

September 30, 2020

Dear iSchool Families:

This is the second issue of the 2020-2021 iNotes.

We'd like to encourage all families to complete the 2020 United States Census. It's a short online survey to count all New Yorkers, and it only happens once every ten years. Filling it out ensures our city gets the money, power, and respect we deserve from the federal government.

How to Fill Out the United States Census

- Go online to <https://my2020census.gov/> or complete it over the phone by calling 844-330-2020
- The Census is available online in 15 languages.
- The Census counts all residents, regardless of citizenship or immigration status—therefore, the Census does not include a citizenship question.
- Even if you are undocumented, filling out the Census will not put you or your family at risk.
- Census responses are private, protected by federal law, kept strictly confidential, and can never be used against you by a court, government agency, law enforcement authorities, or third parties like a business or your landlord.

Please take your time when reading the rest of the iNotes as there is a lot of important information.

Topic of the Month: *NYC iSchool Clubs*

Keeping with our core beliefs of individualizing the student experience and providing students with choice and responsibility, all NYC iSchool clubs are student-driven and created. We love that our students and staff have so many amazing and diverse interests and are excited to be able to offer so many official NYC iSchool clubs after school this fall. We know that feeling connected and being around people with similar interests is so important right now and we hope that all iSchool students consider joining a club this year.

Because we are unable to do an in-person club fair, like we normally do, we will be hosting a Virtual Club Fair next week. Please see below and note the Virtual Club Meeting times of any clubs that you are interested in learning more about. I will send out an email this Friday, October 2nd, with Zoom links for each club's informational session. Attending the information session is a way to learn more about the club and for you to share your email address with the club so that they are able to send you their club's Zoom link for when clubs officially start meeting during the week of October 12th.

Anime-Pop Club

Student Presidents: Sofia Coulibaly, Nikole Rajgor, and Enma Quezada

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Klimowicz (bklimowicz@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Thursday, October 9th from 4:00-4:10 pm

Aquarium Club

Student President: Lucas Gray

Faculty Advisor: Josh Paris (jparis@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Thursday, October 9th from 4:10-4:20 pm

Black Student Union

Student Presidents: Bethel Berhe and Nicky Obi

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Brown (kbrown@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Wednesday, October 7th from 4:00-4:10

Chess Club

Student Presidents: Jesse Hoffman

Faculty Advisor: Mr. Bittman (rbittman@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Thursday, October 9th from 4:20-4:30 pm

Contemporary Music Club

Student Presidents: Ruby Swords, Gemma Klinkowstein, Harry Donovan, Sophie Foley

Faculty Advisor: Mr. de Picciotto (rdepicciotto@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Tuesday, October 6th from 4:00-4:10 pm

Creative Writing

Student President: Ava Falcon

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Gray (egray@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Thursday, October 9th from 4:30-4:40 pm

Drawing Club

Student President: Quinn Lewis

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Perez (jperez@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Wednesday, October 7th from 4:10-4:20

Film Club

Student President: Dexter Dore

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Barber (kbarber@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Tuesday, October 6th from 4:10-4:20 pm

Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

Student Presidents: Harry Donovan and Jay Gottesman

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Snyder (nsnyder@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Tuesday, October 6th from 4:20-4:30 pm

iCare

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Colon (lcolon@nycischool.org)

Mandatory Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Tuesday, October 6th from 5:00-5:10 pm

Identity Through Art Club

Student Presidents: Esme Friedman and Lauren Cichon

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Paula (kalmonte@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Thursday, October 9th from 4:40-4:50 pm

iNews

Student President: Zach Kaplan

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Mangano (amangano@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Wednesday, October 7th from 4:40-4:50 pm

Karaoke Club

Student President: Anya Richards

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Turso (cturso@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Wednesday, October 7th from 4:20-4:30 pm

Magic the Gathering Club

Student President: Jasper Day

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Moyer (vmoyer@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Tuesday, October 6th from 4:50-5:00 pm

Maker Club

Student President: Ada Cowan

Faculty Advisor: Mr. Smolka (tsmolka@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Thursday, October 9th from 4:50-5:00 pm

Model UN

Student Presidents: Margot Fitts and Nicholas Kloor

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Strassler (astrassler@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Tuesday, October 6th from 4:30-4:40 pm

Old Film Fanatics Club

Student President: Iliana Seltzer Escandon

Faculty Advisor: Mr. Kim (akim@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Thursday, October 9th from 5:00-5:10 pm

People Reading Club

Student Presidents: Ella Gillespie and Sophie Foley

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Moyer (vmoyer@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Thursday, October 9th from 5:10-5:20 pm

Theater Club

Student President: Dov Alperin

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Coughlin (kcoughlin@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Wednesday, October 7th from 4:50-5:00

TV and Cereal Review Club

Student Presidents: Piper Gregoire and Lila Wolk

Faculty Advisor: Mr. Mulroy (pmulroy@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Wednesday, October 7th from 5:00-5:10

Vertical Farming

Student President: Kamila Delaney

Faculty Advisory: Mr. Mulroy (pmulroy@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Wednesday, October 7th from 4:30-4:40

Women's Social Justice Club

Student President: Keira Daignault and Sylvie Rouslin

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Strassler (astrassler@nycischool.org)

Virtual Club Fair Meeting: Tuesday, October 6th from 4:40-4:50 pm

If you have any questions about the Virtual Club Fair next week, or how clubs will work this fall, please feel free to email me at mleimsider@nycischool.org.

NEWS & REMINDERS...

- **Hybrid learning starts tomorrow!** If you opted for the hybrid learning model, you should have received an email from me yesterday with important details and information about entrance procedures, in-building policies, and when your first day in the building will be. Studnets who did not receive an email from me are listed as being 100% remote and will not be coming in to the building.
- **1st Quarter Course Syllabi** – By now all iSchool students and parents/guardians should have received a course syllabus for every course that the student is enrolled in. If you have not yet received a course syllabus for one of your (or your child's) courses, please reach out to the teacher of the course A.S.A.P.
- **Help us achieve our goal this year!** Every year all students are required to submit a lunch form either electronically or by returning a paper copy. Last year, 91% of our families submitted lunch forms. This year we are hoping that, at least, 95% of families will submit their lunch form. Starting August 1st, you can complete the lunch form online by visiting <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>. The school lunch form is also used to award fee waivers for students planning on taking AP exams, SATs, or SAT Subject Tests during this school year. Students who do not submit lunch forms are ineligible for fee waivers. If you have questions about completing the lunch form, please email Mr. Lau at jlau@nycischool.org.

Important Dates:

Monday, 10/12	Columbus Day – No School
Wednesday, 10/14	PA Meeting 6:30 PM
Thursday, 10/15	All students will follow their Monday schedule
Tuesday, 11/3	Election Day – All students will be remote

Wednesday 11/11	Veterans Day – No School PA Meeting, 6:30 PM
Friday, 11/20	Last Day of Quarter 1
Monday, 11/23	First Day of Quarter 2
Thursday, 11/26 – Friday, 11/27	Thanksgiving Recess—No School
Wednesday, 12/2 – Tuesday, 12/8	Parent-student-advisor conferences
Monday, 12/21	All students will follow their Friday schedule
Tuesday, 12/22	All students will follow their Thursday schedule
Wednesday, 12/23	Half Day – All students and staff dismissed at 12 PM
Thursday, 12/24-Friday, 1/1	Winter Break – No School

Best,

Michelle Leimsider
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NYC iSchool