



W. Arthur Cunningham Intermediate School 234

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Dear Cunningham Families,

I can't believe how quickly this year is going. As always, I thank you for your continued support as we navigate uncharted waters in education. As the SLT met this past Tuesday, we have decided that we will be going forward with our annual 'Multi-Cultural' evening. To allow all families access, we have decided that we will host the event in our school yard so that vaccine mandates don't prohibit our families from enjoying. More details to follow.

Each year we ask our families to complete the 'Lunch Form' also known as the 'Family Income Inquiry Form' located on the 'Myschool' app in order for our school community to continue to receive Title 1 funding. Please complete the following form in order to help benefit our school community. <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>

The end of the first marking period was last Friday, November 5, 2021. Parent-Teacher-Conferences will be held virtually on Thursday, November 18, 2021. Please make sure to schedule an appointment to 'see' your child's teacher. If you are unable to 'see' your child's teacher on the 18th, please set up a mutually convenient time where you may discuss the academic and social progresses. Please be reminded that Thursday, November 18, 2021 is a half day for all students. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am.

All after-school clubs are now in full swing. Students are engaged in academic, social, service and test prep and are fully enjoying their time together. If your child has not yet signed up for an afterschool club, please contact Ms. Wachtel at Awachtel@IS234.org for more information. Starting Wednesday, December 1, 2021 we will open some new after school clubs that will meet on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays from 2:45-4:15 pm until spring 2022. We will also have some seats available in our existing after school clubs. The application for after school will be sent to your child's Cunningham Gmail account next week. Parents and guardians, please apply through the link in the email that is forthcoming. Space is limited and spots are given out on a first come, first served basis. If your child has a seat in the program, they will receive a letter in late November.

- **Register for the SHSAT by November 15. Registration is now open for the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT), which determines admissions to the eight testing Specialized High Schools.**
 - If you are interested in applying to any/all of these schools, submit your registration—including your school preferences—by the **November 15 deadline**. Registration for the SHSAT is not first-come first-served; all students who register by the deadline can take the SHSAT.
 - You can register online with your MySchools account or through your current school counselor.

- By early December, registered students will receive a personalized test ticket confirming when and where they will take the test in December.
- The SHSAT is taking place on December 2, 2021 at Cunningham. More details to follow.

Starting in late October and running through early December, all grade 7 classes will be taking part in a remote visit to a CUNY College Campus to learn about the College experience. Any questions, please reach out to Ms. Wachtel at Awachtel@IS234.org

7th graders celebrated their first 'Color Wars' victory on November 10, 2021. They were treated to extra recess and ice-cream.

We have school spirit each week, please check the monthly calendar so that your child(ren) can participate in our fun activities.

School store is open and ready to sell 'Cunningham School Spirit Wear', please contact Ms. Ciscart at Nciscart@IS234.org with any questions that you may have.

8th grade picture day is Wednesday, November 17, 2021. All 8th graders will be photographed for the yearbook on that day.

A reminder that our after school is canceled on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 (not Millennium) in observance of the Thanksgiving break.

We have received clearance from the DOE to start taking field trips, each grade is planning at least one trip for the students. Please look for emails from the grade level AP and Ms. Guttenplan. If you are new to our school community and/or haven't already joined the weekly email blast, please email Ms. Guttenplan, Parent Coordinator at MGuttenplan@is234.org so that you may keep up to date with all that is happening in and around the Cunningham community.

If you or your child are in need of additional social or emotional supports, please make sure to reach out to the grade level guidance counselor. Ms. Karides is for the 6th grade, Mr. Beatrice is for the 7th grade, Mr. Judge is for the 8th grade as well as HS application supports and Ms. Sanders, our Social worker is here to help support families and students. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Wishing you a bountiful Thanksgiving and a safe and healthy rest of November.

Your partner in education,

Tami Flynn

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