



**EQUALITY
CHARTER
SCHOOL**



Agenda

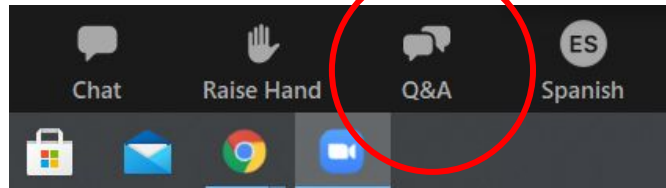
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Housekeeping Notes

- If you have a question please enter it into the Q&A on the bottom of your screen.
- We will try to answer as many questions as possible tonight.
- Any that are not addressed we will get back to you.
- This Powerpoint will be posted to our website for you to review with the additional answers.

* This session will be recorded.



If you need a spanish version of this powerpoint please drop you email and SPA in the Q and A section.



Who's Who???

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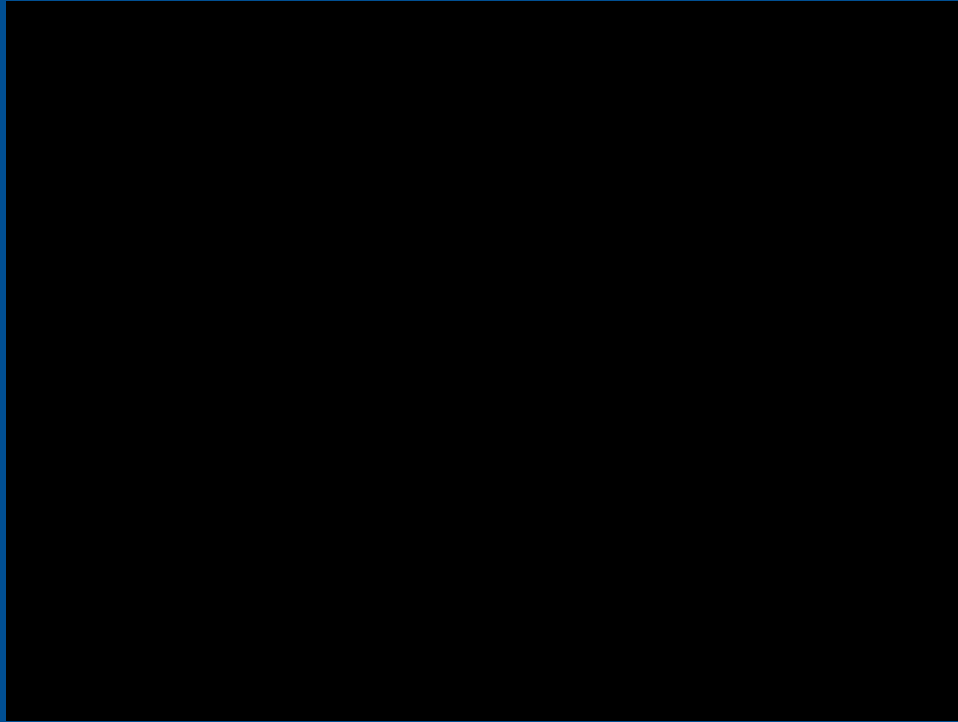
Main Office Hours

Hours: Monday - Friday 8AM - 2PM

Tel: 718-517-3169 ext. 6009 (Rings on all phone lines)



Welcome from our Executive Director, Caitlin Franco



ECMS

School Culture



Our Mission:

To ensure each scholar reaches individual academic and personal success through a nurturing scholar-centered approach

Equality was founded on the principle that we cannot afford for any child to get lost in the public educational system.

We believe in meeting our scholars where they are and guiding them on a path that empowers them to choose for themselves.

We promise to give our scholars the tools they need to define their own meaning of what success is, and the tools to achieve it throughout their lives.



Our Bronx Tale

Founded in 2009 by Caitlin Franco, our Middle School currently serves 270 scholars in grades 6-8.

In September 2014, we expanded our impact by opening a High School which currently serves 360 scholars in grades 9-12.

