

# Eye on Icahn

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Edition 1

Icahn Charter  
Schools

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Superintendent

## Parents Newsletter

### The News Keeps Getting Better...

**The United States Department of Education** has officially named **Icahn Charter School 4 a National Blue Ribbon School**. This honor is given to just 329 schools nationwide for overall academic excellence. Our heartfelt congratulations and appreciation go to Michelle Allen, principal, her wonderful staff and of course, Icahn 4's outstanding children!

The Icahn Charter Schools network has been featured in EdNext Journal of Education that may be found on-line. Look for the Fall 2016 edition, entitled, "The Bronx is Learning."

All Icahn Charter schools demonstrated continued growth on the NYS ELA and mathematics exams. Our Kg.-8 schools ranked on a citywide basis, out of 48 schools as follows:

Icahn 1.....8<sup>th</sup> place  
Icahn 2.....5<sup>th</sup> place  
Icahn 3.....11<sup>th</sup> place  
**Icahn 4.....1<sup>st</sup> place**

Of the 9 Kg.-6 charter schools citywide, Icahn 5 is in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Of the 25 Kg.-5 charter schools citywide, Icahn 6 is in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Of the 11 Kg.-4<sup>th</sup> charter schools citywide, Icahn 7 scored in 5<sup>th</sup> place. We are extremely proud of our Spring 2016 Icahn Charter school graduates for their acceptance to outstanding high schools, as shown below:

**Icahn Charter School #1: Specialized High Schools**  
Brooklyn Technical High School

#### Parochial High Schools

- Academy of Mount St. Ursula
- All Hallows High School
- Aquinas High School
- Archbishop Stepinac High School
- Cardinal Hayes
- Cardinal Spellman
- Fordham Preparatory
- Iona Preparatory
- Mount Saint Michael Academy
- Notre Dame School
- Preston High School
- Regis High School
- St. Catharine's Academy
- St. John's Preparatory
- St. Raymond Academy for Girls
- St. Raymond High School for Boys

#### Select/Screened Public High Schools

- Bard High School Early College

- Belmont Preparatory High School
  - Bronx Center for Science and Mathematics
  - Bronx Early College Academy for Teaching and Learning
  - Cinema School
  - Hostos-Lincoln Academy of Science
  - Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics
  - Thurgood Marshall Academy for Learning and Social Change
  - Young Women's Leadership School
- Icahn Charter School #2**
- Bronx Science
  - Brooklyn Tech
  - La Guardia High School for Performing Arts
  - The High School for Math, Science and Engineering at City College
  - High School of American Studies at Lehman College
  - Bard High School
  - Brooklyn Latin
  - Innovative Charter High School
  - Charter School for Law and Social Studies
  - Fordham Prep
  - Cardinal Spellman
  - Saint Catherine's

## The News Keeps Getting Better... Part II

### Icahn Charter School #3:

- High School for Health Professions and Human Services
- Manhattan Village Academy
- Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics
- Bronx Early College Academy for Teaching and Learning
- Central Park East High School Frederick Douglass Academy

### Icahn Charter School #4:

#### Highly Selective (screened programs):

- Young Women's Leadership Academy
- High School for Medical Science
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math at University Heights Secondary School
- Manhattan Center for Science & Mathematics
- Hostos Lincoln Academy of Science
- Bronx High School for Medical Science
- Medgar Evers College Preparatory School (2)
- University Heights Secondary School (2)
- The Academy of Engineering at A. Philip Randolph Campus High School

#### Catholic Schools

Aquinas  
Cardinal Hayes  
Spellman (2)

#### Specialized HS

Brooklyn Technical High School  
Brooklyn Latin School

#### Private Day School

The United Nations  
International School

#### Boarding School

Oldfields School

## Placing the World at Your Child's Fingertips...

At the Icahn Network of Schools, we realized that the next steps in moving our high-achieving students forward to higher academic and social thresholds, was to implement one-to-one computing. Additionally, we wanted to incorporate a socially responsible learning environment for our students. Presently, our classrooms are equipped with an interactive whiteboard, speakers and a document camera or "Elmo" as it is sometimes called. In moving ahead with our goal, the most logical step was for us to add a Chromebook/notebook computer for each student in Grades 2-8. With the technological advancements that we are experiencing each day, the world can now be accessed by each of our children's fingertips.

