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This Family Update provides important information about the updated school year calendar, kindergarten enrollment, upcoming application deadlines for middle and high school admissions, remote learning guidance, and signing up for a New York City Schools Account.

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Important Winter Recess Calendar Update

Last month, we announced that **Monday, December 23**—previously scheduled as a school day on the 2024–25 school year calendar—will now be a holiday for New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) students. This change will give students, staff, and their families more time together during the busy holiday season, while still allowing us to meet our 180-day school year requirement. You can find the most up-to-date version of our calendar on the NYCPS website at schools.nyc.gov/calendar. We hope you enjoy your extended winter recess!

Kindergarten Admissions Opens December 10

Beginning **Tuesday, December 10**, NYC children who were born in 2020 can participate in fall 2025 kindergarten admissions. You can add Kindergarten Gifted and Talented (G&T) and Dual Language programs to your child's application at MySchools.nyc; G&T eligibility will be determined after you apply. To learn more about this year's kindergarten admissions process, visit our official "Kindergarten" webpage at schools.nyc.gov/K.

The fall 2025 kindergarten application will close on **Friday, January 24, 2025**.

Reminder: Upcoming Admissions Deadlines

There are two important admissions deadlines coming up in early December. The high school application for fall 2025 will close on **Wednesday, December 4**, and the middle school application for fall 2025 will close on **Friday, December 20**. To learn how to submit your application and get more details about each process, visit schools.nyc.gov/Admissions.

Remote Learning Guidance

As winter approaches, it's important to remember that if school buildings must close due to inclement weather, students in kindergarten and above will participate in remote learning from home. Children attending LYFE or a 3-K or Pre-K program in an elementary school or Pre-K center should participate in the remote learning experiences outlined by their program.

If your child still needs a working internet-enabled device loaned from NYCPS, you can request one from your school directly. Find guidance on how to use your loaned iPad or laptop at schools.nyc.gov/NYCPSdevices.

Familiarize yourself ahead of time with the resources your child needs to participate in remote learning:

- Students can access all the NYCPS technology platforms they will need for remote learning through their **NYCPS Student Accounts** (also known as a DOE Student Account), which is created automatically when your child enrolls in school. Using the NYCPS Student Account, students and families can connect to all NYCPS digital learning tools with a single login. Learn more at schools.nyc.gov/StudentAccounts.
 - If you are not sure of your child's NYCPS Account username and password, please visit selfservice.schools.nyc or ask your school for help.
 - Learn more about the digital learning tools, applications, and platforms NYCPS uses at schools.nyc.gov/DigitalLearning.
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New York City Schools Account (NYCSA)

Sign up for a **NYC Schools Account (NYCSA)** by following the instructions at schools.nyc.gov/NYCSA. You can use NYCSA to stay updated about your child's grades, transportation, attendance, Individualized Education Program (IEP) (if applicable), and more.

You can also:

- Fill out and sign digital forms for your child's school
 - Gain access to NYCPS resources for families such as Parent University (parentu.schools.nyc) and SupportHub (supporthub.schools.nyc)
 - Receive information from parent groups such as Community and Citywide Education Councils (CCECs) and your school's Parent Association/Parent Teacher Association (PA/PTA)
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