

Dear Parents and Guardians,

March 17, 2020

We are all now engaged in a full-out effort to halt the spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus. Many of you have already heard from the president, governor, and mayor about the school closures and other steps that are necessary to stop the spread of the coronavirus. This requires the full efforts of all school staff, and we need to work with parents and guardians as full partners.

### **Important updates for today**

- Our school building is closed to all students until at least April 19, 2020.
- Remote learning is a way teachers can teach our students through an online platform and communicate with via the internet. All of our teachers have implemented a remote learning online model for teaching students.
- All teachers will use Google classroom to share instructional videos, resources, assignments, and teacher feedback.
- All students are required to access Google classroom each day. When students access Google classroom, they will be required each day to view the new instructional resource that the teachers have posted, and complete the posted assignments.
- The school building is not open, but teaching and learning will continue Monday through Friday each week. All students must virtually attend each class every day in order to pass courses and be promoted. This includes Physical Education, World Languages, and Arts classes.
- **Any family that needs to borrow a laptop will be able to. Laptops will ONLY be issued if a parent has filled out the required form. There is a sign-out form for home lap-top use on the school website at [Ewsis.org](http://Ewsis.org), Copies have also been emailed to parents, and finally if you still need a copy of this form for a lap-top, students/parents may come to the school on Thursday March 19, 2020**
- **Laptops are available for pick up this week on Thursday (9am to 11:45am) for high school and (12pm to 2:30pm) for middle school. Question? Please call/email Dean Mandel [Rmandel@ewsis.org](mailto:Rmandel@ewsis.org) (718) 353-0009 ext. 4049**

### **Expectations for teacher feedback and grades**

Teachers will give feedback to students via Google classroom. Grades for assignments and assessments will continue to be posted in PupilPath. All parents are encouraged to register for PupilPath AND create a NYC Schools Account.

Please be assured that all school staff will be available by e-mail, through iO PupilPath Messenger, and through Google classroom to communicate with you and your child. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers, guidance counselor, parent coordinator, or other school staff throughout the time that remote learning is taking place.

We will work to support families as much as possible through this process. Please expect another phone message with additional information tomorrow. We will also post this message and all phone messages on our website. Together, we will ensure that meaningful learning continues to occur each day for all children.

Sincerely,

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