This strategy allows them to access greater amounts of information; create presentations for class projects/assignments and have the opportunity for participating in a larger audience. Our students will also be able to engage in long-distance learning modules, that will be easily accessible to them, inclusive of textbooks/ reading materials in a digital framework. The list of possibilities are endless.

We made this decision only after researching one-on-one computing coupled with visitations and discussions with other systems that have already moved into one-on-one computing environments. We, at Icahn, decided to go with Chromebooks as the best device/tool. This choice will help us to facilitate the implementation of our main goal, the empowerment of the learning process for all of our students. It is our expectation that through this initiative, we are providing our students with 21st Century tools/resources necessary to compete successfully in a College and Career Readiness Curriculum.

**Immunization Requirements for 2016-2017...** The information below is extremely important in that it informs the parents about the New York State immunization requirements for this school year. Children will not be admitted to school unless, the immunizations for their grade are up to date.

**2016-17 School Year  
New York State Immunization Requirements  
for School Entrance/Attendance**

**Notes:**

Children in a prekindergarten setting should be age-appropriately immunized. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). For grades Pre-k through 8, intervals between doses of vaccine should be in accordance with the ACIP-recommended immunization schedule for persons 0 through 18 years of age. (Exception: intervals between doses of polio vaccine need to be reviewed only for grades prekindergarten, kindergarten, 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8.) Doses received before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed below. Intervals between doses of vaccine DO NOT need to be reviewed for grades 9 through 12. See footnotes for specific information for each vaccine. Children who are enrolling in grade-less classes should meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

**Dose requirements MUST be read with the footnotes of this schedule.**

Vaccines	Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2	Grades 3, 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7 and 8
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap) <sup>2</sup>	5 doses or 4 doses if the 4 <sup>th</sup> dose was received at 4 years of age or older or 3 doses if aged 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year of age or older		3 doses
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine booster (Tdap) <sup>3</sup>	Not applicable		1 dose
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) <sup>4</sup>	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose was received at 4 years of age or older	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose was received at 4 years of age or older
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) <sup>5</sup>	2 doses		
Hepatitis B vaccine <sup>6</sup>	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years of age		
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine <sup>7</sup>	2 doses	1 dose	2 doses
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) <sup>8</sup>	Not applicable		By Grade 7 1 dose
Haemophilus influenza type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) <sup>9</sup>	Not applicable		
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) <sup>10</sup>	Not applicable		

