

High School Newsletter

The Michael J. Petrides School

September 2019

WELCOME

A Message from Mr. Tabbitas...



Looking forward to September. . .

Welcome Back!!! With all of the down time over the summer months it's time to get ready for an exciting school year. Building on our past successes and taking on new challenges our students will continue to be career and college ready upon graduation.

As we continue to push our students academically, be on the lookout for some fun as well. Already in the works, our SING competition, Winter Pep Rally, the Arts Exhibit and our fall sport teams.

Please keep an eye on our website www.Petridesschool.com for important information. Please click the tab on my name, under Administrators, for information specific for high school students and parents.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

On Tuesday, September 3rd from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Petrides will be hosting our annual Back to School Night. From 6:00 – 6:30 there will be a Freshman Orientation for parents of 9th grade students. From 6:30 – 7:00 a mandatory meeting for all HS seniors and their parents. Both exclusive meetings will take place in B104.

Student programs, metro cards and other important information will be distributed throughout the evening. Parents and students will be given a welcome back packet which includes important information about the upcoming school year. The welcome packet will also be available on our website.

During the evening you will be able to meet and greet all of our staff members. It is highly encouraged that all students and parents are present for this onetime event.

STUDENT WELCOME PACKET

All of our students will receive a welcome back packet during our Back to School Night with important information for the upcoming school year.

All returnable materials should be returned to your child's Social studies teacher during the first week of school.

Visit our website for links to all the handouts in each packet.

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD

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TO GET INVOLVED!



Research on extracurricular activities and student achievement has been going on for a long time — and just about every nuance of the issue has been explored in some detail. The findings from all of this research are remarkably clear and straightforward, something that is usually quite rare in educational inquiry. The bottom line is stated most succinctly by Everson and Millsap, who titled their 2005 study for the College Board simply “Everyone Gains.” Early research shows that participation in student activities is linked to better outcomes in a number of do-mains. The National Center for Educational Statistics (1999) reported that students who participated differed significantly from those who did not in the following ways:

- Better School Attendance
- Better Class Attendance
- Higher Reading and Math Scores
- Higher GPA
- More likely to earn a Bachelor’s Degree

Students could find information about extracurricular activities from announcements on our public address system, posted flyers, school newspaper, and monthly newsletters or by speaking to Mr. Duffy, Athletic Director, or Mr. Cucuzza, Coordinator of Student Activities.

Parent Communication



The Petrides School uses various communication tools to contact parents. Parents are encouraged to ensure telephone numbers on emergency blue and purple cards are current and accurate. Within the first week of school blue and purple cards will be distributed in their welcome packet and collected in their Social studies class. Please fill out each card and have your child return the cards to their Social Studies teacher.

We also ask parents and students to have their PupilPath account active and utilize this valuable tool. Teachers will use the email feature on PupilPath to contact parents. In return, parents could contact teachers using the same feature. Parents should contact Mr. Doctor for PupilPath information at adoctor2@schools.nyc.gov

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SCHOOL CONTRACT OVERVIEW



To ensure that this year is a great one it is important that our students and parents understand the school rules and expectations and the consequences of not following those rules. Let's take a moment to highlight some of the behavior expectations.

1. Arrive to school on time for your first scheduled class and appear at each class at the start time.
2. Students are required to carry school issued identification and present it to school officials upon request.
3. Once a student arrives at school, he/she is to remain until the end of his/her school day. We are a CLOSED campus and students are not permitted to leave until the end of their last scheduled class. Please review your child's program so that you are aware of their schedule. If an emergency occurs and a student needs to leave school early, a parent must sign him/her out for the school day.
4. Students must be in their assigned designated areas during the school day. It is not permissible for students to be in unsupervised areas of the building at any time, e.g., classroom, hallway, auditorium, gymnasium, etc. without supervision.
5. Resolve conflicts peacefully, and avoid fighting inside or outside of the school or at program sites. Mediation assistance is available if needed.
6. Behave respectfully, without arguing and cooperate when a staff member gives direction or makes a request. All students will be given a (later) opportunity to voice

their concerns if I do not agree with the request

7. All cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems brought to school must be turned off **and put away** before entering school. They are not to be turned on until students have left school building. In appropriate classroom environment, and as directed by classroom teacher, suitable use of cell phones for academic/instructional purposes is allowable. Students who choose to bring cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems to school are fully responsible for that device/system by keeping that item on their person or storing the item. The Michael J. Petrides School is not liable for lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems.
8. Students must dress appropriately; refrain from wearing any suggestive clothing including skinny tank-tops, midriffs, short shorts or mini-skirts. Hats, scarves, headgear are not permitted.
9. Students must refrain from bringing weapons, illegal drugs, controlled substances and alcohol to school or school events. These items are strictly **prohibited**.
10. Students should share information with school officials that might affect the health, safety or welfare of the school community
11. All smoking devices are prohibited, e.g., cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape, vaping pens
12. Selling any type of item, without authorization by school administration, is prohibited
13. Students should keep parents informed about school related matters and make sure to give parents any information sent home
14. Students must follow the rules in the Chancellor's Discipline Code

Key Dates to Remember

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<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/calendar>

- Sept. 5: First day of school.
- Sept. 30-Oct 1 : Rosh Hashanah (schools closed)
- Oct 9 – Yom Kippur (schools closed)
- Oct. 14: Columbus Day (schools closed)
- Nov. 5: Election Day (no class)
- Nov 11: Veterans Day (schools closed)
- Nov. 28-29: Thanksgiving recess
- Dec. 24-Jan.1: Winter recess
- Jan. 20: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (schools closed)
- Jan. 27: Chancellor's conference day (nonattendance day for high school students)
- Jan. 28: First day of high school spring term
- Feb. 17-21: Midwinter recess
- April 9-17: Spring recess
- May 25: Memorial Day (school closed)
- June 4: Anniversary day (no school)
- June 26: Last day of school.

College Corner

Be on the lookout for important information in our College Corner section of this newsletter and on our website, www.Petrides.school.com, under the Student Support Service, College Office tab for important information about College Now program, Colleges visiting our campus, FAFSA information and much more.

Metro card are distributed in the beginning of the spring, fall and summer semesters for eligible students. MTA bus services to the Petrides complex is at the discretion of the MTA. The MTA assigns buses based on ridership.

In the morning, the MTA has scheduled one S66 from Victory Blvd and Clove Rd to make a special stop on Milford Drive at approximately 7:30 am. At 2:25, the MTA will provide multiple S53 & S78 for our student on Milford Drive. Students can utilize the S53 and transfer on Victory Blvd and Clove Rd where various buses and routes can be accessed.

Please utilize the MTA bus timetable for specific stops and times.

<http://web.mta.info/nyct/service/bus/sisch.htm>

School Meal Application

All NYC public school students are welcome to enjoy free breakfast and lunch at school. Parents/guardians do not need to apply for their kids to receive those meals.

However, we are asking parents to complete a School Meals form so our school can get access to funding for this program. Qualifying students are also entitled to additional resources, such as college application and Advance Placement fee waivers.

For more information visit:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/food/free-meals-for-all>

Transportation