594 by 10:00 a.m. if your child will not be attending school classes that day.
- The spring 2020 parent survey results overwhelmingly requested consistent and streamlined modes of communication from school to home. Therefore, one learning platform was selected for each grade-level span. Students in grades 3-6 will be using Google Classroom.
- All YIS students will be enrolled in a building-wide Google Classroom named #ThisIsYIS by Thursday, August 20th at 8:00am. This Google Classroom will provide important building-wide information such as announcements, front office information, and links to individual teachers. Students log-in to Google Classroom with their 7-digit student ID followed by @y115.org. Students will use their personalized password from the spring. If they do not remember their password, please contact the front office for assistance. When students log into Google Classroom on Thursday morning, they should see #ThisIsYIS added to their menu of classes. [HERE](#) is the video explanation again.
- All students who will be engaging through e-learning on Thursday, August 20th (4th grade e-learning classes and all 5th and 6th graders) will need to access their schedule and information from the **#ThisIsYIS Google Classroom before 9:00 on Thursday morning. All YIS e-learning classes will begin with a live Zoom at 9:00 on Thursday, August 20th.**
- Students participating in a hybrid model will attend school daily beginning Thursday, August 20th.
- Students will be able to purchase lunch options daily and the use of water bottles or refillable water bottles is encouraged.
- Anyone who wishes to enter the school building must complete a health questionnaire (results showing he/she is symptom free) and wear a face covering.

- All students will be required to wear a mask in the school building. Teachers will review proper mask care and storage. Proper handwashing routines will also be established and reviewed by school staff.
- Students who are dropped off by car will be dropped off along the sidewalk in front of the building. Staff will be waiting at the sidewalk checking for the self-certification checkmark for each student before they are able to exit the car. If a student has not completed the questionnaire, they will go to a health monitor outside of the building. The driver will be asked to circle around to the 2nd parking row to wait until the student has passed the certification.
- Buses will unload students on the north side of the building. Students will walk, maintaining social distancing, towards to doors where they will be checked by health monitors before entering the buildings.
- School buses will be back on the roads traveling throughout the community. Please remember to obey bus stop arm laws. Drivers must stop at least 20 feet from any school bus that is stopped and is flashing its red warning lights. Violators can face a \$300 fine and a 3-month license suspension for the first offense, and \$1,000 fine and a 1-year license suspension for a second offense.
- E-learning Update:
 - Weekly Special Class: Thank you for selecting your child's e-learning special for this quarter. This special will occur once a week for 30 minutes. These lessons will include either live Zoom or pre-recorded videos that include a follow up activity. This instruction will begin on **September 1st**. This start date will ensure your child has time to smoothly transition into this model and become familiar with the academic schedule and routines (i.e. new learning platform, submitting assignments, logging into math/reading Zooms). The district special teacher will share more information soon.
 - PE: Your child will use a choice board to track and log 25 minutes of physical activity at home 5 days a week. This will be logged on the designated platform and checked by the PE teacher. This will begin on September 1st.
- Hybrid Update:
 - PE: Recess in the half day model will count as part of your child's daily PE physical activity requirement. Your child will use a choice board to track and log ONE additional 25 minute physical activity at home. This will be logged on the designated platform and checked by the PE teacher. This will begin on September 1st.

As this learning environment is new for us all, I encourage our students and parents to communicate with me regarding any concerns or suggestions you have to improve our school community. I also encourage you to become an active member of the YIS family—follow us on social media (@115yis), participate in YIS & PTO activities, and recognize our dedicated employees and incredible students with positive thoughts and messages.

I look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Thursday, August 20.

Sincerely,
 Steve Bjork
 Principal