



# The Michael J. Petrides School Middle School Newsletter Grade 7

## DECEMBER 2017



Dear Parents of students in grades 5 – 8,

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. Toys are being collected from now until December 13, 2017. 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 Wednesday and work on community service projects during that time.

With the excitement of the upcoming holiday celebrations, we have a packed December calendar. The following **Parents as Partners** events are scheduled:

**Class 555 will host “Snowman Math” on December 18, 2017 at 10:30 am**

**Grade 6 students will host a Publishing Party on December 18, 2017**

**Class 620 – 8:45 am – 9:15am**

**Class 621 – 12:45 am – 1:15 am**

**Class 622 – 10:00 am – 10:30am**

Our High School Humanities Academy will be hosting our annual College Fair for seventh grade students on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:00pm in the student cafeteria. Seventh graders will complete a “College Access for All” activity when at the fair. Parents are invited to attend a College meeting presented by Ms. Carol Dennison, our school’s college advisor at that time.

We will have a performance by the Harlem Magic Masters (a basketball entertainment group) on Friday December 15, 2017. On Tuesday December 19, 2017 we will have a Jazz presentation by The Temple of the Arts. A permission slip for all December activities with more detailed information will be forthcoming.

Our annual Winter Concert for students in grades 6 – 8 is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2017 and our Holiday Fair is December 8, 2017.

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 Mr. Doctor at [ADoctor@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ADoctor@schools.nyc.gov).

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous holiday season. School will be closed from December 25, 2017 until January 1, 2018. **Classes resume January 2, 2018.** If you have any questions or concerns, 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, Middle School

## What topics will the students learn this month?

ELA – In December we will study character development and the importance of setting in *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. Non-fiction articles about Southern Sudan will accompany the novel. The students will gather evidence about the theme of survival in the text.

Math – This month the students will solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations.

Science – For the month of December the students will begin their journey into the past and begin looking at what life was like long ago. The students will learn about the conditions necessary for fossils to form and how fossils can be used to explain changes in life forms, Earth's surface and the environment.

Social Studies – During the month of December our Social Studies Scholars will be exploring Unit 2-The Road to Independence. They will investigate the French and Indian War, Colonial Response to Taxation, Cause and Effects of the Revolution, and Declaration of Independence.



### Test/Projects Dates

- Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - ELA Independent Reading Response #7, 8, 9
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - ELA Independent Reading Response #10, 11, 12
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> – ELA Wordly Wise Vocabulary test: Lesson 4
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> – Science quiz: Fossils
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> – Math quiz: Unit 3 (Class 720 & 721)
- Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – Math quiz: Unit 3 (Class 721 & 722)
- Dec 15<sup>th</sup> - ELA Independent Reading Response #13, 14, 15
- Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Social Studies quiz



### REMINDERS!

Students should come to math class prepared with a pencil and calculator every day!

Continue reading 30 minutes daily from independent reading books. Three independent reading responses are due each week.

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

Students are encouraged to conduct their own research projects outside of school for extra credit and can design their own research questions.

### Required Reading



ELA – *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park;  
Independent reading book

Math – GoMath Modules 6 & 7; Buckle Down Unit 3:  
Lesson 11-5

Science – Textbook Ch. 5: Clues to Earth's past

### Social Studies Scholars

- Class 720: Antuane Hawkins
- Class 721: Anthony McDonald
- Class 722: Mikayla Sahadi

### School Closing

**Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Winter Recess**



**School resumes January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

# The Petrides School



# 2017

## Grade 7

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 ELA Independent Reading Response #7, 8, 9  Begins	2
3	4	5	6 Annual College Fair 7:00pm	7	8 ELA Independent Reading Response #10, 11, 12 Holiday Fair	9
10	11 ELA Vocabulary test: Lesson 4	12 Science quiz: Fossils	13 Math quiz (Class 720 & 721)  Ends	14 Math quiz: (Class 721 & 722)	15 ELA Independent Reading Response #13, 14, 15 Social Studies quiz Harlem Magic Masters performance	16
17	18	19 Assembly Temple of The Arts	20	21	22	23
24 /31	25 <b>No School</b>	26 <b>No School</b>	27 <b>No School</b>	28 <b>No School</b>	29 <b>No School</b>	30
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**Important Upcoming Dates:**  
 January 2<sup>nd</sup> - School resumes  
 January 15<sup>th</sup> - No School: Martin Luther King Jr. day  
 January 29<sup>th</sup> - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period

