

May 7, 2021

Dear YES Prep Families,

We hope this message finds you safe and well. First, we want to say again to our teachers that we appreciate and admire you, and we hope you felt celebrated this week and every week! Thank you for giving everything you have to help students in these extraordinary circumstances and for your commitment to help every student—whether at school or online—on his/her path to college and beyond. From food trucks to personalized student letters, to see some of the special Teacher Appreciation Week celebrations that took place this week, please check out your school's social media.

Thank you for reading this Family Update in its entirety for information, updates, and reminders about latest U.S. News & World Report school rankings, COVID-19 vaccine clinics, Senior Signing Day, new Facebook Live series *On the Path to College*, Summer Meal Delivery Service and more.

### Important Dates Reminder

- **May 8** – Second AP Summit
- **May 15** – Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) Summit
- **May 23** – Senior Signing Day
- **May 31** – Memorial Day (Student/staff holiday)

### U.S. News & World Report School Rankings

We are excited to share that all 10 eligible YES Prep Public Schools earned gold medals—placing in the top 10 percent of the state and nation for being the best “at getting students to graduation day”—in the latest [U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools Rankings](#).

The *U.S. News & World Report* publishes rankings of the best high schools annually. The publication measures how well students at each school perform compared to the rest of their state and nation, how historically underserved students achieve academically, how many students graduate, and how well-prepared students are for college.

### COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Update

Next Friday morning, May 14 we will be hosting COVID vaccine clinics at our Fifth Ward, Northline, Northside and Northwest campuses. If you or any family members 18 years or older would like to sign up to receive the Moderna vaccine at one of these May 14 vaccine clinics, please register using the links below. All families are welcome and can choose the campus/clinic most convenient to them.

- [YES Prep Public Schools-Fifth Ward COVID Vaccination Clinic](#)
- [YES Prep Public Schools-Northline COVID Vaccination Clinic](#)
- [YES Prep Public Schools-Northside COVID Vaccination Clinic](#)
- [YES Prep Public Schools-Northwest COVID Vaccination Clinic](#)

### Senior Signing Day

YES Prep's Senior Signing Day is only 3 weeks away! Seniors and their families will be celebrating this annual tradition on Sunday, May 23 at Rice University's outdoor stadium. Due to the pandemic and our unwavering commitment to the health and safety of our students, staff, and families, this will be an exclusive event for



Seniors and two of their family members *only*. Seniors will be receiving a packet with more information about the event and two tickets the week of May 17. The event will be livestreamed on our [website](#) for additional family members and the rest of the YES Prep community to watch safely from home.

### **Facebook Live Wednesday evening May 12 for 12th grade Families**

Join our Facebook Live event from 6 – 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening to hear from two of our district leaders in our new series, On the Path to College. Nella Garcia Urban, Chief Program Officer, and Roberto Trevino, Managing Director of College Initiatives, will be sharing what is important in the senior year, how to motivate your student and important events coming up. #thebestisYESTocome

English 6 – 6:30 p.m.

Spanish 6:30 – 7 p.m.

### **Summer Meals Delivery Service, June 14 - August 13, 2021**

If you are interested in receiving FREE breakfast & lunch meals for your children this summer, PLEASE sign up below. Meals are available to all children 18 years of age and younger & delivered directly to your home. Our current delivery structure will end June 11, 2021. PLEASE sign up today if you're interested in the continuation of home delivery services. Each meal box (per child) will have 7 breakfast meals and 7 lunch meals in it, plus 1 gallon of milk. Sign up using the link below! Reach out to ChildNutrition@yesprep.org with questions.

[Here is the link to the Summer Feeding 2021 Survey](#)

### **Family-School Relationships Survey Gratitude**

Thank you for taking the time to complete the annual Family Survey to share your feedback with us. Your voice is invaluable as we plan for the year ahead. We should have the results back from the Panorama Education Team in the coming weeks and we will share them with all stakeholder groups to be used as we make decisions for the 21-22 school year and beyond.

### **Did You Know?**

Even at top-rated traditional ISDs, Black students have worse academic outcomes than their white peers, often by wide margins. The gap is particularly pronounced in science, where the average gap is 34 percentage points. [But, with equity at the forefront of our model, public charter schools are helping reverse these achievement gaps!](#)

As always, we would like to thank you for trusting us with the responsibility of educating your children. Thank you for your support and partnership as we continue our commitment to prioritize safety while also working tirelessly to provide the highest quality instruction, online and in-person. Our next Family Update will be on **Friday, May 14**. And Happy Mother's Day to all our YES Prep moms! Thank you for all you do.

Thank you