

THANK YOU, OCS PARENTS!

As we enter another week of remote learning, we would like to thank our amazing parents! Remote learning is a group effort and we appreciate all of their help throughout this process. Thank you for your patience as we get used to this new way of learning. Thank you for watching over our students as you carry on with your daily workload. Thank you for making sure your children attend their virtual classes and continue with their homework. Thank you for answering our teachers' emails and phone calls to check in. Thank you, most of all, for enrolling your children in OCS and letting us spend each and every day of the school year with them!

OCS Parents Connect

- Because of the success of our last Parent Town Hall, we will be hosting another Parent Town Hall today at 5pm. To join, please click <u>here</u> once it begins. In order to stay connected with OCS parents, we plan to host a Parent Town Hall every other Monday for the rest of the school year.
- Q3 report card grades are now available to review on Teacherease.
 Please visit our website <u>here</u> for more information and instructions for access.

OCS Spotlight



Miss. Moffo, OCS's 8th grade learning specialist, has shown an incredible level of dedication to her students during this difficult time. She has done a phenomenal job of checking in on her over fifty students by calling and emailing each weekly, on top of following up with students from her separate classes. No matter the time of day, from technology issues to academic matters, she always responds to her students' questions. Working beyond the regular school hours and going out of her way to connect with students, Miss Moffo's commitment to her students' education is inspiring to all.



Star Senior

Moises has an outstanding work ethic and is regarded by teachers as a pleasure to have in class. His dedication to school and commitment to learning is unmatched! We thank him for an incredible four years and know only great things are to come in his future.



Star Senior

While Deja came to OCS in her 11th grade year, she has always exemplified the OCS school spirit. Her teachers describe her as a diligent student, who has always managed to stay on top of her work, including since we started teaching remotely. She is exceptional and we will all miss her dearly next year!

Student of the Week

Throughout the remote learning process, OCS 8th grade student Gilbelina has stayed committed to her schoolwork. She



is in constant communication with her teachers about what she needs to do to continue to be successful with her academics. Gilbelina also reaches out to her fellow 8th graders and volunteers to check in with them regarding their academic responsibilities.

Gilbelina's commitment to OCS shines both inside and outside of the classroom as she serves as an OCS Ambassador.

Before remote learning, Gilbelina's ambassador duties included giving tours to potential incoming students in addition to having new students shadow her for the day so they had a buddy on their first day of school.

Her dedication to school and commitment to helping other students truly shines.

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

Looking for something fun to do with your kids? Here are our recommendations for things students can do during their downtime in order to relax, have fun, and learn:

- Dance Classes: NYC's Department of Youth & Community Development has
 partnered with Gibney Dance to host virtual dance classes for young people
 and their families every Wednesday at 3:30pm. Sign up here.
- Virtual Museum Visits: While museums are not currently open, we can still learn about art and important cultural institutions! <u>Google Arts & Culture</u> has fun arts and culture activities as well as virtual access to museums.
- Women in Tech: Does your daughter love computer science? Girls Who Code
 is now offering free weekly activities on Mondays, sign up here.
- NBA League Pass: With the NBA on a hiatus, you can watch a free preview of NBA League Pass. The NBA is providing free access to replays of all games from the 2019 - 2020 season, in addition to classic games.
- Borrow Digital Books: As The New York Public Library remains closed, they
 are offering the ability to borrow books online for free. If your child is a big
 reader and needs a new book, they can choose from 300,000 titles online.
 More information on borrowing books can be found here.

IN OTHER NEWS

- Do you miss going out to get NYC bagels? You can make your own at home using this recipe from Upper East Side bagel shop Orwashers.
- The Wall Street Journal just came out with a guide for social distancing that we found incredibly helpful and recommend checking out.
- · Want to get more parenting news in the form of a newsletter? Sign up for the New York Times Parenting newsletter here. Each week, they give expert advice and share personal stories from real parents.

We're still accepting applications for the 2020/2021 school year! Do you know someone who wants to join the OCS family?

Apply Now!







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