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Dear Cunningham Families,

It's hard to believe that we are already charging into 'March Mathness Month'. March is setting up to be a very promising month. As you may have read, the Chancellor and the Mayor have lifted the mask mandate for students while they are outside of the school building. This went into effect as of yesterday. Barring any COVID-19 related spikes, the DOE and NYC have decided that they will lift the mask mandate for staff and students as of Monday, March 7, 2022. Students and staff may opt to continue to wear masks, but it will no longer be mandated as a part of city or school policy. I am very happy that we have reached this time that the children can 'unmask' themselves and ease back into just being students. This has been a long time coming and I know that the students and staff feel a great relief about the lessening of city restrictions and a return to the 'new normal.'

Next Thursday, March 10, 2022 is our virtual Parent-Teacher-Conferences. All students will be dismissed at 11:30 am. All parents are encouraged to reach out to the teacher(s) that you wish to 'meet' with and schedule an appointment.

The 6th grade snow-tubing trip to 'Campgaw' unfortunately had to be rescheduled from March 8th to March 17th due to an overbooking on the part of the company. I know that our 6th grade team is very excited to provide this opportunity to our students.

Our 'Civics for All, Cunningham Honors the Constitution' starts next week. The students and staff have been working on their Project Based Learning and budgeting and are ready to vote on this year's school wide project. This will enable them to schedule their funds for the project of their choosing.

On Monday, March 14, 2022, the winners from their class 'March Mathness' competition will compete in the 3.14 (PI) eating day contest. All students are encouraged to wear their favorite math T-shirt on that day.

On Friday, March 18, 2022, the 8th grade students will be invited to an 'Ice-Cream Social' as an ongoing part of their senior activities.

On Thursday, March 24, 2022, we will be hosting, "The Harlem Magic Masters" as a part of our ongoing month to celebrate our 'March Mathness.'

We will be hosting a three-part session entitled, "Ryan's Story" for all students beginning March 25, 2022, regarding bullying, cyber-bullying and suicide prevention. We hope that this powerful message opens a true dialogue amongst students and families. We are working to offer a parent workshop as well. More details will be forthcoming.

At the end of the month, we restart NYS testing. The NYS ELA exam is scheduled for March 29, 2022 and March 30, 2022. I am attaching the hyper link for the parent letter from the DOE for families to review the testing information. <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/testing/student-participation-guide>

The NYS Math exam is scheduled for April 26th and April 27th. Please keep these days in mind for absences and/or vacations.

Please save the date for the return of our annual 'Multi-Cultural' celebration. It will be hosted on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 in our school yard. We are anticipating a wonderful turn-out as always. More details to follow.

The remainder of the year will fly by, so I want to lay out a few end of year activities and events (which are subject to change due to unforeseen reasons or health policies) that we have planned:

- Spring break is April 15th through April 24th
- Multi-Cultural celebration, May 10th
- 6th grade trip to Dave and Busters, May 18th
- Senior Trip to 'Club Getaway', May 20th
- US History Regents, (select students), June 1st
- 7th grade trip to Great Adventure, June 3rd
- 6th grade music show, June 3rd
- 8th grade Science test (written), June 6th
- Clerical Day (staff), no school for students, June 7th
- Senior Prom, June 8th
- Chancellor's Day, no school for students, June 9th
- Dance showcase, grades 6-8, June 10th
- Senior Awards, June 13th
- Living Environment Regents, (select students), June 15th
- 7th grade Field Day, June 16th
- Algebra Regents, (Select Students), June 16th
- Theatre showcase, 6th grade, June 17th
- No School, June 20th in observance of Juneteenth
- LOTE exam, (Select Students), June 21st
- Senior Carnival, June 23rd
- 6th grade Field Day, June 23rd
- 8th grade Graduation, June 24th
- Last day of school, June 27th

As always, I thank you for your continued support for our school community.

Your partner in education,

Tami Flynn

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