

Principal's Newsletter

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Welcome back to another wonderful year at the Academy of Urban Planning! This year we are even more determined to enhancing the educational opportunities we provide to your child and your family. We have high expectations for our students and we want to work with parents and families to ensure we meet our goals. One of our goals is that all of our students maintain at least **85% daily attendance**. Coming to school every day and on time is one way students demonstrate their commitment to learning. Success begins with the right attitude and the right habits. When students make a decision that being in school every day is their top priority their grades will improve.

Our school has been faced with severe budget cuts that have made us have cut many of our extra programs. Despite those cuts there are still a lot of great opportunities for students to get involved with. All ninth graders have the opportunity to participate in the HAI after school and Saturday program. This program provides tutoring and drama workshops to all participants. All students can join the PhotoVoice program on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Participants in this program learn about the community, go on trips and use digital photography to document their experiences. Brooklyn College @ Bushwick Campus and the Student Success Center offer college counseling and support. Our school's Saturday Academy will start on October 17th to provide tutoring and class credit to students who are eligible. Encourage your child to get involved.



This year you will continue to get up-to-date information about your child's progress on-line. Our on-line grading system, Teacherease, allows you to see your child's test grades, homework assignment and class participation grade. If you need help using this system please see Mr. Donaldson, the parent coordinator. All parents in New York City have access to ARIS. Through ARIS you can see your child's transcript, attendance records and much more. Ask the parent coordinator to help you log on during your next visit to our school. Other resources available to help you are your child's counselor, the attendance teacher, Ms. Caraballo and your child's advisor or subject teacher.

Last but not least, remember schools work best when parents are involved. We need your ideas, we need your support and we need your talents. Come to the parents association meeting to find out how you can help. Let's work together to make this a great year!



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