

STUDENT SUPPORT DEPARTMENT



- February 1 | 2 **Math Interim Assessment 2**
- February 1 **Chat and Chew**
11:30 AM- 12:30 PM
- February 3 **100th Day of School**
- February 10 **PTA Planning Meeting**
- February 9 | 10 **K-1 Vision Screening**
- February 14 **VDay Classroom Celebration**
- February 20 **PTA Planning Meeting**
- February 21-25 **No School: February Break**
- February 28 **Board Meeting**
6:30 PM -8:30 PM

Happy February! This month we are excited to host our annual Black Wax Museum where students will be able to dress up as a Black Figure and teach their peers about them. Due to COVID restrictions, the Black Wax Museum will be streamed via Zoom. We were excited to see all the different figures that students decided to dress up as! You should receive more detailed information via email in the coming days. As we are nearing the end of our 2nd Trimester, Ivy Hill is also excited to provide increased resources and progress reports to parents to help students in Reading and Math before meeting for conferences in March.

-Ms. Williams

Career Week

Ivy Hill Prep is having its annual Career Week Event April 4th-8th!

It is our vision to expose our students to a variety of careers. In order to achieve this vision, we need the assistance of our parents and community members so that together we may educate students on the importance of furthering their education and the vast career opportunities that are open to them. Therefore, we cordially invite your participation.

Presentations should be between 30-50 minutes in length. You will present to students ranging from kindergarten through 3rd grade. The recommended topics include: education/training in your career, personal skills necessary in your field, typical day in your field, related school subjects, child friendly games and presentations, hands on activities or visuals, etc. We appreciate any time that you may be able to dedicate to this very rewarding experience.

If you are interested or know someone who would like to present, please complete the Career Day sign up form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at Sthompson@ivyhillprep.org

[Career Day sign up form](#)

Thank you in advance for your involvement!



Parent Teacher Association: Coming Soon

The purpose of a PTA is to enhance the educational experience of Ivy Hill Prep students and pioneer new school initiatives that make our children's school experience unique and special. The PTA reflects motivated, diverse and supportive parents dedicated to helping Ivy Hill Prep maintain an inclusive and supportive school community. The PTA is made up of parent volunteers. Volunteers work together with the administration and the entire parent body to produce events, fundraising and meetings throughout the school year.

If you have experience as a PTA member or are interested in joining the planning committee to create one, please contact us at Sthompson@ivyhillprep.org. We invite EVERYONE to join future meetings. The first planning meeting is February 10th, 9 AM-9:30 AM. Please continue to follow the newsletter every month for additional PTA updates.

Meeting ID: 664 045 8520; PW: Thompson



Social Emotional Learning

Mindfulness:

The February unit will focus on the power to be calm. The unit introduces three of the five principles of health and wellness: **body, breath, and mind**—with a focus on bringing mindfulness (kind awareness) to our classmates, our space, and ourselves. Students will explore different aspects of the breath, including its ability to calm the body and mind, through mindful breathing exercises. The principal focus of this unit is to practice routines and agreements (Mindfulness Promises) with clear expectations in order to cultivate a respectful classroom culture where all students feel safe and have equal ability to attain success.

Mindful Promises

I will be safe and kind with myself.

I will be safe and kind to the friends around me.

I will be aware of my words and actions to create a safe, kind, and calm classroom community.

Test Tips

Here's how you can help your child develop the study skills they need to achieve academic success. Try these 5 Tips If you are interested in seeing benefits beyond the classroom.

1. **Create a designated work space for your student.** Keep helpful study supplies on hand in this area.
2. **Avoid Cramming.** Studying a little bit of a subject every day is much better for long-term retention than studying for a longer period of time.
3. **Take Breaks.** It is important to encourage your students to break up their studying with smart breaks. Taking a 15-minute break once every hour can work wonders on keeping them focused and productive.
4. **Teach your child to ask for help.** Teaching your child how to build effective working relationships with other students and asking their peers for help is another important lesson in asking for, receiving, and offering support
5. **Avoid Distraction.** Multi-tasking also takes away from learning, so encourage your child to focus on a single subject for a sustained period of time before moving onto another subject.



Occupational Therapy Update:

This year, student occupational therapy sessions have been held virtually throughout the school day. We are excited to announce that we have a new OT provider who will be conducting student sessions in-person. Join us as we extend the biggest welcome to Ranisha John. Ms. John was born and raised in the Caribbean island of Grenada and has been an Occupational Therapist for 7 years, working with both adults and school-aged children from pre-K to high school. Her favorite hobbies include doing arts and crafts projects and taking long drives.

Parent Spotlight



Sheila Zephir is the parent of a radiant Kindergartener girl. She ensured that her child was prepared for kindergarten by creating endless learning opportunities at home. Ms. Zephir was one of the first parents to jump at the opportunity to practice sight words with the school leader during Accepted Students Night. Ms. Zephir pours endless love into her daughter. She is a phenomenal role model.

-Ms. Thompson

Staff Spotlight



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Mrs. Torres has such an amazing spirit and personality. When it comes to working together, she is the definition of a team player. Although our team is small, she makes us feel like we can handle whatever workload is thrown at us because she is adamant about doing things together. Not only is she an amazing coworker she is also a fantastic mother. Watching her go from mom to manager so easily and the way she is always there for our families is inspiring. Mrs. Torres is the go to person for all needs at Ivy Hill Prep for both staff and families. She is well appreciated.

- Mrs. Lubin and Mrs. Ulysse

Mrs. Torres being one of the 1st year founders, has been a great asset to Ivy Hill Prep. She's the glue that keeps Ivy Hill Prep running. Mrs. Torres is such a great leader. She has become a great coworker and friend. Being an Ivy Hill Prep parent and juggling work and mommy duties is inspiring. Mrs. Torres always goes above and beyond to keep Ivy Hill Prep's Enrollment, Bussing, Supplies intact. All those are not even the half of it. Mrs. Torres is humble and that is something I love about her. She does her job so effortlessly, even when things are stressful. You are appreciated, Mrs. Torres. You are loved Mrs. Torres. Never stop being you!

Love, Ms. T - Princeton University



Happy Birthday to all of our special friends who are celebrating a birthday in February. Ms. Davis and Ms. Campbell are celebrating their birthday's as well. Hooray!!!



Ms. Davis 2/1



Emily 2/1



Amir 2/1



Xavier 2/4



Caden 2/5



Tafari 2/5



Aljah 2/7



Jordan 2/9



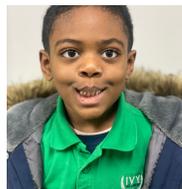
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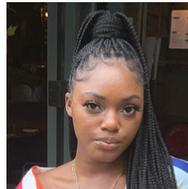
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Ms. Campbell 2/24



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