\* please see footnotes on page 3

## Immunization Requirements for 2016-2017 \*Footnotes

1. Demonstrated serologic evidence of measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, varicella or polio (for all three serotypes) antibodies is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases. Diagnosis by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner that a child has had varicella disease is acceptable proof of immunity to varicella.
2. Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine. (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
  - a. Children starting the series on time should receive a 5-dose series of DTaP vaccine at ages 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and at 15 through 18 months and at 4 years of age or older. The fourth dose may be received as early as age 12 months, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the third dose. However, the fourth dose of DTaP need not be repeated if it was administered at least 4 months after the third dose of DTaP. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday.
  - b. If the fourth dose of DTaP was administered at age 4 years or older, the fifth (booster) dose of DTaP vaccine is not required.
  - c. For children born before 1/1/2005, only immunity to diphtheria is required and doses of DT and Td can meet this requirement.
  - d. Children ages 7 through 10 years who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP vaccine series should receive Tdap vaccine as the first dose in the catch-up series; if additional doses are needed, use Td vaccine. A Tdap vaccine (or incorrectly administered DTaP vaccine) received at 7 years or age or older will meet the 6th grade Tdap requirement.
  - e. For children 7 years of age or older who received the first dose on or after their first birthday, the immunization requirement is 3 doses. If the first dose was received before their first birthday, then 4 doses are required.
3. Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. (Minimum age: 7 years)
  - a. Students 11 years of age or older entering grades 6 through 12 are required to have one dose of Tdap. A dose received at 7 years of age or older will meet this requirement.
  - b. Students who are 10 years old in grade 6 and who have not yet received a Tdap vaccine are in compliance until they turn 11 years of age.
4. Poliovirus vaccine (IPV/OPV). (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
  - a. Children starting the series on time should receive a series of IPV at ages 2 months, 4 months and at 6 through 18 months, and 4 years of age or older. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
  - b. For students who received their fourth dose before age 4 and prior to August 7, 2010, 4 doses separated by at least 4 weeks is sufficient.
  - c. If the third dose of polio vaccine was received at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose, the fourth dose of polio vaccine is not required.
5. Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months)
  - a. The first dose of MMR vaccine must have been received on or after the first birthday. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days (4 weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.
  - b. Students in grades kindergarten through 12 must have received 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine, 2 doses of mumps-containing vaccine and at least 1 dose of rubella-containing vaccine.
  - c. One dose of MMR is required for prekindergarten.
6. Hepatitis B vaccine
  - a. Dose 1 may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be given at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
  - b. Two doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) received at least 4 months apart at age 11 through 15 years will meet the requirement.
7. Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months)
  - a. The first dose of varicella vaccine must have been received on or after the first birthday. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days (4 weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.
  - b. For children aged less than 13 years, the recommended minimum interval between doses is 3 months (if the second dose was administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose, it can be accepted as valid); for persons aged 13 years and older, the minimum interval between doses is 4 weeks.
8. Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
  - a. One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (Menactra or Menevo) is required for students entering grade 7.
  - b. For students in grade 12, if the first dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine was received at age 16 years or older, the second (booster) dose is not required.
9. Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine. (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
  - a. Children starting the series on time should receive Hib vaccine at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and at 12 through 15 months. Children older than 15 months must get caught up according to the ACIP catch-up schedule. The final dose must be received on or after 12 months of age.
  - b. If 2 doses of vaccine were received before 12 months of age, only 3 doses are required with dose 3 at 12 through 15 months of age and at least 8 weeks after dose 2.
  - c. If dose 1 was received at ages 12 through 14 months of age, only 2 doses are required with dose 2 at least 8 weeks after dose 1.
  - d. If dose 1 was received at 15 months of age or older, only 1 dose is required.
  - e. Hib vaccine is not required for children 5 years of age or older.
10. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV). (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
  - a. Children starting the series on time should receive PCV vaccine at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and at 12 through 15 months. Children older than 15 months must get caught up according to the ACIP catch-up schedule. The final dose must be received on or after 12 months of age.
  - b. Unvaccinated children 7 through 11 months of age are required to receive 2 doses, at least 4 weeks apart, followed by a third dose at age 12 through 15 months.
  - c. Unvaccinated children 12 through 23 months of age are required to receive 2 doses of vaccine at least 8 weeks apart.
  - d. If one dose of vaccine was received at 24 months of age or older, no further doses are required.
  - e. For further information, refer to the PCV chart available in the School Survey Instruction Booklet at: [www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools](http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools)

## 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

### Icahn Charter Schools 2016-2017 School Calendar

Thursday through the following Wednesday	September 1, 2 September 6- 7	All Staff Report for Professional Development <b>There will be no classes.</b>
Monday	September 5	Labor Day (Schools Closed)
Thursday	September 8	All students and staff report (12:00 pm dismissal for Kindergarten students only)
Monday	September 12	Eid al-Adha (Schools Closed)
Monday -Tuesday	October 3 & 4	Rosh Hashanah (Schools Closed)
Monday	October 10	Columbus Day (Schools Closed)
Wednesday	October 12	Yom Kippur (Schools Closed)
Tuesday	November 8	Election Day (No Classes) All staff report for Professional Development
Friday	November 11	Veteran's Day (Schools Closed)
Thursday - Friday	November 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Recess (Schools Closed)
Monday through the following Monday	December 26 – January 2	Winter Recess including Christmas and New Years All staff and students return on Tuesday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
Monday	January 16	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Schools Closed).
Monday -Friday	February 20- 24	Midwinter Recess (including Washington's Birthday & Lincoln's Birthday (Schools Closed)
Monday through the	April 10-18	Spring Recess (including Passover & Good Friday) following Tuesday (Schools Closed)
Monday-Friday	May 29 -June 2	Memorial Week (Schools Closed) All staff and students return on Monday, June 5 <sup>th</sup> .
Monday	June 26	Eid al-Fitr (Schools Closed)
Monday	July 4	Independence Day (schools Closed)
Friday	July 14	Last Day for Students and Staff (12:00 p.m. Dismissal)



