November 2, 2020

Dear iSchool Families:

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

As a reminder, tomorrow, November 3rd, is Election Day and all students and staff will be 100% remote – there will be no one in the school building. We hope that all of our community members who are eligible to vote are doing so (if they haven't already).

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

Topic of the Month: Q2 Scheduling Timeline

While it feels like we've only just started school, last Thursday marked the mid-quarter mark and we're already hard at work thinking about scheduling for the 2nd guarter.

Below please note the scheduling timeline:

<u>Monday, November 2nd</u>: Course descriptions are being shared in the iNotes. Students should read through the course descriptions to familiarize themselves with the courses being offered in Q2. Here is the link to the <u>2020-2021 Q2 Course Descriptions</u>.

<u>Wednesday, November 4th</u>: Students will complete a scheduling activity in advisory. They will receive information needed to select their courses and will have the opportunity to plan out their schedule with their advisor. Students are also welcome to make an appointment with Ms. Coleridge, Ms. Leimsider, or Ms. Bailey for additional guidance selecting courses.

Individual scheduling links will be emailed to students according to the following schedule: Class of 2021: after 3:00 p.m. on November 4th Class of 2022: after 8:30 a.m. on November 5th Class of 2023: after 3:00 p.m. on November 5th Class of 2024: after 8:30 a.m. on November 6th

*All students must complete the scheduling survey by Sunday, November 8th at 5:00pm.

<u>November 18th: Students and families will receive a confirmation email with their second quarter</u> courses.

Concerns and/or questions about the scheduling or the above timeline should be directed to Ms. Coleridge at KColeridge@nycischool.org

NEWS & REMINDERS...

- Remote Learning Device Update: As you may have already heard, the city is purchasing an additional 100,000 LTE-enabled iPads for the DOE to distribute to schools for remote and blended learning. While the estimated timeline for delivery of these devices is the next 8–10 weeks, families who still need a device should fill out the <u>Remote Learning Device (RLD)</u> <u>Request Form</u>, if they have not yet done so.
- Mental Health Resource: The education of our students is certainly important to us, but so is their mental health. Our amazing Guidance Counselors, Ms. Almonte and Ms. Colon, have created a Counseling Google Classroom: CounseLINK and would like you to join them: <u>https://classroom.google.com/c/NjQ4NTAzNzYxMjZa?cjc=spgdhad</u>

Once you are in the Google Classroom you can navigate their classwork tab (they promise it's not classwork) and find many new counseling groups and open counseling sessions.