



Michael J. Petrides School

# Middle School Newsletter



## GRADE 6

## OCTOBER 2019

*Working Together for Student Success*

Dear Middle School Parents,

I am happy to say we can put another smooth school opening in the books! I hope you took the opportunity to meet your child's teachers at our annual Back to School event. I have included our teacher information sheet in this newsletter for your easy reference. It has been a joy to see the fresh faces of September. I am looking forward to a fantastic year with this remarkable group of middle school students.

It is important that you return all forms distributed at the beginning of the school year, which includes blue/purple cards, lunch forms, family living permission etc.. Please submit all forms to your child's official class teacher or Ms. Patricia Harrigan if you have not already done so.

An important school wide goal is to continue our partnerships with parents during this school year and to have open lines of communication. This partnership has been recognized as being paramount to the success of our students. I believe opening our classrooms and inviting parents to experience our innovative learning activities with their children is informative and fun. Our October Parents as Partners meetings will give you the opportunity for those types of experiences.

Grade	Date	Event	Time/Room
Grade 5	Tuesday October 22, 2019	Meet & Greet Ms. Troost to understand the Middle School Application Process	8:15 am Room B209
Grade 6	Wednesday October 23, 2019	Social Studies Timelines	Class 620 9:45 -10:15 Class 621 9:00 – 9:30 Class 622 8:15 – 8:45 Room B203
Grade 7	Monday October 28, 2019	ELA Publishing Party	Class 721 8:30 – 9:30 Class 722 10:00 – 11:00 Class 720 1:00 – 2:00 Room B213
Grade 8	Wednesday October 16, 2019	Meet & Greet Ms. Attal to discuss the High School Application Process	8:15 am Room B209
Grade 8	Thursday, October 24, 2019 Friday, October 25, 2019	Science LAB Diffusion Across the Membrane	October 24 <sup>th</sup> Class 820 1:15 – 2:20 Class 821 8:15 – 9:20 October 25 <sup>th</sup> Class 822 9:15 – 10:20

Socialization is paramount in the life of an adolescent. Sociologists have noted its importance for a long time. "In order to build gratifying human relationships, it is vital that children learn and have the opportunity to practice social skills considered appropriate." We are happily planning some social activities to celebrate Halloween in middle school! On Thursday, October 31, 2019 we will be having a Middle School Halloween Party. This event will be held on the athletic field from 1:00 – 2:15pm. We will have DJ entertainment, candy, prizes and blow up rides for students. The cost will be \$10 per student. A permission slip will be forthcoming. I am happy to see so many families supporting our school uniform policy.

As per our school uniform policy, ALL students are required to wear uniforms every day to school. The uniform policy consists of a light blue top with navy blue bottoms, a school physical education uniform, or school spirit wear. I will continue to have incentives for students in compliance with the uniform policy. I will also continue to use the "Citywide Standards of Intervention and Discipline Measures" if a student is not in compliance. The infraction code is B02 – "Failing to wear the required school uniform (applies only to students in grades 6 – 12 in schools that have adopted a school uniform policy and whose parents have not secured an exemption.) Students not in compliance with the school uniform policy will receive a warning letter as a courtesy.

Petrides PAWS Points Tracker sheets were explained and distributed to all middle school students. Students can earn points for PAWS behavior throughout the month. Our reward token store will be open during the first week of November. We have also implemented an ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE where official classes can earn paws points for 100% attendance daily.

Our PAL after school program is well underway. I am excited to see so many students in attendance! In order for students to participate in our free after school program, they must complete a PAL application. Applications are available online at [petridesschool.com](http://petridesschool.com) or in my office. The program runs from 2:30 to 6:00 daily and students can attend only part time if desired.

Pupilpath.com is an online resource to keep track of assignments and your child's progress at school. Pupilpath is up and running for students and parents in grade 5 - 8. If you need login information, feel free to contact me at (718) 815-0186 extension 22171 or [BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov).

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 October, 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. 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 the set of real numbers as infinite and ordered. Whole numbers, integers, and fractions are real numbers. Each real number can be associated with a unique point on the number line.

Science – During the month of October the students will finish their Energy chapter and begin learning about the States of Matter. They will learn how the motion of particles helps explain the phases of matter as well as changes from one phase to another.

Social Studies - This year students will explore how the early civilizations of the Eastern Hemisphere developed. The first unit will examine the impact climate and geography had on developing cultures, with a focus on desert regions.



### Test/Projects Dates

- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> - SS Quiz on deserts
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – ELA Figurative Language Quiz
- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> - Math Quiz: Ch. 5 Class 620
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> - Math Quiz: Ch. 5 Class 622
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - Math Quiz: Ch. 5 Class 621
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> – ELA Percy Jackson Test
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – Science Test: Energy & Energy Resources
- Oct 25<sup>th</sup> – ELA Narrative Essay Rough Draft due
- Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - SS Test on timelines and sources

Please check [www.pupilpath.com](http://www.pupilpath.com) for exact dates of Science Quiz, Exams and assignments.



### REMINDERS!

Students should bring their Social Studies notebook and packet to class daily and complete all homework in a timely manner. Students are encouraged to examine and explore world maps as well as country and city maps to better their understanding of geography.

Please join us for Parents as Partners Social Studies Timeline on Wednesday Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Class 620:9:45-10:15; Class 621: 9:00-9:30; and Class 622 8:15-8:45.

**Please bring in *Scholastics News* slip and money if you haven’t already done so.**

### Required Reading



ELA – *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan will be read entirely in class. In-Class, students will read articles and poems pertaining to the novel’s genre.

Science – Textbook Ch. 4: States of Matter

Social Studies - Students should review class notes and worksheets in their packets.




### SCHOOL CLOSING

**October 9<sup>th</sup> – No School Yom Kippur**  
**October 14<sup>th</sup> – No School Columbus Day**

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Social Studies Quiz: Deserts	4 ELA Quiz: Figurative Language	5
6	7 Math Quiz: Ch. 5 Class 620	8 Math Quiz: Ch. 5 Class 622	9 <b>No School Yom Kippur</b>	10 Math Quiz: Ch. 5 Class 621	11 ELA Quiz: Percy Jackson	12
13	14 <b>No School Columbus Day</b>	15 Science Test: Energy & Energy Resources	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Parents as Partners Social Studies Timeline Class 620: 9:45-10:15 Class 621: 9:00-9:30 Class 622: 8:15-8:45	24	25 ELA Narrative Essay Rough Draft	26
27	28	29	30 Social Studies Test: Sources & Timeline	31 Halloween Party 1:00-2:15pm 		

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

November 5<sup>th</sup> – No School Election Day  
 November 8<sup>th</sup> – Picture day  
 November 11<sup>th</sup> – No School Veterans Day  
 November 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> – No School Thanksgiving