## New York State Exams...2016-2017

### ELA NYS Exams

March 28-30 2017... ELA Grades 3-8

### NYSESLAT Speaking

April 10—May 19, 2017

### Math NYS Exams

May 2—4, 2017 ... Math Grades 3-8

### NYSESLAT Listening, Reading & Writing

May 8—19, 2017

### NYS Science Performance

May 24-26, 2017 ... Grades 4 & 8

### NYS Science Written

June 5, 2017 ... Grades 4 & 8

### IOWA Exams

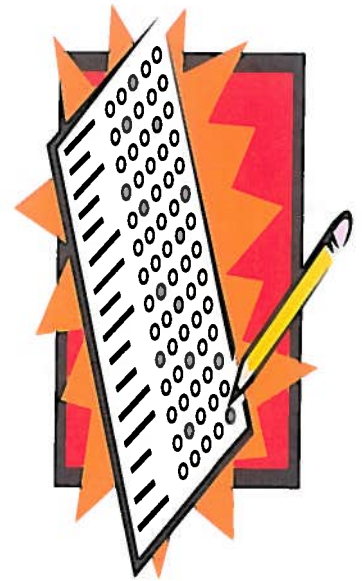
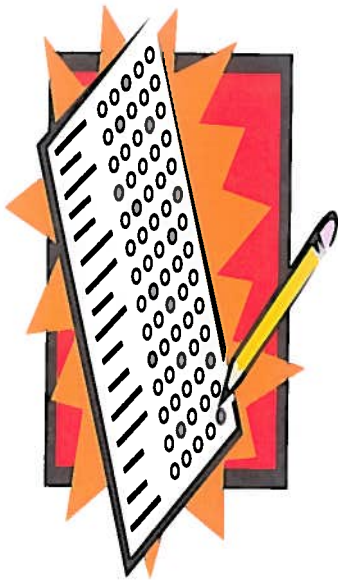
June 6—16, 2017

### Algebra 1 Regents

June 15, 2017

### Living Environment

June 16, 2017



## Yes We Can... and Yes We Did!!!

## Distribution of Progress Reports 2016-2017

### Progress Report #

#1

#2

#3

#4

#5

#6

### Distribution Dates

**Monday, November 7, 2016**  
Parent/Teacher Conference

**Monday, December 19, 2016**

**Monday, February 13, 2017**  
Parent/Teacher Conference

**Monday, April 3, 2017**

**Thursday, June 8, 2017**

**Friday, July 14, 2017**

## Saturday Academy Schedule for 2016-2017

I am pleased to report that once again, additional support is available for your child in both ELA and mathematics. Parents of students who require additional academic support, will receive a letter regarding our **Saturday Academy Program**. This program is required for the students who receive the letter. Our Saturday Academy Program, along with our Targeted Assistance Program has resulted in the overwhelming success of our children on the NYS exams. As always, I will arrange for children to attend the **Icahn Charter School closest to their homes** since bus-sing is not available.

### DATES

November 5, 19, 2016

December 3, 10, 17, 2016

January 7, 21, 28, 2017

February 4, 11, 2017

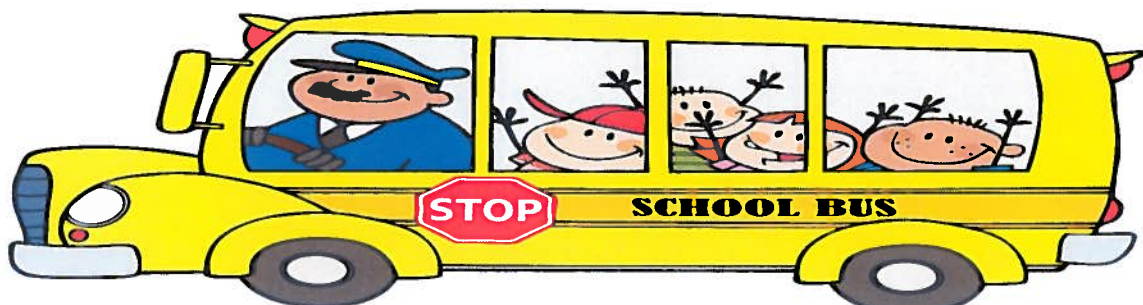
March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2017

