



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 6

DECEMBER 2017



Dear Parents of students in grades 5 – 8,

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving and the start of the holiday season. Mr. Gary Giordano and the National Junior Honor Society are hosting our annual Secret Sandy Toy Drive. Toys are distributed to families in need throughout Staten Island. Toys are being collected from now until December 13, 2017. We appreciate your kindness and generosity!

Our Box Top for Education program is well underway. NJHS members are collecting box tops regularly. I have attached an easy collection sheet for you. Thank you in advance for your participation.

National Junior Honor Society applications for new members are now available in my office, room B217. An application and guidelines for entrance is included in this packet. NJHS accepts students in grades 6, 7 and 8. I have arranged for students to obtain their community service hours here at school. Students who wish to earn their service hours at school must join our PAL after-school program. NJHS will meet every Wednesday and work on community service projects during that time.

With the excitement of the upcoming holiday celebrations, we have a packed December calendar. The following

Parents as Partners events are scheduled:

Class 555 will host “Snowman Math” on December 18, 2017 at 10:30 am

Grade 6 students will host a Publishing Party on December 18, 2017

Class 620 – 8:45 am – 9:15am

Class 621 – 12:45 am – 1:15 am

Class 622 – 10:00 am – 10:30am

Our High School Humanities Academy will be hosting our annual College Fair for seventh grade students on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:00pm in the student cafeteria. Seventh graders will complete a “College Access for All” activity when at the fair. Parents are invited to attend a College meeting presented by Ms. Carol Dennison, our school’s college advisor at that time.

We will have a performance by the Harlem Magic Masters (a basketball entertainment group) on Friday December 15, 2017. On Tuesday December 19, 2017 we will have a Jazz presentation by The Temple of the Arts. A permission slip for all December activities with more detailed information will be forthcoming.

Our annual Winter Concert for students in grades 6 – 8 is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2017 and our Holiday Fair is December 8, 2017.

It was such a pleasure to see so many of you during our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences. I am so happy to hear you will be using Pupilpath.com for ongoing information about your child’s academic progress. Login information was distributed last month. If you need any help using Pupilpath.com please email Mr. Doctor at ADoctor@schools.nyc.gov.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous holiday season. School will be closed from December 25, 2017 until January 1, 2018. **Classes resume January 2, 2018.** If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (718) 815-0186 extension 22171 or BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

Betty

Ann Souffrin

What topics will the students learn this month?

ELA – Our students will be connecting themes across literature such as perseverance, overcoming obstacles and fear of failure. The students will be viewing the movies *Wonder* and the *Lightning Thief* to enrich reading these novels and support their analysis of theme. Supporting standard 6.RL.7- Compare/contrast the experience of reading a text with seeing/hearing performance of the text.

Math – Ratios and proportional relationships will be covered in December. The students will be able to understand ratio concepts and use ratio reasoning to solve problems.

Science – This month the students in class 620 will identify gases in the Earth's atmosphere and describe the structure of Earth's atmosphere. The students will also describe what happens to the energy the Earth receives from the sun, comparing and contrasting radiation and convection and conduction. The students in class 621 & 622 will begin to learn how weather describes conditions of the atmosphere at a given location for a short period of time. They will learn how solar heating and water vapor in the air affects weather. They will also learn how clouds are classified and how hail forms. The students will then analyze weather maps to determine the weather at different locations and learn ways to remain safe during extreme weather.

Social Studies – During the month of December we will study Ancient Greece, Athens and Spartan. The students will be working on DBQs as well as analyzing work from Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. They will also construct a thematic essay.



Test/Projects Dates

- Dec 1st – Social Studies exam: Ancient Greece
- Dec 1st – ELA Writing Piece due
- Dec 4th – ELA Complex Text Assessment
- Dec 5th – Science exam: Atmosphere
- Dec 7th – Math test: Chapter 12 & 13
- Dec 15th – Social Studies: Greece Essay due
- Dec 20th – Science exam (Class 620)
- Dec 21st – Math Task: Chapters 14 & 16



REMINDERS!

Please bring in money (\$18) and permission slip for our Movie Trip to see *Wonder*.

Please use www.pearsonsuccessneet.com to review for test and to see posttest.

Please visit www.pupilpath.com for any updates or changes to exams and homework assignment dates.

Join us for Parents as Partners Publishing Party on December 18th:

Class 620- 8:45-9:15am

Class 622- 10:00-10:30am

Class 621- 12:45-1:15pm

Required Reading



ELA – Reading wrap-up-*The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan; Supplemental Greek Mythology Articles-*Cronus Medusa, Athena, Theseus and Mintaur*

Math – Textbook or eBook: Chapters 13, 14 & 16

Science – Textbook Chapter 6 (Class 620); Chapter 7(Class 621 & 622)

School Closing

Dec 25th – Jan 1st

Winter Recess

School resumes January 2nd, 2018

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2017

Grade 6

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 ELA Writing Piece due Social Studies exam: Ancient Greece  Begins	2
3	4 ELA Complex Text Assessment	5 Science exam Atmosphere Class 621 & 622-	6 Movie Trip	7 Math test: Chapter 12 & 13	8 Holiday Fair	9
10	11	12	13  Ends	14 Winter Concert 7:00pm	15 Social Studies: Greece Essay due Harlem Magic Masters performance	16
17	18 Publishing Party Class 620: 8:45-9:15am Class 621: 12:45-1:15pm Class 622: 10:00-10:30am	19 Assembly Temple of The Arts	20 Science exam Class 620	21 Math Task: Chapters 14 & 16	22	23
24 /31	25 No School H A P P Y	26 No School	27 No School H O L L	28 No School	29 No School I D A Y S	30



Important Upcoming Dates:
January 2nd - School resumes
January 15th - No School: Martin Luther King Jr. day
January 29th - End of 2nd Marking Period