From the beginning, Equality Charter School has provided essential academic, social, and emotional support to our community in the Bronx.

Today, we are working on plans for the next phase of Equality: an expansion to Elementary School, that will serve 540 scholars in grades K-5.

We see endless possibilities of what Equality can provide for our scholars and community.



Our Numbers Don't Lie

95%

Next Level Readiness

We are #1 in our district at preparing Middle School students for High School.

92%

2021 Graduation Rates

HS scholars from ECMS who attended ECHS graduated at a much higher rate than their City and District counterparts.

79%

Free / Reduced Lunch

We provide equal opportunities in education to economically disadvantaged communities.



Uniforms

School Uniforms: [Flynn O'Hara Uniforms](#)

You can go to the store or order online!

State: NY / School Name/Code: Equality Charter Middle School (NY715)

Location: 136 Westchester Square, Bronx NY 10461

Phone: 718-863-7561

Scholars can be in uniform top or blue shirt as of the first day of school.



Uniforms

Tops:

Flynn & O'Hara ECS Logo Items:

- Polo long or short sleeve
- PE t-shirt
- Sweater vest
- Pullover sweater
- Long sleeve fleece jacket
- Crewneck sweatshirt
- V-Neck cardigan sweater

In addition:

- Any ECS provided logo t-shirt

Bottoms:

Any vendor:

- Colors: black, khaki, gray, or navy
- Pants
- Trousers
- Slacks
- 5-pocket pants
- Cargo pants
- Capris
- Knee length shorts, such as dress shorts or cargo shorts*
- Skirts*
- Skorts*

**No more than 3 inches above the knee

Footwear and Accessories

Any vendor:

- Sneakers - all black, all white, or black and white (no other colors)
- Shoes - any color
- Boots - any color

Any vendor:

- Hair wraps - all black, all white, or black and white (no other colors)
- Stockings
- Socks

PE Uniforms

- Shirt:
 - Flynn & O'Hara PE T-shirt
 - Any ECS provided logo t-shirt
- Bottoms:
 - Flynn & O'Hara PE shorts or sweatpants
 - *MS Only: Can also wear regular uniform bottoms*

The following clothing items are PROHIBITED for all scholars even on dress down days:

Hats, bandanas, tank tops, leggings, see-through garments, ripped jeans, slippers, any clothing with graphic or potentially controversial messages (i.e. related to religion, politics, sex, race, etc.), crop tops, and shorts and skirts more than three inches above the knee. Sweatpants are allowed.

Uniforms Summer School

Scholars are expected to wear appropriate clothing to summer school. Clothing should not be offensive or interfere with learning. Halters, tank tops, tube tops, short shorts, cut-off shorts, mesh tops, and bare midriffs are not appropriate school attire.

Hats and other head coverings must be removed upon entering the school building. Shoes must be worn at all times.

Scholars who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item.

The Scholars are to wear their uniform shirt with an appropriate bottom.



Getting Set Up for the School Year



School Supplies

All supplies will be provided throughout the school year, in return we ask for a donation from families. Families are responsible for backpacks.

Donation Options:

- \$40 per child
- Donation of time for a school event
- Donation of tissue boxes, clorox wipes, etc.

You can drop off or send a money order to school for the exact amount. You can also wait until the beginning of the school year.

School Address:

**Equality Charter Middle School
4140 Hutchinson River Pkwy
Bronx, NY 10475**



Registration Paperwork Drop Off

How do you submit Registration Paperwork?

- You can complete it on Schoolmint (Desktop)
 - If you have trouble logging in, just let us know.
- You can make an appointment to complete it on a computer at the MS, M-F from 8am-2pm
 - (We are closed 6/20, 6/27, the week of 6/27-7/1, 7/4, and 7/5)

Additional late days are July 11th & July 20th from 8am-5:30pm

**If a later time is needed it can be arranged but must be scheduled 48 hours in advance



Enrollment Paperwork

Urgent: In order to be fully registered you must be **VERIFIED** on Schoolmint. If you are missing documents you must reach out to Mr. Boyles to share the roadblock.

