Dear Parents,

Here is your weekly email with PTA announcements and reminders.

## GET READY FOR IPLEDGE!

**IPLEDGE** is our annual fundraising drive in which we raise the majority of the PTA's budget. The money we raise will have a profound impact on our children and their educational experience. Anything you can give will help make a difference for all the children of TAG. We are asking those families who can, to contribute $1000 per student. We recognize that some families will not be able to afford this amount and want to reiterate that every contribution matters, whether it's $100 or $1000. Show your support by giving today!

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

10/3 6pm- General PTA Meeting
10/4 8:15am - Fundraising Committee Meeting
10/5 8:30am- Coffee & Tea With Ms. C

10/9 NO SCHOOL
10/10 8:30am & 5:45 pm- 8th Grade Parent Meeting
10/10 8:15am Grants Committee Meeting
10/11 8:15am Communications Committee Meeting
10/13 8:15am Enrichment Committee Meeting

10/13 6pm IPLEDGE Launch Party

10/18 8:15am Budget Committee Meeting
10/19 6pm PTA Executive Board Meeting
10/20 8:15am Membership Committee Meeting
10/21 9-11am Family Outing- Scavenger Hunt @ NYBG
10/21 9am-4pm UFT Parent Conference (Manhattan & Staten Island)

10/24 5:45pm SLT Meeting
10/25 5:30pm Fundraising Committee Meeting
10/28 10:30am-2:30pm Apple & Pumpkin Picking @ Demarest Farms

For TAG's PTA full calendar view click HERE (Only PTA events will be posted)

## PTA Meeting

Please join us for our general PTA meeting on **Tuesday, Oct. 3rd at 6PM**. Childcare will be provided. We'll be having a potluck, so please bring a dish or beverages to share. This month, we'll be: Voting on changes to our Bylaws & more!

Be sure to attend so your voice can be heard! In an effort to make sure all questions are addressed, please email your questions (including your full name & child's class) to the PTA Co-Presidents at president@tagscholarspta.org and they will answer your questions during the Q&A portion of the agenda.

## Farewell Mrs. Bruno

As many of you may already know Mrs. Bruno, TAG's Parent Coordinator, will be leaving TAG at the end of this week. If you'd like to contribute towards a farewell gift for her please use this chip in link: http://hipchip.me/2x9dnXY.

# Class Parents

The official lists of designated Class Parents for 2017-18 were sent out over the weekend. If you did not receive the notification then you will need to update your child(ren)'s graduation year in the profile section of the PTA Website. Please update to stay informed: http://www.tagscholarspta.org/sign-up-for-updates--committees.html. **Please do not confuse this feature with the PTA directory****

****The TAG Parent Profile allows **only** the **Class Parents** and **PTA Executive Board** to access your pertinent contact info. The PTA directory is a password protected list of TAG parents who have opted to share their contact info with all TAG parent community. If you have questions or need assistance please reach out to the Communications Committee communications@tagscholarspta.org.

# Coffee & Tea With Ms. C

Join Principal Cesar over some Coffee or Tea. Date & Time: Thursday, Oct. 5, at 8:30am Topic: Analyzing TAG's State test results. Location: Library at TAG

# Fundraising Events

- **IPLEDGE Launch Party**- **10/13/17 6pm** Come party with us and celebrate the spirit of giving during IPLEDGE Month at TAG! There will be family fun, snacks and giveaways!

# TAG Scholars Needed for Photo Ops

**IPLEDGE** was just launched and we are calling for our TAG scholars to participate in our campaign. We would like to take their pictures and ask them to answer a couple of questions regarding our **PTA funded projects**. Pictures will be taken **Friday Oct 6th from 7:30am to 8am**. We are looking for kids from every grade. But space is limited and we will be selecting only the first 2 or 3 children, per grade, that contact us with a signed release form. Click HERE for release form. For more information go to: http://www.tagscholarspta.org/home/ipledge-photo-opps-for-young-scholars

# TAG Family Outings

Join the Membership Committee & other TAG Families for various family engagement activities. This month we have several Fall festivities going on:

- **Scavenger Hunt**- **10/21/17 9-11am** We're putting together a scavenger hunt at NY Botanical Gardens. Admission is free from 8-11am on the day we chose. So you'll want to get there early. We will be meeting up by **9:15am** at the fountain. More details will be shared later this month. If you are interested in participating please sign up to receive more details: Scavenger Hunt Sign Up
- **Apple & Pumpkin Picking- 10/28/17 10:30am-2:30pm** Join us for Apple & Pumpkin picking at Demarest Farms, 244 Wierimus Road,Hillsdale, NJ 07642. General Admission is $7 per person (Children under 2 – FREE), which includes free parking, entrance to apple orchard, hay wagon ride, two petting zoos, adventure playground, corn box, photo display area, crooked house village, wooden play-sets, and picnic area with tables. There is a $10 fee for the bag to hold the apples that you pick! (Apple Bag holds approximately 10 lbs.) and $9 per pumpkin (any size pumpkin). Transportation will not be provided, however ride sharing/carpooling is encouraged!

# Enrichment

OPEN ENROLLMENT for **Chess, Mandarin, Piano, and Debate** has begun! For up-to-date information on how to enroll visit http://www.tagscholarspta.org/home/category/enrichment. The registration deadline for these after-school enrichments is **10/6**. For questions, please contact enrichment@tagscholarspta.org.

**Debate Team** (5th-8th Grade)- Fridays from 2:30-4:30 in Room 209. If you have questions email the TAG Debate Coordinator

at debate@tagscholarspta.org.

## NYC Council Participatory Budgeting

You can help decide how to spend public funds on community improvements to parks, schools, libraries, streets, and more through Participatory Budgeting. Join an upcoming neighborhood meeting to brainstorm ideas with your community. Learn more at https://council.nyc.gov/pb/.

There are several upcoming meetings in the TAG neighborhood:

- 10/10 5:30pm @ Aguilar Library Community Room. 174 E. 110th Street, Between Lexington & 3rd Avenues.

- 10/12 5:30pm @ PS 146. 421 E. 106th Street, Between 1st Ave. & FDR Drive

- 10/17 5:30pm @ 125th Street Library. 224 East 125th Street, Between 2nd & 3rd Avenues

To find a meeting in your neighborhood click here: https://council.nyc.gov/pb/neighborhood-assemblies/

## UFT Parent Conferences

Parents, grandparents, guardians and education activists are invited to the Unite Federation of Teachers (UFT) parent conferences. There will be workshops, networking, scholarship fairs and giveaways on various dates between October & November. Pre-registration is required. You can get more info or register by clicking on the link below for the borough/ date of your choice:

Manhattan- 10/21/17

Staten Island- 10/21/17

Brooklyn- 11/4/17

Bronx- 11/18/17

Queens- 11/18/17

Registration brochures in Spanish and Mandarin are available

## Volunteers Needed

- 2017-18- **Enrichment Volunteers**: Parents, we need your help! Please email enrichment@tagscholarspta.org if you are interested in being a volunteer for one of our after school activities.

Regards,

The Membership Committee