



The Bronx High School of Science

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Dear Parents:

In Sonnet XCVIII, Shakespeare wrote: “April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.” Nowhere is this more evident than in a high school. As April takes us into our Spring Break at the end of the month, we are focusing on the following:

BULLYING/CYBER-BULLYING/Respect-for-All

Several cases of cyber-bullying have come to our attention this year. Students receive guidance education about this very serious matter and must understand that EVERYTHING they post and view online is recorded in some fashion or another. We have a zero-tolerance policy for bullying. Any incidents of bullying that we discover are investigated fully.

PARENTS: Please inform your children that if they feel at any point they are being bullied, harassed or even teased in any way to let a staff member know immediately. Guidance counselors, deans, and teachers have all been trained to handle these matters with discretion. Remind your children that they should never make posts online that they would not be 100% comfortable sharing with you, colleges, and future employers. Parents should feel free to report incidents to us as well.

SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING! Please tell your children to report anything inappropriate that they see immediately to the DEANS office.

DETENTION POLICY

Whenever a student cuts a class, a detention is issued and, in some cases, students’ privileges are suspended. Students should clear their records by either serving detention or correcting any erroneous cuts through their teachers or our attendance office. There are currently 13 scheduled detention sessions remaining in this school year. While we try not to cancel detention sessions, it can sometimes occur.

PARENTS: Please talk to your child about the importance of attending all classes, bringing in notes (to the attendance office) when they are absent and serving detention if they need to do so. Having suspended privileges prevents students from participating fully in extracurricular activities including but not limited to clubs and teams. For senior students with suspended privileges they can’t attend any senior activities including prom.

DRILLS

We currently have 3 fire drills and 1 bus drill left to complete in order to be in compliance with the Department of Education policies.

PARENTS: Please discuss the importance of these safety drills with your child. Remind your child to remain silent and attentive during any drill. Students must be able to hear all directions during these drills.

HALLWAY LOCKERS

If your child has an issue with his/her locker, please have them fill out the google form on the Bronx Science Website.

PARENTS: Please discuss with your child the importance of locking up belongings.

Thank you,

Vana Loukissas
Director of Safety and Security