



Hello iSchool parents!

We hope your students have been settling into remote or hybrid learning. The PA has been working hard to support and connect parents. One way we've done this is by making sure our first-year class receives iSchool sweatshirts. So far half of our first-year class has received them. It's one small way that we want students to feel welcome in our community and we're working out ways to get more swag delivered ASAP.

Here are some more updates for you:

### **Communication is key**

A note from the administration: If your student is doing hybrid learning and isn't going to be attending in-person school, please let Ms. Bailey, Ms. Leimsider and Mr. Lau know ASAP so they can best juggle the number of classrooms needed to accommodate everyone. (Email addresses are all on [the Who to Ask about What page](#) on the PA website.)

### **PA meeting THIS WEDNESDAY, 10/14, 6:30 PM**

Please join us on Zoom for our October PA meeting Wednesday 10/14 at 6:30 pm (the link will be sent Wednesday morning). We'll discuss what we've been working on since our last meeting and kick off this year's edition of our popular Speaker Series. This month's speaker is **Courtney Harris**, an expert family coach, who will share ways to support kids through the remote learning process. This will be a conversation, not a lecture, so feel free to come with questions or concerns. Find out more about Courtney's talk and other upcoming speakers [here](#).

### **NEW NYC iSchool spiritwear shop!**

With the weather growing cooler, it's the perfect time to get your favorite iSchool student a warm hoodie from [our new online swag shop!](#) We also have T-shirts and pajamas with the iSchool logo. Given our remote and hybrid situations that are keeping the students from all being in school together, spiritwear is a great way to keep school spirit up.

### **Let us know how the advisory parent groups are going**

An initiative the PA kicked off this fall—part of our focus on connection and communication—is an effort to bring parents of students in the same advisory together to meet, chat, and provide mutual support. Hopefully you've already had a virtual meeting or have your first one coming up soon. What would you most like to discuss with your fellow parents? Email PA vice president Gabrielle Ortiz at [gablatessa@gmail.com](mailto:gablatessa@gmail.com) to request a helpful list of conversation starters and suggested topics. Also, email the PA at [pa@mail.nycischool.org](mailto:pa@mail.nycischool.org) if you haven't heard from your student's advisor.

### **First-year parents: You'll hear from us soon regarding a directory**

Please look out for an upcoming email and questionnaire from the PA 9th grade liaisons who are creating a directory for first year students and parents. We've heard your concerns and are happy to be able to provide a directory so that you can easily connect with one another.

### **Snacks needed! Please donate**

Any chance you're headed to Costco anytime soon? The iSchool staff is in need of individually packaged snacks (including chips, granola bars, etc.) for the students who are coming into the school for hybrid learning. Please email [lambethhochwald@gmail.com](mailto:lambethhochwald@gmail.com) for information about dropping off these items.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the PA meeting on Wednesday evening!