



# The Michael J. Petrides School

## Middle School Newsletter Grade 7

### April 2018



Dear Middle School Parents,

As the saying goes no winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. Luckily, April is filled with events as we patiently await the spring weather.

I am very proud of all the students who took advantage of our Tuesday evening Test Prep Academy. Classes were full with children eager and happy to be here! There are two sessions remaining for **Math only on April 17, 2018 and April 24, 2018.**

Regents Test Prep Academy will begin in May. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

Our New York State ELA Assessment is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 and Thursday, April 12, 2018. I encourage all students to get a good night sleep prior to test days, enjoy a healthy breakfast and come to school with sharpened number two pencils. **Also, don't forget to wear your glasses, if needed, and RELAX.** As our T-shirts say, KEEP CALM AND PANTHER ON!! Your child's schedule will change slightly during testing days. On exam days (stated above) they will report to their official class teacher for period 1. They will be dismissed from that room at the conclusion of their testing. They will then proceed to regularly scheduled classes.

The New York State Math Assessment is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018 and Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

The end of the third marking period is **April 12, 2018.**

I am very pleased with the number of students who chose to become members of our National Junior Honor Society. Students will be notified of their acceptance on April 20, 2018. Our ceremony will be held in May. The date will be forthcoming.

Preparations for end of year ceremonies and celebrations are well underway. The eighth grade end of year letter outlining dates and costs is attached to this newsletter. Along with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year letter is a behavior contract. This contract will be reviewed with your child at school. You should go over this contract at home and both you and your child must sign it. I have also attached a copy of the seventh grade CITIFIELD permission slip. These are also posted on our school's website for your easy reference.

I want to thank all of the families supporting our school uniform policy and look forward to seeing 100% participation during the remainder of the school year. Please remember **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 SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR any day.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring break and if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 718.815.0186 extension 22171 or [BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin  
Assistant Principal

## What topics will the students learn this month?

**ELA** – In the first half of April, the students will continue preparing for the NY State ELA exam by reviewing skills and strategies. We will begin our research paper following the state exam. The students will learn how to gather information, site sources using MLA format and organize ideas to form coherent expository writing pieces. Soon we will begin our fourth and final novel, *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson

**Math** – During the month of April the students will review all the skill learned this year in preparation for the upcoming NY State Math exam on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Science** – In April the students will continue to learn about cells and the organelles that make up the cells. They will learn about parts of the microscope and how to properly use a compound microscope to look at specimens.

**Social Studies** – This month our Social Studies Scholars will continue studying the expansion of our country during the 1800s as well as the ideology of Manifest Destiny. Topics will include Jacksonian Democracy, Mexican American War, Industrial Technology, Gold Rush, Trail of Tear, Great Awakening and Women's Rights Movement. Our unit will conclude with students designing their own websites, books, or news segments based on an event or topic specific to the westward expansion era.



### Test/Projects Dates

- Apr 9<sup>th</sup> – ELA Spring Break packet due
- Apr 10<sup>th</sup> – Math Spring Break Packet due
- Apr 10<sup>th</sup> – Science quiz: Parts of a Cell
- Apr 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – NY State ELA exam
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – SS exam: Unit 4
- Apr 27<sup>th</sup> – ELA Wordly Wise test: Lesson 7
- April 30<sup>th</sup> - SS End of Unit Project due



### REMINDERS!

The NY State ELA exam is on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Please bring in sharpened # 2 pencils.

The NY State Math exam is on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring in scientific calculators and # 2 pencils.

Students should be checking Google Classroom every night for Social Studies for homework and school-wide reminders. Videos are being posted as studying resources.

Please check [www.pupilpath.com](http://www.pupilpath.com) for updated Science quiz/testing and homework schedule.

### Required Reading



**ELA** – We will read nonfiction articles, fictional passages and poems to prepare for the range of genres they will encounter on the state ELA exam

**Math** – Math State Exam Packet

**Science** – Textbook Chapter 13: Cells-The Unit of Life

### Social Studies Scholars

- Class 720: Terrance McDonald
- Class 721: Miles McCoy
- Class 722: Serena Chen

**School Closing**  
**March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Spring Break**



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>No School</b>	3 <b>No School</b>	4 <b>No School</b>	5 <b>No School</b>	6 <b>No School</b>	7
8	9 ELA Spring Break Packet due	10 Science quiz: Parts of Cell  Math Break Packet due	11 <b>NYS ELA Exam</b>	12 End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period  <b>NYS ELA Exam</b>	13	14
15	16	17  Test Prep Academy 6-8pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24  Test Prep Academy 6-8pm  SS exam Unit 4	25	26	27  Wordly Wise test: Lesson 7	28
29	30 Social Studies End of Unit Project due					

### Important Upcoming Dates

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>-NYS Math Exam**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mets game**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Street Fair: Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**May 28<sup>th</sup> –School Closed: Memorial Day**