April 1, 22, 29, 2017



### School Bus Safety...

We have recently been informed of the, "Parent Not At Home Policy." The New York City Office of Pupil Transportation has a policy which states, "any student, regardless of age or grade, will be allowed to get off the bus at any stop, **unless** they inform the driver that they want to remain onboard. As a result of this dangerous policy, I wrote to the Office of Pupil Transportation and requested that this policy be changed and that if the parent/guardian is not at the bus stop, the school is to be called and the child is to be returned to school.



## Look Who Joined The Icahn Network in 2016-2017

<b>ICS #1</b>	<b>ICS #2</b>	<b>ICS #3</b>	<b>ICS #4</b>	<b>ICS #5</b>	<b>ICS #6</b>	<b>ICS #7</b>
Deborah Dash, Kg. Teacher	Mirlinda Celaj, Kg. Teacher	Nadia Abreu, 3rd Grade Teacher	Michelle Stavrou, Guidance Counse- lor	Kendalyn Withey, Kg. Teacher	Tatiana Salas, 1st Grade Teacher	Dawn Starks, Staff Developer
Moena Pleasant, 2nd Grade Teacher	Christine Imbrogno, 1st Grade Teacher	Melanie Tenecza, 3rd Grade Teacher	Amanda Canepa, TA ELA Grades 3-8	Judith Gaston, 1st Grade Teacher	Brittany Schenkel, 2nd Grade Teacher	Eileen Kennedy, Guidance Counselor
Arnaldo Nunez, 4th Grade Teacher	Victoria Matzura, 5th Grade Teacher	Rebecca Nani, Social Studies Teacher	Mary Keegan, Art Teacher	Christine Smith, 2nd Grade Teacher	Michelle LaDore, 3rd Grade Teacher	Theresa Black- wood, Kg. Teacher
Bradley Smith, 7th & 8th Grade ELA	Amy Lividini, 6th Grade Teacher	Alexis Comerford, ELA Middle School	Michael Barbariantz, Gym Teacher	Allison Brancati, 6th Grade Teacher	Stacey Anne Shaw, 5th Grade Teacher	Kolene Holsopple, 4th Grade Teacher
Lincy Tharakan, 7th & 8th Grade Science Teacher	Cynthia Schrader, Kg. Paraprofes- sional	Shaheem Valen- tin, Kg Para	Mariama Sillah, TA/ELA 3-5	Shana Bellamy, Kg. TA	Christopher Grant, 6th Grade Teacher	Carol Reyes, 4th Grade Teacher
Maria Ortiz, ESL		Genesis Bernal, Kg. Para.	Nidia Suazo, Kg. Paraprofessional	Jacqueline Block- er-Marshall, 1st Grade TA	Melissa Adams, 6th Grade Teacher	Nicole LaFata, 5th Grade Teacher
		Sara Peterson, Social Studies Cluster Grades 3-6	Judith Wah!, Mid- dle School Science Teacher	Anthony Cas- taneda, TA ELA	Kyle Fordham, TA ELA/Math Grades kg.-2nd	Dana Pizzimenti, 3-5 Grade Science Cluster Teacher
		Kristen Mulroe, TA-ELA Grades 2 & 3		Stephanie Green, 7th Grade Teacher	Theresa D'Angelo, TA ELA Grades 3rd & 4th	Janice Carter, TA/ELA
		Rachel Poltorak, TA-ELA Grades 4 & 5		Paul Kagianaris, 7th Grade Teacher	Abeni Draffen TA/Math Grades 5th & 6th	Mark Nersesian, Office Aide
		Gretchen Kmetz, TA-Math Grades 6-8		Millie Mathews, Science Teacher		
		Everard Lopez, Spanish Teacher		Jennifer Stanley, History Teacher	Kyia Lincoln, Office Aide	
				Everard Lopez, Spanish Teacher		



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



## *Our Mission*

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

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Ms. Naudia Bethany

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