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ear Parents/Guardian:

It is with tremendous pride that I welcome you to the new school year. By this time I am sure you are aware of our results on the NYS exams in both ELA and mathematics:

There are 235 charter schools in New York City. Overall, NYC Charter students have a proficiency rate of 57.30% in ELA, while the statewide proficiency rate is 45.36%. On the Math tests, the rates are 63.22% for Charters and 46.73% statewide. Icahn Charter Schools have scored well above other NYC Charter schools, as well as NYC schools resulting in our schools being in the top 8%. Specifically,:

Icahn Network's 2019 ELA Proficiency 73%

- 16% POINTS ABOVE NYC CHARTERS
- 26% POINTS ABOVE NYC DISTRICTS
- 28% POINTS ABOVE NY STATE

Icahn Network's 2019 Math Proficiency 83%

- 20% POINTS ABOVE NYC CHARTERS
- 36% POINTS ABOVE NYC DISTRICTS
- 38% POINTS ABOVE NY STATE

A further analysis shows:

ELA - In comparison to the NYC Charters

- Icahn Charter School 2 ranks in 7th place
- Icahn Charter School 3 ranks in 8th place
- Icahn Charter School 5 ranks in 9th place
- Icahn Charter School 7 ranks in 12th place
- Icahn Charter School 4 ranks in 15th place
- Icahn Charter School 6 ranks in 17th place
- Icahn Charter School 1 ranks in 18th place

Math - In comparison to the NYC Charters

- Icahn Charter School 2 ranks in 6th place
- Icahn Charter School 6 ranks in 11th place
- Icahn Charter School 7 ranks in 13th place
- Icahn Charter School 1 ranks in 14th place
- Icahn Charter School 3 ranks in 15th place
- Icahn Charter School 4 ranks in 17th place
- Icahn Charter School 5 ranks in 21st place

Further exciting news! Last year all 191 Icahn graduates were accepted to either a specialized high school, private school, parochial school or screened school. Many of our graduates received full or partial scholarships. We are so very proud of them and thank them for keeping Icahn Charter Schools in the spotlight.

High student achievement is never easy, it is the results of the combined efforts of outstanding principals, teachers, students and parents. Having served in public education my entire long career, I have never had the honor of serving such cooperative and dedicated parents. I don't say this to gain support but rather from my experience.

As the Icahn Charter Schools begin their 19th year, I look forward to even greater student achievement to ensure a successful and proud future for all of our students. Our success is dependent on your continued support and cooperation.

As always, thank you for your wonderful children.

Jeff Litt
Superintendent



DISTRIBUTION OF PROGRESS REPORTS 2019-2020

- #1 Monday, November 4, 2019 *Parent/Teacher Conference*
- #2 Friday, December 20, 2019
- #3 Thursday, February 27, 2020 *Parent/Teacher Conference*
- #4 Tuesday, April 7, 2020
- #5 Friday, May 29, 2020
- #6 Thursday, July 2, 2020



Icahn Charter Schools 2019-2020 School Year Calendar *(remaining)*

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| Wednesday | October 9 | Yom Kippur (Schools Closed) |
| Monday | October 14 | Columbus Day (Schools Closed) |
| Tuesday | November 5 | Election Day (No Classes) All staff report for Professional Development |
| Monday | November 11 | Veteran's Day (Schools Closed) |
| Thursday - Friday | November 28 & 29 | Thanksgiving Recess (Schools Closed) |
| Monday through the following Wednesday | December 23 - January 1 | Winter Recess including Christmas and New Years All staff and students return on Thursday, January 2 nd |
| Monday | January 20 | Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Schools Closed) |
| Monday - Friday | February 17-21 | Midwinter Recess (includes Washington's Birthday & Lincoln's Birthday) (Schools Closed) All staff & students return Monday, February 24 th . |
| Thursday through the following Friday | April 9- 17 | Spring Recess (Including Good Friday & Passover) (Schools Closed) Staff & Students return Monday, April 20 th |
| Monday | May 25 | Memorial Day (Schools closed) |
| Thursday | June 4 | Professional Development (No Classes) All staff report |
| Thursday | July 2 | Last Day for Students and School Staff. (12:00 p.m. Dismissal) |
| | | Network staff, principals/office staff/staff developer/security /Report until July 31 |

