EDUCATIONAL NEWS BRIEF – March 2018

NYC PreK For All Application Deadline - Friday, March 30, 2018
All families with children born in 2014 as eligible to apply to PreK for September 2018. Free full-day (6 hours, 20 minutes) PreK programs are available in public Elementary Schools, PreK Centers, Charter Schools, and in many Early Childhood Education Centers throughout the City.

A streamlined application provides families with the ease of prioritizing and applying to up to 12 programs. Families are urged to list only those schools or programs to which you would send your child.

Steps to identify schools:
1. Find your zoned school.
2. Read school profiles and watch videos on InsideSchools.
3. Review individual school websites.
4. Review the DOE-prepared materials designed to support your search, including information about the process, directories of schools/programs by borough, info sessions and tours, and more.
5. Attend parent tours and open houses as available in both public schools and early childhood education centers.
6. Carefully review the PreK Directory about each school including program enrollment.
7. Search the PreK Program Finder and review the PreK Snapshot of each school that interests you.
8. Sign up for email updates from the NYC DOE to stay up-to-date on topics that interest you.

NYC Public Gifted & Talented Schools/Programs
Score reports will be distributed in late March 2018. Students with a score of 90 and above will receive a list of schools options along with their score reports.

Families will then tour any schools that they have not yet seen and submit their application (date to be announced) with their placement preferences.

Final placement offers will be sent in May 2018 with the deadline to accept an offer in June.

NYC High Schools
Placement offers were available and distributed earlier this month.
If you received an offer and are ...  
- HAPPY with your match, be sure to accept your Round 1 offer by Monday, March 26, 2018.
- UNHAPPY with your match, take a deep breath and reconsider the school in which your student was placed. If there is an opportunity to visit the school again be sure to sign up. If there is not a formal meeting or open house for accepted students, contact the Parent Coordinator and ask if you can visit one morning.
- STILL UNHAPPY after reconsidering your child’s placement, then you can always apply to a school with open seats in Round 2. Please be aware that the calculated risk is that if you are accepted at another school you will lose your placement in Round 1. Round 2 applications are due on March 26.

If you did not receive a match, you must apply to high schools with open seats in Round 2. If you are not happy with the outcome of Round 2 you can then file an appeal.

Opportunities to learn more about Round 2 Schools:  
- The DOE is hosting a Round 2 High School Fair on March 17-18, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Educational Campus in Manhattan.
- Some Round 2 schools are hosting open houses before the March 26 deadline. The DOE calendar lists some dates and times but you can always call a school to request a visit.
- Advice from InsideSchools on Round 2 schools and Charter School options.

Don’t want to go it alone?  
- Talk with your school’s guidance counselor and network with your friends and colleagues.
- Review NYC Admission Solutions’ video about high school admission.

Mark your calendar for March 26: March 26 is the deadline to accept your offer as well as the deadline to apply through Round 2.

**Summer is just around the corner and it is time to identify special opportunities, apply, and register.**

Are you or your child looking for ways to enhance their education, engage in more sports, explore a new interest, deepen their skills, or strengthen their college application? There are a myriad of wonderful resources to assist you. The following are just a few ...

**NYU webpages** include a wide variety of sample programs, including traditional and specialty camps, as well as internships, international cultural experiences and pre-college programs at local NYC colleges, and more. Please visit these webpages for program ideas we recommend referring to the organization’s website for the most up to date information.
InsideSchools offers a lengthy list of free and low cost after-school, internships, and summer opportunities available in NYC.

Teen Life provides online resources for summer programming, STEM programs, performing and visual arts programs, gap year, and volunteer opportunities. Consultant support is also available by visiting the website.

Carebridge Life Resources, NYU’s information and referral service can help with the full range of childcare needs including summer camps.

American Camp Association provides information about day camps, sleepaway and specialty camps.