If you're paperwork is NOT complete and you have NOT communicated with Mr. Boyles, you may lose your spot.

JULY 1 Deadline

Rayshon.boyles@equalitycs.org

Verified- you have submitted all documentation and it has been verified by our main office.



Attendance

- If your child is absent or late
 - Call the attendance line at 718-517-3169 ext. 1000
 - Send an email to msoffice@equalitycharterschool.org
 - Attendance Point Person: Ms. Benjamin
- Absences
 - Only absences documented by a signed statement from a medical doctor or government judiciary court stating the scholar's presence will be considered "Excused" absences.
 - All other absences will be considered "Unexcused."
- Notification
 - You will receive notifications anytime you child is late or absent.



Metrocards

Metrocard Eligibility is determined by the Office of Pupil Transportation by scholars distance of address from the school. This is why it is imperative that we have the correct address on file for each child. If you move you must let the main office know so we can update our records.

If a scholars metrocard is lost or stolen, it must be reported to the main office immediately, verbally or by email to msoffice@equalitycharterschool.org

A new card will be issued of OPT **within 2 weeks**

(For the first week of school it is a good ideas to send extra money just in case.)



Change of Address or Phone Number

Parents must complete a change of address form and return directly to the main office or send through email to msoffice@equalitycharterschool.org.

If a parent has moved, we need to have 2 proofs of address as documentation.

Acceptable forms of proof are as follows:

- Copy of Driver's License
- Rent Receipt/ Rent Statement
- Lease Agreement
- W2
- Paystub
- Bank Statement
- Cable Bill
- Con Edison Bill
- Home Telephone Bill (No cell phone bill)



McKinney- Vento Act

- [Detailed Guide for McKinney- Vento NYS](#)

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is a federal law created to support the enrollment and education of homeless students.

McKinney-Vento is intended to provide homeless students the same educational opportunities as housed students by removing as many barriers to learning for homeless students as possible.

This covers a wide range of temporary housing situations.

Should you housing status change please let the main office know so we can help!



McKinney- Vento Act Cont.

What does it mean to be “homeless”?

Children and youth are considered "homeless" under the McKinney-Vento Act when they are:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
- Living in a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 11302(a)(2)(C);
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; or
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because the children are living in circumstances described above.



Immunizations

A healthy school setting gives all students the best chance to learn and grow. Vaccines are very important to this effort.

[Legal Immunization Requirements](#) (click here)

Warning letters are sent to parents, requesting that proof of immunization be submitted within 2 weeks .

[Warning Letter](#)

If Immunization is not received within 2 weeks of sending the warning letter the parent will receive an exclusion letter and the scholar can not return to school until proof of immunization has been received.

[Exclusion Letter](#)



1-1 Chromebook Initiative

- Each child will receive a school issued Chromebook (CB) and charger
- Families are encouraged to speak about taking care of the school issued technology
- All chromebooks are monitored by Go Guardian for safety
- Families will be responsible for repairs and or the child will lose this privilege if the device is damaged multiple times
- All families should sign the CB Loaner Agreement



ELL and Special Education Services

Special Populations

Students With Disabilities

Program: ICT and/or SETSS

Mandated Related Services (Speech, Counseling, Occupational Therapy)

Support in managing academic load from his/her case manager

English Language Learners

Instructional support from all core subject teachers

Additional support from ELL teacher in core classes

Access to “English for Speakers of Other Languages” (ESOL) class to continue acceleration of language acquisition

If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Nilsson at (718) 517-3169 ext 3100 or lauren.nilsson@equalitycharterschool.org



After School Program - MMCC

After School will be onsite M-F:

- It will begin right after the school day
- Pick up is at 5:30pm
- Scholars will not be allowed to leave the school during after-school

Activities:

- Sports, Drama, Dance, Art, Fashion and more
- Stem lead activities with one on one instruction

Application Link: [After School Application](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ramsey at (718) 517-3169 ext. 3140 or bramsey@mmcc.org

Q&A

