



The Superintendent's Spotlight

Sheila S.-Gorski-DISTRICT 32-September, 2020



Welcome to our seventh Virtual CEC Meeting and taking the time from your very busy schedules to join us this evening!

Classes begin in September on a revised schedule!

September has always been an exciting month. Many wonderful events take place during September. First the weather gradually becomes very comfortable and enjoyable! The Autumn Season begins or as we know it the fall begins with the last rays of sunshine in the mild weather and it showers us with gorgeous leaves of colors in yellow orange, red, and burgundy. But, the most exciting and beautiful event that takes place in NYC is that we get to start anew, see the precious faces of our students, and hear our parents wishing them well as they excitedly walk into their school buildings. Every September we have the pleasure of watching the students smile at their teachers and call out "hellos" to their Principals, "Hi Ms. Marshall! Hi Mr. Zagami! The excitement of a new school year in September is unbelievably exhilarating! Whether our students are in a fully remote learning model, or a blended model our students will excitedly greet their teachers, principals, the staff, or someone at home with a brand new smile and gleaming eyes because that is an authentic reaction children express toward the people who teach and work with them daily. They know that they are loved, cared for and safe with these educators in person or remotely.

This school year it is our hope that we will see our children and all excited and equally hopeful. We are the most prepared school system; I am going to say in the nation. In addition, we have prepared cautiously with our first guiding principle in mind, Health and Safety! Students in blended learning (combination of in-person and remote) will begin to report to buildings, depending on their in-person schedule. Students in 100% remote learning will all continue full-day learning at home. That said, "I want to send out a virtual warm welcome to all our students and we will see you when we visit your class."





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FAMILY INFORMATION, RESOURCES & LINKS

Please continue to visit the Info hub; click on the link below to obtain more information.

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families>

1. Code the Future is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit striving to empower and educate elementary and middle school students in STEM through a fulfilling camp experience. Our mission is to allow students the opportunity to create challenging yet enjoyable projects with code, regardless of economic background or location. Since August, we have been developing curricula for HTML/CSS, a programming language for web development. Our free 8-week long HTML/CSS virtual program for middle school students is now open for [registration](#)! We would love for you to spread the word about our non-profit and program in any way you can, whether that be via school announcements **or an email to parents. We believe that this is a great summer opportunity for your students and will expand their horizons in STEM. Learn more on [Instagram](#).**
2. Robots offer starts TODAY at 10am with an orientation for students.
Please spread the word! (Details and link below)

Description of RoboSoccer: An exciting project with the global leader in intelligent humanoid robots to help teach 9-14 year-old New Yorkers computer coding skills using a unique mix of programmable robots and soccer specific activities. As part of our virtual instruction of RoboSoccer, each student will receive a robot to build and code through virtual sessions at home, to be returned once the program is completed. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nycfc-citc-health-for-youths-robosoccer-workshop-series-tickets-120680082375>

3. Early Childhood

Please visit the Children's Museum of Manhattan [website](#) for suggested daily activities.

4. TRAIN & EARN- BUSHWICK *RSVP for an Info. Session!*

Whether you **HAVE** or **NEED** your diploma our Train and Earn program helps you gain credentials in Microsoft Office, Customer Service and Hospitality and gain valuable job skills to enter the workforce while working on obtaining your High School Diploma.

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Updates on Reopening Our School Buildings

Here are some areas of consideration that will help you and our schools to ensure that we have successful, healthy and safe openings:

- Instructional Orientation began on Wednesday, September 16 and continues through Friday, September 18. Instruction is fully remote-partial school days for students. All students will reconnect to their school community, learn the health and safety procedures, check technical connectivity, and have wellness checks with their teachers and guidance staff.
- Our guiding principle and number one priority continues to be health and safety. For those reasons we continue to work closely with the Department of Health and the Test & Trace Corp to make certain that our schools and school communities meet that standard. We remain steadfast on the 3%citywide positive test threshold which is a critical indicator and we will not open schools if we go above that.
- Within our guiding principle, the health and safety of our students and our staff, our partners in the office of school facilities, school custodians, and their teams are working tirelessly to prepare our buildings for a safe school opening. We have purchased Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene supplies.
- In collaboration with our union partners, the Department of Health and Mental Test & Trace Corp have informed the guidance which advises our schools to secure daily health screenings for students and school based staff, the establishment of an isolation room, a structure for what to do if a student or staff member shows signs of COVID -19 while in school, and what to do if there is a confirmed positive case of someone in a school, and COVID-19 testing scenarios for staff.
- Daily Health Screenings-Daily health screenings including temperature checks at this time must be completed at home by families. It is important that these daily health checks are done to keep school communities healthy and safe. Central has purchased thermometers for at-home use for families who may need them.
- School-based staff and students cannot report to school if they have:
 - Been knowingly in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19
 - Tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days
 - Experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 including a temperature of greater than 100.0 degrees in the past 14 days.



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Blended Learning and Fully Remote Teaching and Learning



Blended Learning Model -The blended learning model incorporates a combination of both on-site instruction at the school and remote instruction at home on the days the students are not scheduled to be on-site at the school. Leveraging the Instructional Coordination Period for joint planning, the on-site teacher and the blended remote teacher will work together to coordinate student learning. The specific days on which students will be on-site vs. remote will be determined by the programming model selected by the school and will be communicated well in advance to the students and families.



Fully Remote Learning Model -The fully remote model uses synchronous and asynchronous online learning and does not include in-person learning. Students who have opted to learn fully remote will be online with their teacher(s) every day engaging in both synchronous and asynchronous learning. The school will coordinate programming in order to coordinate learning across all grades/subjects

- If your child needs a Technical Device use the link here below:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/learn-at-home/technical-tools-and-support/ipad-requests>

- If you need Technical Support please use the link here below:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/learn-at-home/technical-tool support/technical- support-for-families>



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Emoji Classrooms



Emoji Instruction

SEL & Wellness	Engaging Environment	High Quality Learning														
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- Community Meal Distribution will be serving meals to adults afterschool from 3 to 5 or 6 pm daily. Meals will be served in 32K 123 located at 100 Irving Avenue, 11237 & 32K 162 located at 1390 Willoughby Avenue, 11237
- Learning Bridges Update-Schools that will be hosting Childcare are 32K045 -84 Schaefer St.- Principal Nadine Marshall, 32075 95 Grove St., Dr. Yolanda Williams, and 32K 299- 88 Woodbine St. Dr. Carleen Miller-Bailey

Blended Learning Students Enrolled In:	In-Person Learning Begins On:
Grades 3K and Pre-K (in any school type/grade configuration)	Monday 9/21
District 75 (all grades)	Monday 9/21
By School Type:	
Students enrolled in Elementary Schools (K-5 and K-8) (includes students in grades 6-8 in K-8 schools)	Tuesday 9/29
Students enrolled in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Middle Schools (Grades 6-8) ✓ High Schools (Grades 9-12) ✓ Secondary Schools (Grades 6-12) ✓ Transfer Schools, Adult Education, Evening Schools, Alternate Learning Centers 	Thursday 10/1
Schools with Other Grade Configurations:	
Students enrolled in K-2 and K-3 Schools	Tuesday 9/29
Students enrolled in K-12 Schools	Tuesday 9/29

Monday, September 28- Yom Kippur, Schools are closed

Monday, October 12-Columbus Day, Schools Closed



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Stay Healthy and Safe

**We are here for you! A Community of ONE!*

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