IMPORTANT DATES

NEW YORK STATE EXAMS... 2019-2020

ELA NYS Exams

Wednesday, March 25 & Thursday, March 26, 2020... ELA Grades 3-8

NYSESLAT Speaking

Monday, April 13 & Friday, May 15, 2020

Math NYS Exams

Wednesday, April 22 -Thursday, April 23, 2020
Math Grades 3-8

NYSESLAT Listening, Reading & Writing

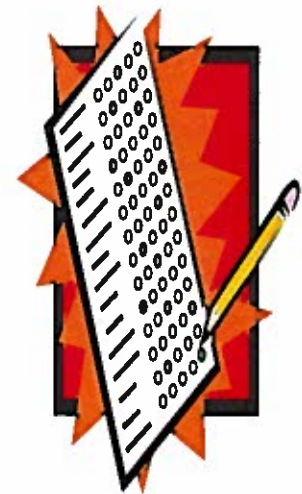
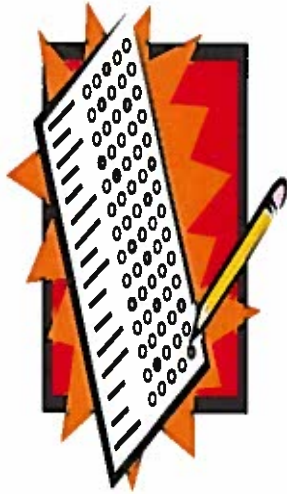
Monday, May 4 - Friday, May 15, 2020

NYS Science Performance

Monday, May 18 - Friday, May 29, 2020 ...
Grades 4 & 8

NYS Science Written

Monday, June 1, 2020 ... Grades 4 & 8



Saturday Academy Scheduled for 2019-2020

By this time, parents of students who require additional academic support, have received letters regarding our Saturday Academy Program. This program is mandatory for the students who received a letter. This program, along with our Targeted Assistance Program has resulted in the overwhelming success of our children on the NYS exams. As always, I have arranged for children to attend the Icahn Charter School closest to their homes since bussing is not available.

If you received a letter regarding Saturday Academy, your child must attend.

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| November 2, 2019 | December 14, 2020 | February 1, 2020 | March 14, 2020 |
| November 16, 2019 | January 4, 2020 | February 8, 2020 | March 21, 2020 |
| November 23, 2019 | January 11, 2020 | February 29, 2020 | March 28, 2020 |
| December 7, 2019 | January 25, 2020 | March 7, 2020 | April 4, 2020 |

LOOK WHO JOINED THE ICAHN NETWORK 2019-2020

| ICS#1 | ICS #2 | ICS #3 | ICS #4 | ICS #5 | ICS #6 | ICS #7 |
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| Nicholas Swing, 5th Gr. Teacher | Cynthia Ortiz, 3rd Gr. Teacher | Na'te Pendergrass, Kdg. Teacher | Alshu Varghese, 2nd Gr. Teacher | Lizzie Geigel, Elementary School Counselor | Rachel Kerner, 6th Gr. Teacher | Abigail Figueroa, Middle School Counselor |
| Molly Siegrist, 6th. Gr. Teacher | Jason Corbett, 4th Gr. Teacher | Danielle Hafner, Elementary School Counselor | Kayleen McGovern, 3rd Gr. Teacher | Nicole Oliver, Kdg. Teacher | Lesly Benito, 6th Gr. Teacher | Tameir Cummings, Elementary School Counselor |
| Jeni, Vogel, 6th Gr. Teacher | Angelic Trujillo, Kdg. Para. | Elizabeth DeJesus, 2nd Gr. Teacher | Cassie Dulac, 4th Gr. Teacher | Danielle Weinberg, 1st Gr. Teacher | Julio Pesantez, School Aide | Silone London, Kdg. Teacher |
| Jeffrey Ferreira, Social Studies Teacher | Joseph Russo, Elementary School Counselor | Gina Oliver, 4th Gr. Teacher | Azania Jackson, 6th gr. Teacher | Janine Morales, 1st Gr. Teacher | Ammy, Hernandez, Office Aide | Hanna Sullivan, 6th Gr. Teacher |
| Qingyi Wu, TA Teacher | A'Elizabeth Christian- Dilone, ESL | Raven Savage, Kdg. Para. | Olbiz Sagarra, ESL Teacher | Christa Leone, 5th Gr. Teacher | Samantha Baffuto, ELA / Teacher | Evelyn Suero- Garcia, Foreign Language |
| Juliany Bueti, SETTS Teacher | | Tiesha Wood, 1st Gr. Para. | Nicole DiBiase, STEM 1-6 | Monique DaCosta, 5th Gr. Teacher | James Reagan, Science Teacher/ Library | Kristin Balbi, TA / ELA /Social Studies Cluster |
| Leilany Rojas, Middle School Counselor | | Samantha Dean, Social Studies Teacher | Shomari Grant, Social Studies, Teacher | Miriam Dalbora, TA / ELA | Valerie Marable, School Counselor Elementary School | |
| Grace Lulaj, ELA/ TA Teacher | | Danielle Grunert, TA/ELA | Paloma Hernandez, 1 & 2 TA / Kdg. Social Studies | Kacey Jean Guy, SETTS Teacher | Ivana Silverio, Middle School Counselor | |
| Katherine Rodriguez, School Counselor | | Ethan Greenspan, TA/ELA | Dariel Santana, TA / ELA | Dilruba Mannan, 7th Gr. Science | | |
| | | Jessica Charvis, TA/Math | Nina LaMarch, TA / Math | Nilda Carasco, Math, Teacher | | |
| | | Hannah Anderson, TA/Math | Karese Morgan, Elementary School Counselor | | | |
| | | Kristen Rozycki, Math Teacher | | | | |



ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL #1

"Welcome to another exciting school year at Icahn 1. The 2018-2019 school year was a success! Let's continue to steam roll our way into the 2019-2020 school year. We have had a very smooth start thus far. I could tell in the first few days that both teachers and students came back to school with a purpose. However, for the continued magic to happen, we need to keep our positive relationship going. Communication is the key to any healthy relationship so don't be afraid to reach out to your child's teacher or administration for any reason.

Lastly, do not forget a few important reminders to consider as the school year progresses: *take time to talk with your children, and listen to what they have to say; take an active interest in your child and what he or she is doing in school; continue to teach your child to be responsible and hold them accountable for the decisions they make, and be sure to read to and with your child everyday!*

As always, Icahn 1's staff is always available to support you in anyway possible. Please visit our school's website at www.icahncharterschool1.org for the latest school news. There you will also locate your child's teachers' webpage for homework assignments, topics to be taught throughout the months/year, and classroom happenings."



ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL #2

As we do every year Icahn Charter School 2 invited our parents to our open house. All grades participated in the event from Kindergarten all the way to 8th grade. The open house is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher, learn about the school, teacher expectations, students responsibilities and also a chance to ask questions. We had a wonderful turnout this year.



ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL #3

Congratulations to the staff, parents and students for collaboratively working hard this past school year which resulted in phenomenal ELA and Math scores on the New York State tests! 81% of our students in grades three to eight achieved proficiency on the ELA exam and 82% on the Math exam. To ensure the continued success of our students, we will expand our enrichment activities to provide additional opportunities to inspire students to explore their interests. We have now expanded our robotics program to our students in grades K-2 by introducing them to Ozobots. Ozobots are little robots that blend the physical and digital world by teaching our younger learners to code and program. Also, since our debate team had a sensational year, they have been admitted into the travel debate team where they will compete with other students throughout the country.



We look forward to an exciting year of academic and social growth for all our students!



ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL #4

Phantom of the Opera

On Wednesday, September 19th, our 7th and 8th graders received tickets from the CEI (Center for Educational Innovation) to see Phantom of the Opera on Broadway. It is the longest running show on Broadway and tells the story of a phantom who lives far beneath the majesty and splendor of the Paris Opera House. Shamed by his physical appearance and feared by all, the love he holds for his beautiful protégée Christine Daaé is so strong that even her heart cannot resist. The students were mesmerized upon entering the theatre and described the architect as “beautiful” and “antique”. The show itself was one-of-a-kind and stunning with several students claiming it was “the best trip ever” and several leaving in tears of overwhelming excitement. It truly was a wonderful and memorable trip.

“We” Day UN at the Barclays Center

For the past three years, the seventh grade students at Icahn Charter School 4 have been selected as NYC Junior Ambassadors. The NYC Junior Ambassadors program is jointly run by the NYC Mayor’s Office of International Affairs, the United Nations, and the United Nations Foundation. As part of this program, students researched the role of the UN and different global issues, eventually determining a specific world problem that they will research and directly address through some level of awareness raising, advocacy, or activism. Based on their dedication and effective work in this area, Icahn Charter School 4 students have been invited to participate in WE Day UN - a celebration of global activism. This field trip will allow the cohort of NYC Junior Ambassador alumni as well as current 7th graders, to connect their learning and agency to the work of other global activists, political figures, and celebrities.

