



Keeping you Informed

Yonkers Public Schools

For Parents/Families/Community/Partners



January 2017

US Department of Education Welcomes New Family Ambassador.

US Secretary of Education, John King, announced that a Family Ambassador would join the department to support family engagement in education policy. This will promote, on a national level, the recognition that raising the next generation is a shared responsibility. When families, communities and schools work together, students are more successful and the entire community benefits.

To get involved or learn more [click here](#).

Noteworthy

Reminder, The School Choice Process Begins February 4, 2017. To go to the Yonkers Public Schools Website just [click here](#).

Two YPS Unions settle contracts, [Click here for more information](#).

Great Resources for Families on those cold and snowy days: [Click Here](#)

New P-12 Science Learning Standards

The New York State Board of Regents P-12 Committee approved new P-12 Science Learning Standards, the State Education Department announced December 16, 2016. These standards are based on two nationally respected guiding documents, feedback from teachers, school and district administrators, and on survey data that indicated the need to adapt specific portions of the standards to reflect New York's mission and vision for P-12 science education.



"The Board and the Department took a measured, years-long approach to making sure we got it right in updating the state's science learning standards," Board of Regents Chancellor Betty A. Rosa said. "These standards give all our children the best possible opportunities to succeed, while also giving educators the flexibility to design classroom experiences that stimulate students' interest and prepare them for the future."

"These standards reflect how students today learn science," Commissioner Elia said. "Science, Technology, Engineering and Math are becoming more critical every day to innovation and competitiveness in both college and career. It's essential that our standards evolve to provide equitable learning opportunities so all students can benefit."

For more details [click here](#).

Varsity Swim Returns!



After six years without funding for a varsity swim team, Yonkers Public Schools hosted Port Chester High School, Friday, December 9, 2016, promptly breaking 3 pool records, and sweeping all the events.

The All-City Varsity Swim Team boasts a roster of 32 male and female swimmers. Yonkers Public Schools alumni from the Class of 1998 coach the team. Coach Julie Schoenlank graduated from Roosevelt High School and is currently a Teaching Assistant at Yonkers Montessori Academy. Assistant Coach Michael Stein graduated from Saunders Trades & Technical High School and teaches English and History, also at Yonkers Montessori Academy.

Through the advocacy of Yonkers parents and students last year, funding was allocated for an All-City Varsity Swim Team in the current year's budget.

The team's home pool is the Mark Twain Pool at Yonkers Montessori Academy, 160 Woodlawn Avenue.

For more details [click here](#).

Family Connections (Title To Be Determined)

Visit the all new families page on the Yonkers Public Schools website. Here you will find links to important information on the website just for parents, online learning links for students, and other educational informational for families. This page is designed for families and your comments and suggestions are most welcome! Here is the link: <http://www.yonkerspublicschools.org>