

Good Evening LAMS Family Members,

This is Ms. Ponella the principal of Louis Armstrong Middle School with your weekly news.

I like to wish everyone celebrating the Greek Orthodox holiday this weekend a Happy Easter.

I hope our students are finding their new normal in remote learning. As a school, we are learning new platforms to work with our students. I'm very proud of our teachers and staff efforts. Starting this week, your child will be given directions to submit a google form for their attendance. I will send a notice through Pupil Path when this new system will start. Although this form will indicate that your child has signed in for the day, it's important for them to hand in their assignments and participate in all class discussions as best as possible for progress measuring.

I have received a couple of emails concerning students being able to enter the building to clean their lockers and get their belongings and refunds for trips and senior dues. While the city is shuttered in, schools are closed and no one will be allowed into the building during this time. All refunds will be given when school reopens. The school leadership team will be discussing these issues as well as exploring ideas around graduation. I know this is a difficult time, and we are doing our best to address these issues as they come in and as we wait for guidance from our Governor and Central DOE administration. Thank you again for your continued patience, understanding and support during these times.

For students who are struggling with remote learning, we have secured tutoring from 3:00PM – 6:00PM through our College 4 All Partnership with Practice Makes Perfect. This information was sent via Pupil Path earlier this week. Also, our Arts and Literacy afterschool program will still be continuing their program adapted for remote learning and information will be coming soon to sign up for the program. We know it's difficult for some students to log onto their classes at times and I wanted to ensure you that we are providing additional supports and services for all our students to succeed.

We are continuing to make check in wellness calls to our families.

I hope everyone was able to view our message to our students on You Tube. We truly do miss our student and we can't wait to physically be with them again in school.

Remember to remind your children to stay inside, stay safe, cover their face when they have to go out in public, to do the best they can and remind them that we all believe in them and can't wait to see them again.

This is Ms.Ponella signing off from LAMS where what happens here will change the world.

