



January PA Newsletter & Reminder: PA Meeting Wednesday!

Hello, NYCiSchool parents,

Hope your family had a restorative holiday and are getting into the swing of things in 2021. This remains a challenging year as we navigate through the pandemic and we want to say again that we are here for you. If there is anything we can do, please [reach out](#).

Here are some brief updates for you:

January PA meeting WEDNESDAY, 1/20, 6:30 PM

Please join us on Zoom for this month's PA meeting Wednesday 1/20 at 6:30 pm (as usual, the link will be sent Wednesday morning). This month's speaker is [Marni Amsellem](#), an NYC-area psychologist who will share the importance of social connection and offer tips on how to connect even though we're socially distant.

Save the date(s)

February 24: We're transforming our February PA meeting into a brief meeting followed by a virtual house party. More details on the way!

March 24: Please join us for our monthly PA meeting followed by coaching expert Liz Wolfe, who will help guide us (and our kids) to overcome procrastination and boost motivation.

If you have suggestions or requests for topics or experts for later this spring, please contact [Celeste Sisson](#).

Advisory groups

If you are interested in connecting with other parents in your child's advisory but haven't yet, please contact your child's advisor for the parent email list. Since the start of school, we've had

great reports of parents connecting via email, Zoom meetings, and Google Hangouts. We hope parents who are interested in making this social connection are able to do so! If you'd like to share with the PA how these meetings are going, please contact [Gabrielle Ortiz](#).

Winter pop-up shop

Our winter holiday pop-up shop was a huge hit! Hope your students are enjoying their cozy new NYCiSchool gear. (Please send photos of your kids and/or family in their merch to pa@mail.nycischool.org for a chance to be featured on our website!) If you missed the pop-up, remember you can always order spiritwear through our site on Café Press—details [here](#). Stay tuned for another pop-up sale this spring. Special requests? Let us know!

Communication & connection

As you know, communication is one of our top priorities this year. Remember that [our website](#) has a lot of helpful info, including PA and SLT meeting minutes, [an archive of Ms. Leimsider's iNotes emails](#), a [master list of iSchool personnel](#) to reach out to depending on your needs, and more. Join us in our Facebook group to discuss anything on your mind with your fellow parents. If there's anything on your mind that you think the PA may be able to help you with, please reach out. Email us at pa@mail.nycischool.org with questions and concerns.

Hope to see you at the PA meeting on Wednesday evening!