



## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

General Meeting via Zoom

March 23, 2020

### BROOKE'S OVERALL PHILOSOPHY about GRADING during REMOTE LEARNING

We no longer have the opportunity to learn face-to-face

- We don't want kids to be a casualty of this crisis
- We want students' transcripts to look good.
- Social emotional: she is concerned about students social and emotional welfare
- Some parents are asking for sit-down 9-3 school day. That will not happen.
- Teachers have union (United Federation of Teachers UFT) representation to outline what they can and cannot be asked to do. (UFT Guidelines posted to the PA website: <https://www.nyclabschool.org/pa-meeting-minutes/>)
  - o The school is not going to require students to have sit-down 9-3 school day to make sure they have balance and well-being during this time

### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLEGE

#### PARENT QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

- Will seniors meet the needed requirements to graduate and that is acceptable to universities?
  - o Yes, we are working to make sure that happens
- SPRING SEMESTER GRADES, how will they be factored into (the college process in the fall)?

#### BROOKE'S THOUGHTS:

- Transcripts will denote this (unusual) spring semester
- DOE Academic Policy Office: is determining what grades and transcripts will have to look like
- Schools are being advised:
  - o Not to make any radical changes in any derivation formulas (We are sticking with grades and transcript; no change to mastery-based grading (e.g., "meets expectations", "exceeds expectations"))
  - o Make adjustments where necessary (do not include exam that cannot be administered now)
  - o Physical education is Pass/Fail
- Brooke is instructing teachers to show kids in the best possible light
- **How will colleges view this semester?**
  - o Don't know, but all of us are in the same boat across the city and the world. We are all experiencing it together, in the world.
  - o We will share with college what our approach to remote learning – retrospective – what we were afforded, where we fell short

### ACCESS TO STUDENTS' GOOGLE ACCOUNTS & CALENDARS:

- Teachers have been trying to give parents access to provide access to Google Classroom since the beginning of this time. There have been many difficulties in providing that.
- For parents to get the full Google Classroom perspective, get in relationship with your child and get in the Google Classroom account. Get in password from your child.
- If you are having trouble, contact the administration and they can help motivate the students to share their access

### STRUCTURING TIME:

#### PARENT QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

- A number of parents are asking for school help to provide more structure to their children's remote learning.
- Many parents requesting a later start time for all remote meetings. 8:30am meetings are tough.
- Parents would like few hours of video instruction, especially for 9th graders
- Could teachers send calendar invites with the zoom details instead of individual emails?
- Any way to get some checklists that parents can use?

#### BROOKE'S THOUGHTS:



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School has published the master schedules of all the grades Remote meetings via Zoom or Google Hangouts. Link to the SCHOOLWIDE VIDEO MEETING SCHEDULE by grade:

[docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YcqIze9nmcvwYoLTZWWkMQMwv883rP4OL7KwFxrYw2c/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YcqIze9nmcvwYoLTZWWkMQMwv883rP4OL7KwFxrYw2c/edit?usp=sharing)

- Brooke making notes on all parent feedback. Will relay to teachers.
- It's a challenging time for everyone, including herself and her own teens. The current situation is an opportunity to keep track of what students are doing; for students to gain independence, self-monitor, and time management skills – all practices for college
- Critical questions for parents to ask: what are you working on? Can we have time to check-in?

### PARENT TIPS:

- Your kids should use the calendar feature of Google attached to their accounts. It would provide reminders.

## ZOOM CHATS:

### PARENT QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

- Can the teachers conduct a weekly zoom chat so the kids can feel reconnected to their peers and teachers?
- It would be great to bring back advisory groups of some sort (suggestion: SENIOR-LED) that would make it mandatory for everybody to be connected to some way at least once a week.
- Classes should be kept on same schedule as if they were there physically
- Can remote meetings be required to check-in to group chat every once and awhile.
- If Zoom chats are optional, many of them do not do it.
- Check-in's helps in continuity

### BROOKE:

- Agreed: Zoom chats are important.
- The messaging on Google Classroom will be adjusted from "optional" to "strongly suggested".
- They will not be mandatory because of many implications including grading and student stress.

## ATTENDANCE

### PARENT QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

- My child is not doing the non-mandatory zoom office hours but is doing the work by due dates will that be acceptable for attendance? YES
- It would be helpful for all teachers to have one class required zoom per week
- Are students going to be penalized about not showing up for office hours? Answer: NO. But the students should

### BROOKE'S THOUGHTS:

- Attendance cannot have any bearing on performance assessment.
- However, the best thing for learning is to show up (to office hours/Zoom meetings)
- New system-wide DOE attendance policy and procedures have not been announced.
- In the meanwhile, if your child is SICK and cannot complete any remote learning assignments, please E-MAIL MR. KOCH at [jkoch2@nyclabschool.org](mailto:jkoch2@nyclabschool.org) (until new attendance procedure is announced).

## SPRING BREAK: Is spring break still happening?

- Yes, SPRING BREAK is still happening. She is working with teachers to assign some long-term projects

### PARENT SUGGESTION;

- Assign some school wide reading and get some online book groups going to meet/reconvene the week after break

## REGENT'S, STATE TETS, AP EXAMS

### BROOKE'S THOUGHTS:

- **REGENTS:** no word on how they will proceed, State has not come out with an official word.
  - o Regents were not used for course placement (e.g., Chemistry) in the past. Will not now.

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- REGENTS FOR NEXT YEAR: Don't know. Focus on the five that are required for graduation
- **STATE TESTS** for elementary and middle school: CANCELLED
- **AP EXAMS**: moving forward with new test format – online 45-minute tests

### OTHER PARENT TIPS

#### PARENT QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

- Peloton has a 90-day free trial (they have classes not on their bikes. Just regular floor class and dance classes) and my daughter did one while on facetime with a friend at the same time. It was a great release of energy!

### WHAT'S NEXT:

#### BROOKE'S THOUGHTS:

##### ASSIGNMENTS:

- Moving away from the weekly assignments. Moving towards varied deadlines
- Biggest change: augmenting video in more subjects with more teachers
- Enrichment/ Extracurricular: Clubs will be resurrected in an online format
- Virtual Talent Show in the works

##### BALANCE: trying to achieve it

- Students have reached out to Brooke to say they really miss school and miss each other
- Brooke wants students to be happy healthy and whole

### PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR SCHOOL SURVEY by April 8, 2020

- [www.NYCSchoolSurvey.org](http://www.NYCSchoolSurvey.org) with information from the **GREEN** envelope

### Virtual Roundtables next week

Please only attend the roundtable for your child's grade

Topic: NYC LAB High School - Remote **9th Grade** Roundtable

Time: Mar 30, 2020 08:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/762261381>

Meeting ID: 762 261 381

Topic: NYC LAB High School - Remote **10th Grade** Roundtable

Time: Mar 31, 2020 08:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/258396044>

Meeting ID: 258 396 044

Topic: NYC LAB High School - Remote **11th Grade** Roundtable

Time: Apr 1, 2020 08:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/100772236>

Meeting ID: 100 772 236

Topic: NYC LAB High School - Remote **12th Grade** Roundtable

Time: Apr 2, 2020 08:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/878692837>

Meeting ID: 878 692 837

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