

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COORDINATOR NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PARENT COORDINATOR

Dear Parents / Guardians and
Students:

My name is Diane Plummer, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Parent Coordinator. I am located next to the Main Office in Room 117. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 718-937-4270 Ext. 117 or via email: dplummer@schools.nyc.gov.

We at Information Technology High School would like to wish you and your family a happy holiday.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color." - Maya Angelou

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT



ONLINE SAFETY TIPS

- + Create a list of Internet house rules with input from your kids.
- + Keep Internet-connected computers in an open area and out of your kids' bedrooms.
- + Talk with your kids about their online friends and activities just as you would about their other activities.
- + Teach your kids to never give out personal information when using e-mail, chat rooms, or instant messaging.
- + Teach your kids not to download programs without your permission.
- + Consider giving your pre-teen child a limited user account to help keep them from participating in activities without your knowledge.
- + Encourage your kids to tell you if something or someone online makes them feel uncomfortable or threatened - online predators and cyberbullies.
- + Insist on access to your kids' e-mail and instant messaging accounts to make sure they're not talking to strangers.

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Useful Websites:

- <http://www.internetsafety.com/safe-eyes-parental-control-software.php>
- <http://www.cyberpatrol.com/>

REMINDERS

- Please be mindful that as per Chancellor's Reg A-412, all electronic devices are prohibited on school property. All such devices will be confiscated. Hats and headgear will also be confiscated.
- Freshmen and sophomores must wear their uniforms.
- Please return completed lunch applications to Mr. Hinds in room 238.

MS games and events

12/1	Girls Varsity Basketball 4:30 p.m.
12/5	Boys Varsity Basketball 4:30 p.m.
12/6	Girls Varsity Basketball 4:30 p.m.
12/7	Boys Varsity Basketball 4:30 p.m.
12/8	Girls Varsity Basketball 4:30 p.m.
12/10	Boys Wrestling 12 p.m.
12/12	Boys Varsity Basketball 4:30 p.m.
12/13	Boys Varsity Wrestling 4:30 p.m.
12/14	Boys Varsity Basketball 4:30 p.m.
12/15	Girls Varsity Basketball 4:30 p.m.
12/20	Girls Varsity Basketball 4:30 p.m.
12/21	Boys Varsity Basketball 4:30 p.m.
12/21	Holiday Concert 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



GANG AWARENESS

Gang trends change and are different from one place to another, so clothing alone may not be enough to show a child's affiliation with a gang.

Colors: Many gangs use one or more colors as a symbol to represent their gang.

These colors may be worn on shirts, bandanas, multicolored beads, and other items.

Symbols and Numbers: Some have special meaning within the gang. A few common symbols from large gangs in the United States are stars, pitchforks, three dots in a triangle, and numbers.

Sports Items: Letters, colors, or symbols may have a meaning in local street-gang culture, such as Kansas City Royals (KC = Kill Crips).

Tattoos: Tattoos are used to show a person's loyalty to the gang. They include name, initials, or gang symbols and may be found on the hands, neck, face, chest or arms. Examples:

The dots are usually in groups of three or five small dot tattoos. The most common locations are the web of the hands, the wrist and elbows.

The teardrop tattoo This is one of the most commonly recognizable gang tattoos. While it can be symbolic of a murder committed, more often than not it is meant to memorialize a loved one lost.

The area code for the city or state where the gang is located is sometimes used as a gang identifier.

Hand Signs: Some gangs use specific hand gestures to communicate their affiliation with the gang and issue threats to rival gangs.

Graffiti: Examples of gang-related graffiti signs include drawings of crowns, stars, hearts, and pitchforks. It can also include artistic drawings of a gang's name and items written in hand to read lettering.

Resources:

For more information you can access the following web sites:

- www.gangprevention.org
- www.iir.com/nygc
- www.OnGuardOnline.gov
- www.getnetwise.org
- www.iKeepSafe.org
- www.i-safe.org
- www.staysafeonline.org
- www.staysafe.org

