



YES PREP NORTHBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS FOR FAMILIES

A Note from the Principal

I have some exciting news to share! Below is our phase-in plan for in-person instruction. This information is not comprehensive. However, I'm a parent of a kindergartener and 2nd grader, and I know what it feels like to want updates about in-person instruction.

Student Cohorts: YES Prep Northbrook MS

Cohort 1 Student Services- Select students invited by invitation

- YES Prep Northbrook MS leadership team will invite select students up to campus who have specific needs and who select in-person instruction on the 1st SBISD Family Survey. This is by invitation only.
- Cohort 1 will begin Monday, September 28, 2020

Cohort 2 6th grade Students

- YES Prep Northbrook MS will open up in-person instruction for 6th grade students who selected in-person on the 1st SBISD Family Survey.
- Cohort 2 will begin Monday, October 5, 2020;

Cohort 3 6th - 8th grade Students

- YES Prep Northbrook MS will open up in-person instruction for 6th - 8th grade students who selected in-person on the 2nd SBISD Family Survey
- Cohort 3 will begin Tuesday, October 20, 2020;



So, I'm sharing this information with you now because it just became official.

I know that you have questions about our plan, so we'll have an optional family forum very soon to talk you through the plan and respond to your questions. We'll communicate the date and time of our forum to you by 5:00 on Monday, September 14th. Additionally, you'll have an opportunity to take another survey to indicate your instructional model preference for the second quarter, which begins on Tuesday, October 20th. The survey launches Sunday, September 20th and closes Sunday, September 27th. We'll share the link with you as soon as possible. I hope that the last week of virtual instruction was positive for your children, and I look forward to connecting with you soon!

Attendance Reminders

It is very important that students are present in all classes for the day during virtual learning. If your student will be absent for a full day or part of the day due to doctor appointments or technology/internet issues, please email your excuse note to sarai.teran@yesprep.org. Attendance notes can also be dropped off at the front office between 7:30am-4:00pm.

Electives and Student Updates

Students should be attending their electives Zoom meetings each day as well as accessing the ItsLearning portal to complete their electives classwork. Always be sure to check the Students Updates Teams channel for important updates every day.

Skyward Registration Forms and Income Survey

Many families have still not completed the online registration forms in Skyward Family Access. It is very important that all forms are completed so we have updated contact information and important forms needed while distance learning. Another important form that must be filled out is the Income Survey for free and reduced lunch. These forms help determine our eligibility for free meals for the entire campus. If you need help with your Skyward login information, please call 713-251-8324.

Students Missing Vaccines

Spring Branch ISD requires all students to be current on all shots and a current shot record must be on file with the school nurse on campus. Families who have been contacted about missing shots, please be sure to take your child to get those and send us the updated shot record.

Wednesday Schedule

On Wednesdays, we will be following the alternate schedule in the graphic below:

1	2	3	4	Lunch	5	6	7	8	Alternate
8:24 to 9:09	9:13 to 9:58	10:02 to 10:47	10:51 to 11:36	11:36 to 12:06	12:10 to 12:55	12:59 to 1:43	1:47 to 2:32	2:36 to 3:21	3:25 to 3:55

Each week we will be using the alternate programming portion of time for specific content that will change week to week. This week the alternate programming time will be used for a staff meeting. Due to this meeting, students will dismiss at 3:21 on Wednesday, September 16th.

Friday, September 11th, 2020



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8th Grade Announcements

The virtual school is a completely new challenge for all of us, and we want to applaud your students for starting the year off strong by showing up and participating daily, despite all of the technological challenges. The 8th grade teachers want to recognize 6 students each week, named our Scholars of the Week, by sharing their name and a note about what makes these students stand out! If your student is featured, please praise them and if your student is not here this week, don't worry there will be plenty more opportunities moving forward. Here are this week's Scholar of the Week!

- Mr. Krall (ELA): **Alexander Cruz**: Alexander has been on top of his work and consistently asks for feedback on his assignments. He has shown he is committed to his education in ELA and I am very proud of his work effort!
- Ms. Smith (ELA): **Yaved Gomez**: Yaved is such an amazingly hard-worker and a great advocate for herself. She always lets me know when she is having technology issues or has questions. She has even gone so far as to hand write assignments and email them to me when her technology was down. She never makes excuses and I am so happy to have her in my class. Keep it up!
- Ms. Abe (Math): **Emely Zapata**: Emely is superwoman. She is a great assistant and hard worker. She lets Ms. Abe know when she is muted, types quality responses into the chat, and always responds when called on. The quality of work that she displays on her Nearpod reflects that she is attentive and serious about her learning. You are looking at a future Raider.
- Ms. Gutierrez (Math): **Jessica Martinez**- Jessica Martinez is phenomenal! She is almost always the first person with her hand raised! She is great about reaching out for help when she needs it. She shows all her work on her assignments and she corrects her mistakes. All great things that show she cares about her learning! I am so happy to have Jessica in my class!
- Ms. Walker (Social Studies): Erick **Bocanegra**: Erick is the example of an EXCELLENT participator. He did an experiment at home just because he was curious!
- Ms. Martinez (Science): **Aiden Van Stean**: When we had breakout groups you jumped right in to get the team engaged, he even had folks like comments in the chat to show that everyone stayed together. Way to go Aiden!

Additionally, please complete the BOY student survey (found here: <https://bit.ly/3ijMeFk>) so we can learn about you and your family, and the ways in which we can effectively support your student(s) and interact with you

This survey is an opportunity for us - your team of 8th grade teachers - to learn important information that will help us effectively teach you this year.