## East-West School of International Studies

## **Parent Coordinator News**

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October 6, 2017

"Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education .The human mind is our fundamental resource"- John F. Kennedy

## Be In The Know

- There is no school Monday October 9th in observance of Columbus day. School will resume on Tuesday October 10th.
- Picture day for all students in grades 6-11 is Friday, October 13th. All students must be in a East-West uniform. Order forms were mailed home. If you didn't receive one please let me know.
- Our next PTA meeting is Saturday October 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.





Dear Parent Coordinator,

My son doesn't want to go to school. He wakes up late, and when he does actually make it to school, he does no work and doesn't participate.

Sincerely, Worried Dad

Dear Worried Dad

Have you tried speaking with your child? Is the work difficult for him? Is he making any friends? I would reach out to your child's guidance counselor. Sometimes they just need a little push.

Take Care, PC



















- Thank you to Ms. Marinos and Student Government for another awesome COLOR WAR. Team East-West spent the day participating in team building activities while showing school spirit. We played hard and we showed a lot of HONOR on that field! Thank you to all of our parents who attended and supported us. To our amazing PTA thank you for your generous water donation. Team East-West you rock!
- Senior Financial Aid night is October 12th from 4: 00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. This is a important meeting for all of our 12th grade families to attend. We will assist you in applying for financial aid. A light dinner will be served.
- Our 7th graders will be taking a college trip on October 16th. They will be visiting John Jay College of Criminal Justice
  and Brooklyn College. We need chaperones. If you would like to chaperone please let me know.
- Join our PTA and team East-West to participate in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, Sunday, October 15,2017. The walk will take place in Flushing Meadows Corona Park from 8:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to stand together and walk for a meaningful cause. We encourage you to donate even if you can't attend the walk. For more information on how to donate, please email our PTA at ptaboard1617@ewsis.org
- Have you filled out a blue card? Do you have a current telephone number on file? Have you moved? If so please
  provide the school with <u>2 proofs of residency</u>. A blue card is used for emergency purposes and is mandated by the
  department of education. Please note your child will not be able to participate in any after school activities, including
  clubs and field trips until the blue card is returned.
- Did you know we have a lost and found? If your child has lost anything; a sweater, a binder, cellphone, keys etc please check the lost and found in room 423.
- Mrs. Rhi will take a group of students and parents to march in the Korean Day Parade on Saturday, October 7th and then have lunch. The bus will depart school at 9:15 and return at 2:30 for dismissal from the front of the school.
   Permission slips have gone out. Thank you Mrs. Rhi for organizing this for our students and families.
- You are able to download Microsoft software from <a href="https://studentoffice.net/">https://studentoffice.net/</a>, at no cost, on up to five of your family's computers and five of your family's tablets, smart phones, or other mobile devices. Much of this software has education-specific content that supports our students' academic improvement. In addition, familiarity with these tools will help students be prepared for college and careers. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!
- A note from our college counselor Mr.Carter-

classroom experience. Back-to-school night is an important tradition marking the beginning of the new school year. On this night, teachers explain their goals for the class and for your child. Teachers meet with lots of parents and have the opportunity to learn about the teachers teaching style and methodology, expectations of the teacher, parent, and student. Back to School Night opened up with a general meeting in the auditorium and a brief welcome by the principal and senior leadership. Parents then had the opportunity to separate and visit their child's classrooms and teachers.

EWSIS Back to School Night is a valuable opportunity to learn important information about your child's

As a college bound school, EWSIS is deeply committed to serving students and helping provide the support they need to pursue post-secondary education. This year we decided to add a session on "The College Process". This session was conducted by our new Director of College Counseling, Alvin Carter. This informative session was open to all students and parents, and provided pertinent information regarding the importance of going to college, the college application process, understanding college profiles, requirements, and paying for college.

Over 48+ students and families were present and were able to ask questions and schedule individual appointments with the College Counselor to help guide and assist them through the college and financial aid application process. Mr. Carter assured students and families he will help them navigate the admissions process with less stress and submit stand-out applications to their top-choice colleges and universities. In addition to individual meetings, all seniors are assigned to a semester-long college advising course through their Senior Institute class.

If you would like to meet and speak with the College Counselor for general questions regarding college awareness and preparedness, or would like to make an individual appointment for a customized experience, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Carter at <a href="mailto:acarter@ewsis.org">acarter@ewsis.org</a> or <a href="mailto:718-353-0009">718-353-0009</a>.

Have a Wonderful Weekend,

Maggie Schnall

Parent Coordinator