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This Family Update provides important information about the 2023–24 school year calendar, admissions and enrollment deadlines, parent-teacher conferences, and how to get the latest news from New York City Public Schools.

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School Year 2023-24 Calendar

Welcome to the new school year! You can view and download printable files of the calendar for the full 2023-24 school year in multiple languages and see important upcoming dates such as parent-teacher conferences and days when schools may be closed at schools.nyc.gov/calendar. Please note:

- On days when school buildings are closed due to severe weather or other emergency conditions, all students and families should plan to participate in remote learning.
- Under New York State law, public holidays (also referred to as legal or federal holidays) that fall on a Saturday are not observed on a weekday; where such holidays fall on a Sunday, they will be observed on the following Monday. Per New York City Public Schools' policy, when non-public holidays fall on a weekend, schools remain open on the weekdays immediately preceding or following that holiday.

The following are non-public holidays observed by NYC Public Schools: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Election Day, Diwali, the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Lunar New Year, Good Friday, Eid al-Fitr, Passover (first two days), and Eid al-Adha.

This year, schools will remain open on the weekdays immediately preceding or following the non-public holidays noted, which fall on weekends during the 2023-24 school year: Rosh Hashanah (September 16–17), Veteran's Day (November 11), Diwali (November 12), and Lunar New Year (February 10).

Please reach out to your school with any questions about the school calendar. To assist with future planning, calendars for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years are also available on our website.

Fall 2024 Admissions

Great news: the opening dates and deadlines for 3-K, Pre-K, Kindergarten, Gifted and Talented (G&T) programs, middle school, and high school (including Specialized High Schools) for fall 2024 admissions have already been announced! Here are resources to help you throughout your child's application process:

- Learn about key admissions dates and more at schools.nyc.gov/enrollment. Each admissions process page includes the **2024 NYC Public Schools Admissions Guide** and a video series to walk you through various stages of the application process. The guide is available in 10 languages at schools, early childhood programs, libraries, and other sites, and can also be downloaded from our website.
- Read the **NYC Guide to the SHSAT for 2024 Admissions**, which provides an overview of how to prepare for the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) and includes practice tests. The guide is available in 10 languages and can be viewed at schools.nyc.gov/SHS under "Documents."
- Explore schools and programs on [MySchools.nyc](https://myschools.nyc.gov), and attend open houses and information sessions to become familiar with your child's options. You can find in-person and virtual events listed in the MySchools events calendar at [MySchools.nyc/calendar](https://myschools.nyc.gov/calendar).
- Sign up to receive the latest updates and reminders by email at schools.nyc.gov/SignUp.

Admissions dates in 2023:

- **Tuesday, October 3, 2023:** High School Application & SHSAT Registration Opens
- **Wednesday, October 11, 2023:** Middle School Application Opens
- **Friday, October 27, 2023:** SHSAT Registration Closes
- **Friday, November 10, 2023:** Deadline to register to test for Mark Twain I.S. 239 (21K239) and District 21 Talent Tests for Middle School
- **Friday, December 1, 2023:** High School Application Closes
- **Friday, December 8, 2023:** Middle School Application Closes

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences (PTCs) are a great opportunity to speak directly with teachers about your child's academic and social-emotional development and how you can support their growth outside the classroom. PTCs will be conducted remotely throughout the 2023–24 school year, though they can occur in-person upon request. Translation and interpretation services are also available—please let your child's school know if you need services.

Upcoming PTCs:

- **Thursday, November 2:** Afternoon and Evening conferences for elementary schools.
- **Thursday, November 9:** Afternoon and evening conferences for middle schools and D-75 schools.
- **Thursday, November 16:** Evening PTCs for high school students, K–12, and 6–12 schools.
- **Friday, November 17:** Afternoon PTCs for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools.

To prepare for your PTC, ask your child some questions about their school experiences so that you can have a more informed discussion with their teachers. Here are some suggestions:

- How do you feel about school now? Do you have any questions or concerns that you'd like to talk to your teachers about?
- What are your favorite subjects in school right now? What's your least favorite?
- What do you think about your teacher? Do you feel supported and welcome in your classroom?

For more PTC guidance, please visit schools.nyc.gov/ptc.

Stay Connected

We have an exciting school year ahead of us, and you won't want to miss any information about what's happening in NYC Public Schools. To make sure that we can reach you, be sure to update your contact information in your NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) online at schoolsaccount.nyc, or complete the emergency contact form provided by your school. Learn how to sign up for NYCSA at schools.nyc.gov/nycsa.

This year families and students can access information they need more conveniently than ever, thanks to our new NYCSA and mobile TeachHub applications!

NYCSA Mobile Application: Parents/guardians who have an active [NYCSA account](#) can access their child's grades, assignments, and attendance using the NYCSA mobile application, which can be downloaded on iOS and Android devices. Learn more at schools.nyc.gov/nycsamobile.

TeachHub Mobile Application: Students can now use the TeachHub mobile application for iOS and Android devices to easily track their grades, assignments, schedule, and attendance information. Learn more about the app at schools.nyc.gov/teachhubmobile. Students must sign into the application with their NYCStudents.net username and password—to learn more about student accounts, visit schools.nyc.gov/studentaccounts.

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