



# YWCP Newsletter

## Black History Month Celebration at YWCP

During the month of February, we celebrate Black History Month, a time for a celebration of and reflection on the achievements of African Americans. Though the recognition and celebration of African American life, art, culture, and history should be sustained year-round, we take this essential time to reflect on, review, and revise the place of the African American experience in the national consciousness—and hopefully, carry this awareness with us in our daily lives, now and throughout the rest of the year.

### In our celebration of Black History Month, we will:

- Highlight a Black Woman in History each day – please look in your email.
- Delve into the rich tradition of African American poetry with the works of poets like Gwendolyn Brooks, Lucille Clifton, Langston Hughes, James Weldon Johnson, Claude McKay, Rita Dove, Sonia Sanchez, Toni Morrison, Maya Angelou, and many more.
- Post two weekly trivia contests. There will be two winners each week -- one from middle school and one from high school.
- Celebrate black dance and movement.
- Invite scholars to participate in our multimedia contest inspired by the nation's first ever youth poet laureate, Amanda Gorman, and her poem “The Hill We Climb” that was read at President Joe Biden’s inauguration. There will be no restrictions regarding the choice of expression, including essays (word limit 500 words), poem, poster, drawing, or digital media.

## Did you know parents can now log on to PCx?

You should have received information on how parents can access our learning management system, PCx.

Parents can see student assignments and updated grades for their daughter at any time.

Please contact any of your child’s teachers for further guidance.

## Happy Birthday Griffins!

Janiya Sanchez \* Ann Marie DeJesus \* Jen’Nya Dunniehigh \* Izhar Hussein \* Winter Fowler \* Queen Asia Turner Vanzie \* Aliseyonna Walton-Ruffin \* Chade’ja Barnes \* Leisha Marie Colon \* Phorsha Gray \* Dejah Manor \* Nyana Ortiz \* Jada Harris \* Alexia Cain-Oriol \* Kaylee’Marie Christian \* Surai Johnson \* Destyni Owens \* Eryka McKenzie \* Jan’Azia Elliott \* Alicia Montgomery \* Jazz’Nae McCoy \* Naszirr Butler \* Nahveah McClary \* Samantha Johnson-Coleman \* Brianna Lopez \* Aasha Rouse-Lovejoy \* Gamila Saleh \* Niajana Torres \*

## Upcoming Events

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Groundhog Day  
– 6 more weeks of Winter!

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Valentine’s Day

**February 15<sup>th</sup>** – President’s Day  
– No School

**February 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>** – Recess  
Break – No School

**February 26<sup>th</sup>** – Virtual Picture  
Day in Advisory

## A Note from Nurse Lowery...

We are in need of up-to-date physicals & immunizations for this school year. The Department of Health states these documents must be on file even if you attend remotely. Please email all health documents to [ywcpnurse@youngwomenscollegereprep.org](mailto:ywcpnurse@youngwomenscollegereprep.org) Remember you need an updated physical and immunizations to play sports and to obtain your work permit.

## Important News!

Marking Period 2 Grades will be mailed the week of February 8<sup>th</sup>!



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## Staff Spotlight



Brianna Mastrella  
Math Teacher

Ms. Mastrella joined the YWCP family in October of 2016. During her time at YWCP, Ms. Mastrella has taught a variety of math courses. Whether it was through direct instruction, being the co-teacher, or just being around for extra support, she loves to assist students in any way she can. Her goal is to not only teach the girls how to solve math problems, but to also solve problems in general. Building positive relationships with her students is one of the most important things to Ms. Mastrella. In addition to teaching, Ms. Mastrella has also coached Softball at YWCP. Her role as a Softball coach started during the 2017 season. During this time, she has been an assistant coach for JV & Varsity and recently head coach of the modified softball team during the 2020 season. Ms. Mastrella was born and raised in Rochester. She attended Monroe Community College for her Associate's Degree in Mathematic Education, graduated from SUNY Brockport with a Bachelors in Adolescent Mathematics Education, and also earned a Masters in Literacy Education. Outside of the classroom, Ms. Mastrella enjoys spending time with family and friends, spending time with her fur-babies, and working her part-time serving job.

## Griffin Parents

### We need your help!

Please guide and support your daughter's remote learning by ensuring that she:

- **Attends each block/class** she is scheduled for by logging on to PCx and reporting to the teacher's Live Lesson Classroom.
- **Reports on time** for each block/class - 9:00, 10:30, 12:30, 2:00
- Participates and **stays engaged in each block/class.**
- **Complete assignments** for all classes EACH WEEK.
  - This includes 2 block/class assignments for each class AND one independent learning assignment for Math, ELA, Science, SS, and Spanish classes.
- **Utilizes daily work period block** to complete assignments.
- **Find a quiet space** to complete assignments.

## How to Find Up-to-Date Information!!

Please stay engaged with our social media platforms as this is where the most up-to-date information will be available.

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/YoungWomensCollegePrep](https://www.facebook.com/YoungWomensCollegePrep)

**Instagram:** @ywcp\_rochester

**Website:** [www.youngwomenscollegeprep.org](http://www.youngwomenscollegeprep.org)

**Remind App:** Text the message @926ed3 to the number 81010. If you are having trouble text @926ed3 to the number 818-741-2634.

**Main Office:** Call 585-254-0320 Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.

## Reminders

Please make sure updated contact information is on file with the YWCP's Main Office. You can call 585.254.0320 to update phone numbers and get information on how to change your address. It is very important that we are able to reach a parent or guardian when needed.