Specialized High School Information Session

On Friday, September 20th, 2019, Mr. Christian Barnes, a representative from the Specialized High School Outreach Diversity Team gave a presentation to 7th and 8th graders on the high school application process. Mr. Barnes reviewed the 9 specialized high schools, fun facts on each school (Did you know Brooklyn Tech is the largest high school in the United States with 6,000 students?) as well as information about the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT). Mr. Barnes also gave the students information on the general process for applying to NYC public schools, how to create a balanced application to ensure they receive a match and information on waitlists, which are a new feature of the high school process. It was a very informative experience and was helpful for the students to have an expert walk them through the process.



ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL #5

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year at Icahn Charter School 5. We have a fun filled year of learning ahead of us, where students will continue to grow on their journey as lifelong learners.

During the second week of school we did a school-wide math instruction walkthrough with Beth Zhang from the Lavinia Group. Ms. Zhang and her team of coaches are dedicated to working with our teachers to improve math instruction. We saw many routines in place and high expectations for all students. Working from our observation notes, test scores and discussions with staff, we created a school-wide math plan of action to significantly raise math achievement.

In ELA, we are now offering LightSail to students in Grade 5 as part of another plan, this one to raise ELA scores (another "gold box challenge") School-wide noticing of vocabulary knowledge, reading/writing stamina, and reading fluency have been communicated to all staff; these areas of need will be monitored throughout the year. Targeted Assistance teachers are an important part of the push to raise achievement in both ELA and Math, and we are continuing the grade-level TA/Teacher/Staff Developer meetings we started last year, as these were well received by all.

Our school has added more books to the 100-Book Challenge library, and we are also using the new Core Knowledge History and Geography curriculum for K-2 (in addition to 3-8). In science, we held two Amplify consultation sessions with all teachers K-8 the week before school started.

We are excited to again offer Class Dojo and Pupil Path to our families, as the feedback last year on both programs was overwhelmingly positive. We appreciate your continued support as we move into the new year.



ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL #6

There are many exciting initiatives happening this year at Icahn Charter School 6. We are thrilled to offer Computer Science education to our students. Computer Science compliments the core subjects that our students are learning. It is our goal to provide the skills necessary to help our scholars prepare for rewarding and innovative careers. Our future programmers will learn how to code and see the connection between coding and their academic subjects.

As part of our extracurricular program, students will have the opportunity to participate in academic enrichment activities such as Youth and Government, Thurgood Marshall Jr. Mock Trial, American Debate Team, the Specialized High School Admissions prep course, STEP, and filmmaking.



On "Awareness Day," students and staff are welcome to wear non-dress code clothing that honors the monthly "awareness/spirit color." We look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts as we create exciting learning experiences and memorable educational moments.



ICAHN CHARTER SCHOOL #7

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at Icahn Charter School 7. I am happy to report that we have had a smooth and productive start to the school year. This year Icahn 7 has reached its full maturity as we are now a K—8th grade school. We look forward to our first 8th grade graduation, senior prom and all the other exciting events that come with having an 8th grade class.

Icahn 7's focus continues to be on the academic and social growth of our students. We have made some great strides as a school as we performed really well on the 2018-2019 ELA and Math state examinations. 83% of our students in grades 3—7 received a 3 or 4 on the New York State Math examination! This is an exciting growth for our school. We also performed well in ELA (English Language Arts) as 71% of our testing grade students received a 3 or 4 on this exam.

The academic growth that we have experienced as a school community has ignited a fire in us and increased our desire to achieve more. We know that we have what it takes to be best and we will continue to strive to that end.

Parents, students, teachers and staff, lets continue to work together as we endeavor to show that nothing is impossible when we are united together.



Please check your schools' website periodically for the latest information about your school.

- Icahn Charter School #1 : icahncharterschool1.org
- Icahn Charter School #2 : icahncharterschool2.org
- Icahn Charter School #3 : icahncharterschool3.org
- Icahn Charter School #4 : icahncharterschool4.org
- Icahn Charter School #5 : icahncharterschool5.org
- Icahn Charter School #6 : icahncharterschool6.org
- Icahn Charter School #7 : icahncharterschool7.org



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YES WE CAN!!!!...AND YES WE DID!!!



Our mission

Icahn Charter Schools, using the basic Core Knowledge curriculum developed by E.D. Hirsh, will provide students with a rigorous academic program offered on an extended day/year. Students will graduate armed with the skills and knowledge to successfully participate in the most rigorous academic environments, and will have a sense of personal community responsibility !!!

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