



Hello, iSchool parents!

First, some gratitude.

Thanks to everyone who bought merchandise from our first-ever **NYC iSchool holiday pop-up shop!** Please send photos of your kids and/or family in their iSchool gear to [pa.mail@nycischool.org](mailto:pa.mail@nycischool.org) for a chance to be featured on our website. If you missed the pop-up, you can always order spiritwear through our site on Café Press—details [here](#).

Thanks too to all who have participated in our “Giving Thanks” fundraising campaign. Incredibly, we’ve raised **more than \$16,000** so far! This enables us to fund tech tools for remote learning, student clubs, and much more. You can still donate by the end of the year, and don’t forget to check whether your company has a matching program. Questions about donating? Ask our treasurer, Kevin Day, at [patreasurer@mail.nycischool.org](mailto:patreasurer@mail.nycischool.org).

And now, a brief update!

### **December PA meeting WEDNESDAY, 12/16, 6:30 PM**

Please join us on Zoom for this month’s PA meeting Wednesday 12/16 at 6:30 pm (the link will be sent Wednesday morning). This month’s speaker is our own **Kate Beck**, the NYC iSchool director of college counseling. She will discuss the college process through each year of high school and changes due to the pandemic. Parents of students in all grades will find it informative and useful. Find out more about Kate’s talk and our Speaker Series [here](#), and use [our calendar](#) to plan for upcoming meetings.

### **Community fund**

As Ms. Leimsider recently mentioned to the community via email, the PA has partnered with the iSchool administration to provide good cheer for families who could use it most at this time. You can nominate a family—including your own—[right here](#). (The deadline is tonight!) Donations to the PA support this initiative.

**First-year parents: Have you used the 9th grade directory yet?**

If not, it's a good time to reach out to other families! Please let us know if it's helping you and your students connect. Are your teens commuting to school together? Studying together? Hanging out? We'd love to hear about it, so send us an email: [pa@mail.nycischool.org](mailto:pa@mail.nycischool.org).

**Ongoing support from the PA**

If there's anything on your mind that you think the PA may be able to help you with, please don't hesitate to reach out. Email us at [pa@mail.nycischool.org](mailto:pa@mail.nycischool.org) with questions and concerns. Remember too that [our website](#) has a lot of helpful info.

**Hope to see you at the PA meeting on Wednesday evening! Wishing you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.**