



Michael J. Petrides School

# Middle School Newsletter



## GRADE 6

## NOVEMBER 2019

*Working Together for Student Success*

Dear Middle School Parents,

I hope everyone had a very Happy Halloween. We sure did at Petrides! I would like to thank the PTA for sponsoring our Fall Carnival. It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all.

The end of the first marking period was on November 1, 2019. Report cards are being distributed to students on November 13, 2019. Our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 12:20–2:20 pm and from 5:00–8:00 pm. Parents should be checking PupilPath.com to view their child’s academic progress. I am happy to reprint login information for any parent in need. Please email me at any time and the login information will be sent home in your child’s backpack.

The Middle School teachers and I would like to open our classroom doors and invite you to Parents as Partners classroom workshops. Following is the schedule for November:

Grade/Date	Time	Description	Teacher
<b>5<sup>th</sup> grade</b> <b>Tuesday, November 26</b>	520: 10:30 – 11:00 am 521: 1:00 – 1:30 pm 522: 9:00 – 9:30 am	ELA Publishing Party	Ms. Poggi Ms. Milazzo
<b>6<sup>th</sup> grade</b>			
<b>November 19 – Class 622</b>	10:30 – 11:00 am	Comprehension Strategies	Mr. Ferri Ms. Palemine
<b>November 20 – Class 620</b>	9:00 – 9:30 am	Comprehension Strategies	Mr. Ferri Ms. Palemine
<b>November 21 – Class 621</b>	9:00 – 9:30 am	Comprehension Strategies	Mr. Ferri Ms. Palemine
<b>7<sup>th</sup> grade</b> <b>Monday, November 18</b>	722: 8:15 – 8:45 am 720: 9:00 – 9:30 am 721: 9:45 – 10:15 am	Math Task	Ms. Diario Ms. Knapp
<b>8<sup>th</sup> grade</b> <b>Tuesday, November 26</b>	820: 10:15 – 10:45 am 821: 8:45 – 9:15 am 822: 1:15 – 1:45 pm	Socratic Seminar	Ms. Hags Ms. Baslin

I want to encourage students in grades **6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>** to join our school's chapter of **The National Junior Honor Society**. The complete application for students is attached to this newsletter. Please take note that we are providing community service opportunities for students after school with Ms. Calimano every Tuesday and Wednesday. The students involved in these sessions are making a wonderful difference in our Staten Island Community. Some of the current members that work with Ms. Calimano have already visited Clove Lakes Nursing Home on November 4, 2019 to work on a Halloween craft with seniors.

Picture day for students in grades 5 – 11 is Friday, November 8, 2019. Make-up pictures are on December 17, 2019.

Our PTA is hosting a bowling party on Sunday, November 17, 2019. Attached you will find the permission slip. I hope to see everyone there.

Please note that there is no school for students on:

**November 11, 2019 VETERANS DAY**

**November 28 and 29, 2019 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at [BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov) or at (718)815-0186 extension 22171.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin  
Assistant Principal, Middle School

## What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – In November, students will continue reading *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. One of the main focuses throughout the novel is heroism. More specifically, what actually makes a hero? Other than Percy having mythological powers, he conveys heroic qualities in a more humanistic way throughout the novel. For this narrative, we will analyze Percy’s grounded heroic qualities, as well as the character traits for the supporting characters (Grover, Sally and Gabe). Throughout the novel we will reinforce literary elements discussed prior in class, such as theme, conflict, and different types of literary characters.

Math – Sixth graders will be working on writing, interpreting, and using expressions and equations.

Science – Students will continue to learn about states of matter. They will investigate how the phases in which matter exists depends on the attractive forces among its particles and how the motion of particles helps to explain the phase of matter, as well as the changes from one phase to another. They will examine examples of physical changes of state and identify how these changes occur when thermal energy is either absorbed or released.

Social Studies - Students will identify the differences between a primary and secondary source. Students will then examine how archaeology helps shape our understanding of prehistoric humans and early man.



### Test/Projects Dates

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> – ELA Percy Jackson Test 5 and 6

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> – Math quiz: Chap 10

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> – Math quiz: Chap 2

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> – ELA Percy Jackson Extended Response Test

Social Studies in-class packets will be completed and graded.



### REMINDERS!

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

Please join us for Parents as Partners activity to explore different comprehension strategies with *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* on the following dates:

Class 620 – Wednesday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00-9:30am

Class 621 – Thursday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00-9:30am

Class 622 – Tuesday Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30-11:00am



### Required Reading

ELA – *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan will be read entirely in class.

Additionally, students will read articles and poems pertaining to the novel’s genre during class time.



### SCHOOL CLOSING

November 6<sup>th</sup> - Election Day

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran’s Day






November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Recess

# The Petrides School



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 End of First Marking period	2
3	4	5 No Students 	6	7	8 School Pictures 	9
10	11 No School 	12 ELA <i>Percy Jackson</i> Test 5 and 6	13 Report Cards Distributed	14 Early dismissal 11:20am Parent Teachers Conferences 12:20-2:20 5:00-8:00	15	16
17	18 Math quiz: Chapter 10	19 Parents as Partners Comprehension Strategies Class 622 10:30-11:00am	20 Parents as Partners Comprehension Strategies Class 620 9:00-9:30am	21 Parents as Partners Comprehension Strategies Class 621 9:00-9:30am	22 ELA <i>Percy Jackson</i> Extended Response Test	23
24	25	26	27 Math quiz: Chapter 2	28 No School Thanksgiving 	29 No School Thanksgiving 	30

### Important Upcoming Dates:

December 17<sup>th</sup> – Picture Retake Day  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup> – Winter Recess