



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 6

January 2018



"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Middle School Parents,

Welcome back and best wishes for a wonderful new year. I hope 2018 brings you nothing but good things. We certainly have some exciting things planned for January! Our second annual Holiday Classic was a big success as was the educational/entertaining performance by Temple of the Arts and the Harlem Magic Masters! The children had lots of fun and it was certainly the perfect way to enjoy the holiday season.

The Middle School teachers have scheduled the following opportunities for you to visit and spend some time with us during the month of January. Please note the dates here:

Grade	Class	Date	Time/Period	Parents as Partners Workshop
7	720	January 23, 2018	10:30 – 11:00 am	Rise Up Investigating through the Lens of Hamilton the Musical
7	721	January 23, 2018	9:45 – 10:15 am	Rise Up Investigation through the Lens of Hamilton the Musical
7	722	January 23, 2018	8:15 – 8:45 am	Rise Up Investigation through the Lens of Hamilton the Musical
8	820	January 10, 2018	8:30 – 9:30 am	Microscope Stations
8	821	January 8, 2018	8:30 – 9:30 am	Microscope Stations
8	822	January 8, 2018	1:15 – 2:20 pm	Microscope Stations

The College Access for All Initiative is continuing this year at Petrides. Our seventh graders have had a college visit to Wagner College and completed the first of their lessons. On January 11, 2018 the seventh grade students will attend "The College Fair" presented by our Humanities Academy.

As per our new school uniform policy, **ALL** students are required to wear uniforms every day to school. The uniform policy consists of light blue top and navy blue bottoms. Middle school students can wear Petrides Phys Ed uniforms on Phys Ed days or ANY SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR. Uniforms can be ordered online at josephsportny@yahoo.com. **The telephone number is 347 – 768 – 2049.** Uniforms will be delivered to school and distributed by Mr. Michael Duffy. You may also purchase a school uniform at any local store that carries school uniform wear.

National Junior Honor Society applications are available in my office. The application deadline is Friday, March 2, 2018. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are encouraged to apply. Students can earn community service hours during our PAL after school program. National Junior Honor Society will be running as a club after school on Wednesday of each week. I am so proud of the work they did during the months of November and December. NJHS students raised enough funds to create large food baskets with Shoprite gift cards for five needy families in our community!

We are continuing our Box Top for Education collection. Attached you will find an easy collection sheet.

There are still seats available to students in grades 6 – 8 for our PAL after school program. We offer at least one hour per day of **tutoring** in Math and ELA by our licensed middle school teachers and one hour of **homework help** each day by our licensed middle school teachers. We also offer middle school basketball (girls, boys and JV teams), step, cooking, track, robotics and much more! I strongly encourage all families to join PAL after school and take advantage of this free service provided. Please contact me directly to arrange the tutoring or homework help to meet your child's needs.

The end of the second marking period is January 29, 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at any time at (718) 815-0186 extension 22717 or BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

Ms. BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – This month the students will begin their unit on working with evidence. The students will research to write an essay to inform about an important self-chosen Rule to Live By, supported with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations and examples. The students will look at literary, poetic and real-life examples to inspire their writing.

Math – The students will be able to write, read and evaluate expressions in which a letter stands for numbers. They will also be able to represent and analyze quantitative relationships between dependent and independent variables.

Science – The students in class 620 will explain how solar heating and water vapor in the atmosphere affect weather. They will also discuss how clouds form and how they are classified. Then the students will describe how rain, hail, sleet and snow develop. The students in Class 621 & 622 will finish their unit on Weather. They will transition from Earth Science to Life Science and begin to learn how a population consists of individuals of a species that are found together at a given place and time. These populations form a community. The community and the physical factors with which it interacts compose an ecosystem.

Social Studies – During the month of January the students will be learning all about Rome and The Roman Empire. There will be a Data Based Question (DBQ) exam on this topic later in the month.



Test/Projects Dates

- Jan 2nd - ELA Winter assignment due
- Jan 8th – ELA complex text
- Jan 10th – Math Quiz: Chapter 2
- Jan 17th – Social Studies Essay
- Jan 18th – Science Exam: Weather (Class 621 & 622)
- Jan 24th – Science quiz (Class 620)
- Jan 26th – ELA Essay to Inform
- Jan 30th – Math Task: Chapter 15

Please check www.pupilpath.com for updated Science Exam schedules.



REMINDERS!

Hope you enjoyed our ELA Publishing Share!

Test preparation continues this month in ELA. Remember to use the skills and strategies in class to construct writing responses and select answers critically with text based questions: Some strategies include “Slash the Trash” with your multiple choice and R.A.D.D. for short responses.

Use www.pearsonsuccessnet.com to review each Math lesson and to practice the skills.

Required Reading

ELA – If by Rudyard Kipling; Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis; Stanford University commencement address by Steve Jobs; various informational articles

Math – Textbook/eBook – Ch. 2, 4 and 15

Science – Class 620: “Burned by the Sun” Scholastic article; Class 621 & 622: Textbook Ch. 7 and Ch. 9

Social Studies – In-class handouts



School Closing

**January 15th – Schools Closed
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 ELA Winter assignment due	3	4	5	6
7	8 ELA Complex text	9	10 Math Quiz: Chapter 2	11	12	13
14	15 School Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17 Social Studies Essay	18 Science Exam: Weather (Class 621 & 622)	19	20
21	22	23	24 Science quiz (Class 620)	25	26 ELA "Essay to Inform" due	27
28	29 End of 2 nd Marking period	30 Math Task: Chapter 15	31			

Important Upcoming Dates:

February 16th – 23rd - Winter Recess
February 26th – School resumes