

NYC iSchool Parents Association Inc.

Hello iSchool parents!

Thank you so much to all the parents who have participated in our November 'Giving Thanks' fundraising campaign. We've raised **over \$6,000** already! A donation is [an easy click away](#).

Here are some more updates for you:

November PA meeting TOMORROW, 11/11, 6:30 PM

Please join us at our Zoom PA meeting Wednesday 11/11 at 6:30 pm (the link will be sent tomorrow morning). We'll discuss what we've been working on since our last meeting and continue our popular Speaker Series. This month's speaker is **Rachel Schiller**, a psychotherapist and a first-year NYC iSchool parent, who will help us focus on the impact of stress on our teens—and us. Find out more about Rachel's talk and other upcoming speakers [here](#), and use [our calendar](#) to plan ahead for upcoming meetings.

SLT News: New student and faculty representatives and goals for the year

Two new student representatives have joined [the board](#): Ferrah Reid and Yaseen Saleh. In addition, Vanessa Figueroa and Peter Mulroy are now serving as teacher representatives. We have also set up the following four subcommittees to more effectively set out achievable goals for the year:

- Visible Work—posting agendas, minutes, and other info [on the PA website](#); revising bylaws
- Student Government—trying to solve the obstacles standing in the way of making the student government permanent
- Health & Wellness—caring for our community during the pandemic and beyond
- Racial Equity—DEI, Conservative Voices Project, Restorative Justice

COMING SOON: An online Holiday Shop featuring NYC iSchool spiritwear

Stay tuned for some exciting news about a special Holiday Shop we're researching right now to get your students the old familiar spiritwear they may have been missing. Until then, not to worry: You can still shop at [our online swag shop!](#)

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 for information about dropping off these items.

REMOTE vs. HYBRID LEARNING

Don't forget: If you opted for all-remote learning for your student, Nov. 15th is the last day this school year to elect the hybrid, or blended, option. Just [fill out the DOE form](#), and be sure you've also communicated with Ms. Leimsider. If your student will be going into school, there's a required health check that must be completed before they can be allowed into the building. If your student is on the hybrid model but won't be going in on a designated day, you need to let Ms. Leimsider, Mr. Lau, and your student's adviser know ASAP for staffing and planning purposes. (Email addresses are all on [the Who to Ask about What page](#) on the PA website.)

Advisory Parent Groups: Let us know how it's 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 to request a helpful list of conversation starters and suggested topics. Also, please email the PA at pa@mail.nycischool.org if you haven't heard from your student's advisor.

First-year parents: Let us know if you're using the directory

If you've signed up for the first-year directory please let us know if it's helping you connect with other families. Are your teens commuting to school together? Studying together? We'd love to hear more so send us an email: pa@mail.nycischool.org.

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