



W. Arthur Cunningham Intermediate School 234

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Dear Cunningham Families,

Welcome back!!! I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year.

Yesterday, the Mayor and the Chancellor announced, "With more tools to keep New Yorkers safe and healthy, the vaccine mandate for students who participate in extracurricular activities, including New York City's School Athletic League (PSAL) programs, has been lifted. Effective immediately, the COVID-19 vaccine requirement is no longer required for students to participate in "high risk" sports or extracurricular activities. High risk sports include football, lacrosse, rugby, stunt, volleyball, and wrestling. Extracurricular activities include those that involve increased exhalation, such as singing, shouting, band, orchestra, chorus, and musical theater." This is very exciting for all students who want to engage in their favorite pastimes.

All after-school clubs will begin on Monday, October 3, 2022. A Google form will be sent out to all students via their DOE emails. A parent/guardian must complete the form for all students who wish to attend the after school clubs.

The Cunningham staff has switched over to only using their DOE email accounts. If you need to locate a teacher/staff member, please refer to our website www.is234.com as all staff emails are listed under the tab 'Administration and Staff'.

Our school hours this year are as follows: Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 2:20 pm. If your child is in the 6th grade, rides the yellow bus and have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Schnell at aschnell@schools.nyc.gov for further information as well as bus routes, stops, etc.

I am asking for all families to complete the 'Blue Card' in case of any school closures, emergencies, etc. Please click on the following hyperlink to complete the Google Form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfik0tu5P8YACeieLtCm_NW2skkFSnALdbEvfzloJmPoEYIDg/viewform

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@schools.nyc.gov so that you may keep up to date with all that is happening in and around the Cunningham community.

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 can continue to receive Title 1 funding. Please complete the following form in order to help benefit our school community. <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>

The Myschool account for all students and parents is an important tool. If you do not have a 'Myschool' account, please contact Ms. Guttenplan for assistance. The log-in is as follows: [Login - NYC Schools Account \(mystudent.nyc\)](https://mystudent.nyc.gov)

We will be hosting a 'Book Fair' in October. It will be both in-person as well as virtual. More details to follow.

If your child has not had an opportunity to purchase 'Cunningham Gear' for school spirit days, please have them speak to Ms. Ciscart, the cafeteria coordinator regarding what days the school store will be open.

We are preparing for our 'Seniors' to take their '23' picture on Friday, October 21, 2022. Please make sure that the 8th graders are dressed in either green or gold to represent our Cunningham colors.

We are looking for a PA president. Ms. Guttenplan will be sending out information about the elections via email. Please get involved in your child's school community to help us make this an incredible year for all!

Both Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually this year. If you need to see the teacher in person, please make an appointment at a mutually convenient time. Our first Parent Teacher Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

We have several school closures within the next two months, please review carefully the following dates for student non-attendance days:

September 26-27

October 5

October 10

November 8 (Election Day- Not an Asynchronous work day-students fully off)

November 11

November 24-25

Each student has a grade level team to help support them in all capacities. The grade teams are as follows:

| Grade 6: | Grade 7: | Grade 8: |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Ms. Schnell, AP | Ms. Wachtel, AP | Ms. Barquinero, AP |
| Mr. Melore, Dean | Mr. Mclaughlin, Dean | Mr. Angeles, Dean |
| Ms. Karides, Guidance | Mr. Beatrice, Guidance | Mr. Judge, Guidance |

Wishing everyone a healthy and successful school year.

Your partner in education,

Tami Flynn

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