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East-West's Parent Newsletter

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Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! What a very busy, but successful start of the school year our school has experienced. Classes are going really well, as teachers are collaborating for exciting lessons more than ever due to increased common planning time schedules this year, and our focus on classroom visitation. We pride ourselves in promoting a "Shared Vision of Learning" at East-West, which focuses on assessment, clear learning goals, and protocols for students to follow as they take part in their accountability for learning. As this is now my second year as Principal I am happy to give you some quick data on last year's school performance, a quick look into policy updates, and goals we have set for our school this current school.

Anthony Cromer
Principal

School Progress after One Year of Collaboration and Effort:

East-West's 2017-2018 performance: (These are estimates, final numbers will be issued later this year.)

- **Graduation rate:** 93%
- **College Readiness Score:** 81% (up +15% in last 2 years)
 - English/Math Regents, SAT scores or CUNY exam scores.

Regents Exams (June 2018)	Percent Passing	Increase from prior year
U.S. History	99%	
Earth Science	96%	+4% increase
Algebra 2/Trigonometry	92%	+28% increase
Biology (New initiative for all 8 th graders)	92%	
Chemistry	96%	
Global History	87%	+5% Increase
Physics	75%	

HONOR

EXCELLENCE

CURIOSITY

CELEBRATION

Host Families Needed for Our Visiting Japan Sister School

12 students from Nishio High School in Japan will be coming to East-West from December 10-17. We are still looking for additional host families. If you are the parent of a student in grades 8-12, please consider hosting a student in your home. The students are age 15-17 and are looking for a family to welcome them. Please e-mail Ms. Wilson and Mr. Silaco to apply at ywilson@ewsis.org and bsilaco@ewsis.org.

Policy Updates 2018-2019

Working Papers/ Community Service- Students in need of working papers can pick up an application or contact Ms. McLaughlin in room 404H. East-West students are required to do community service hours before they graduate. We encourage them to complete at least 216 hours. Whether they are done in your own community or at the school, students should see Ms. McLaughlin to document the hours worked and get the community service credit.

Address/Telephone Change- If you have moved or have a new telephone number, please provide proof of new information to our main office in room 428 so we can make the necessary changes.

Building Entry- Students are no longer required to take their coats off at the front door of the building. However they must have their outer garments off before entering the classrooms. Students have all been assigned a locker. If you have not received locker information then please see Ms. Mandel at extension 4101 or the dean's office.

High School Application Process- Round 1 high school application period for the 2019-2020 school year is now open! All students must apply online with MySchools at www.myschools.nyc. For additional information on how to access your MySchools account and apply, please email our guidance counselor, Mr. Diaz at cdiaz@ewsis.org.

MAC Room- Mandated After-School Conference Room is for students who receive a deans' referral or students who violate school policy. These students may be assigned an after-school conference in the MAC room. Parents will be notified in advance if their child is assigned conferences in the MAC room.

Pupil Path- Parents can track their child's academic progress by accessing Pupil Path at <https://pupilpath.skedula.com>. If you did not receive a registration code, or if you have any issues with accessing your account, please contact our main office or your child's teacher for assistance.

Uniforms- Our School Leadership Team has voted that we will be grandfathering in old uniforms. Therefore if you have a uniform shirt or uniform sweater, etc. of a different color it will be allowed until you are able to purchase a new uniform.

Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP)

School Goals for 2018-2019

GOAL #1 (*Rigorous Instruction*) We will increase academic support, classroom rigor and resources for all students to improve academic achievement in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies as evidenced by a 2% increase in our College Readiness Index when comparing performance for school years 2017-2018 to 2018-2019.

GOAL #2 (*Supportive Environment*) By June 2019 Our Advanced Placement class and higher level math course student enrollment data will be more inclusive of previously underrepresented sub-groups, as evidenced by a 5% increase in African-American, Hispanic, and Students with Disabilities, when comparing school year 2017-2018 to school year 2018-2019.

GOAL #3 (*Collaborative Teachers*) By June 2019, 80% of teachers will be programmed for common planning, to collaborate together, and analyze CCLS performance tasks and student work. This will be evidenced by a 2% increase in classroom scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year and at least five professional development sessions focused on curriculum revision.

GOAL #4 (*Effective School Leadership*) Teacher team meetings and school professional development sessions will be planned and facilitated by teacher leaders, in coordination with the Principal, to build the leadership capacity of our teachers as evidence by implementation of three new teacher teams, three model classrooms, and a 5% increase in schoolwide component 3D in Advance.

GOAL #5 (*Strong Family and Community Ties*) By June 2019, we will provide incentives to parents and modify PTA meeting times, to improve parental involvement as evidenced by a 5% increase of parents who attend PTA meetings and other parent events when comparing school 2017-2018 to school year 2018-2019.