



WILLIAM W. NILES MIDDLE SCHOOL 118
Academy of Excellence, Pace Academy, & Spectrum Academy
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Dear MS 118 families,

I would like to thank you all for your patience and continued partnership as we have worked over the past several months to ensure a smooth school opening. School will begin remotely for all students on Wednesday, September 16th at 8:30 am. Students will log in to their grade level orientation using Zoom. Students should wear their MS 118 school uniform as this is a school day. (We expect all students, remote and in school, to wear their school uniform while in class.)

6th Grade - Academy of Excellence, Pace Academy, Spectrum Academy

[Students may click here to join the 6th grade meeting](#)

Ms. Diaz, 6th Grade Guidance Counselor, cdiaz39@schools.nyc.gov

Ms. Busuttall, 6th Grade Dean, cbusuttall@schools.nyc.gov

Ms. Criscione, 6th Grade Back to School Bootcamp Team Leader

7th Grade - Academy of Excellence, Pace Academy, Spectrum Academy

[Students may click here to join the 7th grade meeting](#)

Ms. Ventura, 7th Grade Guidance Counselor, dventura@schools.nyc.gov

Ms. King, 7th Grade Dean, aking14@schools.nyc.gov

Ms. Pitiger, 7th Grade Back to School Bootcamp Team Leader

8th Grade - Academy of Excellence, Pace Academy, Spectrum Academy

[Students may click here to join the 8th grade meeting](#)

Ms. Williams, 8th Grade Guidance Counselor, ewillia2@schools.nyc.gov

Mr. Tonkin, 8th Grade Dean, ptonkin@schools.nyc.gov

Mr. Combs, 8th Grade Back to School Bootcamp Team Leader

Technology Distribution

We have a number of exciting learning opportunities available to students this school year. All students will need access to the internet as well as a chromebook or laptop computer for interacting with their teachers and completing assignments. Families who are currently without internet access should send an email to 10X118@schools.nyc.gov with their contact information and the name of the student. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when picking up technology. A Student Device Loan Agreement must be completed by an adult before a device will be given to the student. The agreement serves as confirmation that

the adult will take responsibility for a device that is either damaged or misplaced. Those students who received NYCDOE iPads in April should bring those devices and exchange them for a Chromebook.

Devices will be distributed to families on the following days:

Monday, September 14th, 12 - 2 PM

Tuesday, September 15th, 10 AM - 2 PM

6th Grade - Exit 1 (E 179th Street near Arthur Avenue)

7th Grade - Exit 2 (E 179th Street near LaFontaine Avenue)

8th Grade - Exit 5 (LaFontaine Avenue beneath the scaffolding)

Order School Uniforms

In order to ensure timely delivery of your student's school uniform, please place your order no later than Monday morning. Uniforms are available on the school website, www.MS118.info. In the event you are not able to purchase a uniform, students may wear a black polo shirt and khaki pants. The uniform policy for MS 118 students is a MS 118 black polo shirt and khaki pants or skirt. Students are not permitted to wear jeans or denim.

New York City Schools Account (NYCSA)

[How to set up your NYC Schools Account](#)

If you have not done so already, you will need to create a [NYC Schools Account \(NYCSA\)](#), in order to view your student's attendance, report card grades, transportation information, reading levels, assessment scores, and progress towards graduation for high school students. NYCSA allows all of our MS 118 families to use the information provided to collaborate with teachers and formulate strategies to support student's academic success. You may also use NYCSA to update your phone numbers and email addresses. NYCDOE and MS 118 will use the contact information in NYCSA to communicate with you directly about system-wide emergencies.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

To ensure the safety of your child, all students and staff are required to wear a mask that fully covers their mouth and nose when entering the school building and throughout the school day. Random temperature checks will also be performed upon student entry. Before our return to the school building on September 21st, you may want to work with your child on wearing a mask for extended periods of time. This will allow him/her an opportunity to become comfortable with the mask's fit and feel.

Thank you for choosing MS 118 for your child. Despite the challenges we are currently facing, our staff remains excited about the coming school year. We look forward to beginning the school year with all of our students on September 16th at 8:30 am. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 10X118@schools.nyc.gov. This email address is monitored throughout the day.

Best,



Gary Beidleman, Principal

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@118Bronx: The official MS 118 Instagram account. Follow us on Instagram.

Attachment(s): September, October, November School Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Group D - families who opt for full remote learning are remote every day Monday - Friday</i>				
September 14	September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18
Teacher Professional Development Day No School	Teacher Professional Development Day No School	Groups ABD Remote 8:30 - 11:30 AM	Groups ABD Remote 8:30 - 11:30 AM	Groups ABD Remote 8:30 - 11:30 AM
September 21	September 22	September 23	September 24	September 25
Group A School	Group A School	Group B School	Group A School	Group B School
Group B Remote	Group B Remote	Group A Remote	Group B Remote	Group A Remote
September 28	September 29	September 30	October 1	October 2
Yom Kippur Schools Closed	Group A School	Group B School	Group A School	Group B School
	Group B Remote	Group A Remote	Group B Remote	Group A Remote
October 5	October 6	October 7	October 8	October 9
Group B School	Group A School	Group B School	Group A School	Group B School
Group A Remote	Group B Remote	Group A Remote	Group B Remote	Group A Remote
October 12	October 13	October 14	October 15	October 16
Columbus Day Schools Closed	Group A School	Group B School	Group A School	Group B School
	Group B Remote	Group A Remote	Group B Remote	Group A Remote
October 19	October 20	October 21	October 22	October 23

Group A School	Group A School	Group B School	Group A School	Group B School
Group B Remote	Group B Remote	Group A Remote	Group B Remote	Group A Remote
October 26	October 27	October 28	October 29	October 30
Group B School	Group A School	Group B School	Group A School	Group B School
Group A Remote	Group B Remote	Group A Remote	Group B Remote	Group A Remote
November 2	November 3	November 4	November 5	November 6
Group A School	Election Day Groups ABD Remote	Group B School	Group A School	Group B School
Group B Remote		Group A Remote	Group B Remote	Group A Remote
November 9	November 10	November 11	November 12	November 13
Group B School	Group A School	Veterans Day Schools Closed	Group A School	Group B School
Group A Remote	Group B Remote		Group B Remote	Group A Remote
November 16	November 17	November 18	November 19	November 20
Group A School	Group A School	Group B School	Afternoon Parent / Teacher Conference School Groups ABD Remote 8:30 - 11:30 AM	Group B School
Group B Remote	Group B Remote	Group A Remote		Group A Remote
November 23	November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27
Group B School	Group A School	Group B School	Thanksgiving Break Schools Closed	Thanksgiving Break Schools Closed
Group A Remote	Group B Remote	Group A Remote		