



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 6

December 2018



Dear Middle School Parents,

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. **New and unwrapped** toys are being collected from now until December 14, 2018. 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 Tuesday and Wednesday to work on community service projects during that time.

Following is our schedule for some important events during the month of December.

Date	Time	Event	Participants
December 10	Class 521 9:00- 9:30 Class 520 9:45 – 10:15 Class 522 11:15 – 11:45	Parents as Partners Fingerprints Workshop	Parents & Students
December 19	1:00 – 2:20 pm	In school Trip – Assembly presented by the Harlem Magic Masters Theme – Bullying Prevention & Drug Awareness	Students in grades 5 – 8
December 20	12:45 – 1:30 pm	Middle School Sweet Feast	Students in grades 5 – 8
December 20	9:20 am – 10:20 am	The Foreign Language Department Holiday Caroling	Students in grade 6
December 21	9:00 am – 11:00 am	<i>The Wonder Movie</i>	Students in grade 6

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 me at BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous holiday season. School will be closed from December 24, 2018 until January 2, 2019. **Classes resume January 2, 2019.** If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (718) 815-0186 extension 22171 or BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,
BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal



What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – Students will enrich their understanding of our central texts and support their analysis of theme by viewing of the films *Wonder* & *Lightning Thief* – 6.RL.7: I Can Compare and Contrast the experience of reading a text with seeing and hearing the performance of a text. We will also launch our December unit with a close look at *Rules to Live By*. Our guiding question will be “How do people formulate and use rules to improve their lives and communicate these ideas to others?” We will dive into rich texts and research to explore this topic.

Math – Students will be working on expressions and equation from chapter 2 and 4 throughout this month. Students will be able to extend previous understandings of arithmetic to algebraic expressions.

Science – This month the students will identify gases in earth’s atmosphere and describe the structure of earth’s atmosphere. Students will recognize the importance of the earth’s atmosphere and how the layers impact life on earth. They will also describe what happens to the energy earth receives from the sun, comparing and contrasting radiation, conduction and convection.

Social Studies – During the month of December the students will use their knowledge of the characteristics of civilization to identify the achievement and contributions of the early river civilizations. This will include a focus on ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt.



Test/Projects Dates

- Dec 3rd – ELA Complex Text Assessment
 - Dec 4th - Social Studies Exam: Early Man Civilization
 - Dec 4th - Math Quiz
 - Dec 7th – ELA Wordly Wise Quiz’s #9
 - Dec 14th – ELA Wordly Wise Quiz’s #10
 - Dec 17th – Math quiz: Ch. 4 & 15 (Class 620 & 621)
 - Dec 18th – Math quiz: Ch. 4 & 15 (Class 622)
 - Dec 19th – Science Notebook Quiz (Class 620 & 621)
 - Dec 20th – Science Notebook Quiz (Class 622)
 - Dec 21st - ELA Wordly Wise Quiz’s #11
- In class Social Studies packets will also be completed and graded.



REMINDERS!

Please check Pupil Path on a regular basis for updated ELA assignments and students’ progress. Please email Ms. Brancaccio at any time with any questions or concerns or just to check in! Check your Remind 101 text messages for important reminders & updates.

Please join us for Parents as Partners Math workshop on Monday, December 3rd. Class 621: 9:00; Class 622: 9:45; Class 620: 10:30. Parents should wear a holiday shirt and/or hat along with their child.

Please use pearsonsuccessnet.com to review each Math chapter. Also our e-book is on this website as well.

If a student is absent they should always get the Science notes from the PowerPoint located in the back of the room and/or get the notes from a peer.

Students should review notes and handouts to prepare for the next Social Studies Exam.



Required Reading

ELA - Reading Wrap Up! Supplemental Texts – D’Aulaires’ *Book of Greek Myths, Demigods & Magicians* by Rick Riordan; Graphic Novel Experience – *The Lightning Thief* Adapted by Robert Venditti

Science – Chapter 6: Atmosphere; Article: *Burned by sun*

School Closing


January 1st – Last day of Winter Break
 January 21st – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3 ELA Complex Text Assessment Parents as Partners Math workshop Class 621: 9:00-9:30 Class 622: 9:45-10:15 Class 620: 10:30-11:00	4 Social Studies Exam: Early Man Civilization Math Quiz	5	6	7 ELA Wordly Wise Quiz's #9	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 ELA Wordly Wise Quiz's #10	15
16	17 Math quiz Ch. 4 and 15 (Class 620 & 621)	18 Math Quiz Ch. 4 and 15 (Class 622) Winter Concert 7:00pm	19 Bullying Assembly 1:00-2:20PM Science Quiz (Class 620 & 621)	20 Foreign Language Holiday Caroling 9:20-10:20am Science Quiz (Class 622) Sweet Feast 12:45-1:30pm	21 Wonder Movie 9:00-11:00am ELA Wordly Wise Quiz's #11	22
23	24 No School Happy Holidays!	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29
30	31 No School 					

Important Upcoming Dates:

January 2nd – School resumes
 January 21st – Schools Closed Martin Luther King Jr. day
 January 28th – Last day of second marking period