



The Michael J. Petrides School Middle School Newsletter Grade 7

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 – During this month students will build questioning and discussion skills using the Socratic Method. Having finished reading *A Long Walk to Water*, students will use the writing process to analyze how characters’ identities are influenced by time, place and culture.

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

Science – For the month of January the students will begin to learn about Pangaea and the evidence that supports continental drift. They will examine the theory of plate tectonics and their relationship to heat and convection currents.

Social Studies - This month our Social Studies Scholars will be concluding their study of the Road to the Independence with a study of the Declaration of Independence and a Hamilton the Musical song analysis group project. We will begin Unit 3: A New Nation and focus on the crafting of the United States Constitution and presidency of George Washington. We will also be piloting a full class Chromebook program in the upcoming weeks!



Test/Projects Dates

- Jan 2nd – ELA: “A Long Walk to Water” project
- Jan 8th – SS exam: Unit 2
- Jan 16th – Math Task: Unit 3
- Jan 19th – Math Notebook quiz
- Jan 23rd – Math exam: Unit 3 (Class 720 & 721)
- Jan 23rd – Science Exam: Chapter 6
- Jan 24th – Math exam: Unit 3 (Class 721 & 722)
- Jan 25th – Math exam: Unit 3 (Class 722)
- Jan 30th – SS exam: Constitutional Rights and Issues
- End of Jan – ELA Vocabulary test on Lessons 1-4



REMINDERS!

Continue using flash cards to study Wordly Wise vocabulary, lessons 1-4. Three independent Reading Responses due every Friday.

Students should come prepared to Math class with several pencils and a calculator every day!

Please check www.pupilpath.com for updated Science exam schedules!

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

Please join us for a Parent Workshop: “Rise Up!” Investigating History and the Revolution through the Lens of “Hamilton: An American Musical” on Tuesday, January 23rd:

- Class 720: 10:30-11:00am
- Class 721: 9:45am-10:15am
- Class 722: 8:15am-8:45am

Required Reading



ELA – Students will continue reading independently each night. Short stories and poems to accompany *A Long Walk to Water* will be read.

Math – GoMath Unit 3: Module 6 & 7; Buckle Down: Unit 3 (Lessons 12-15)

Science – Chapter 6: Plate Tectonics

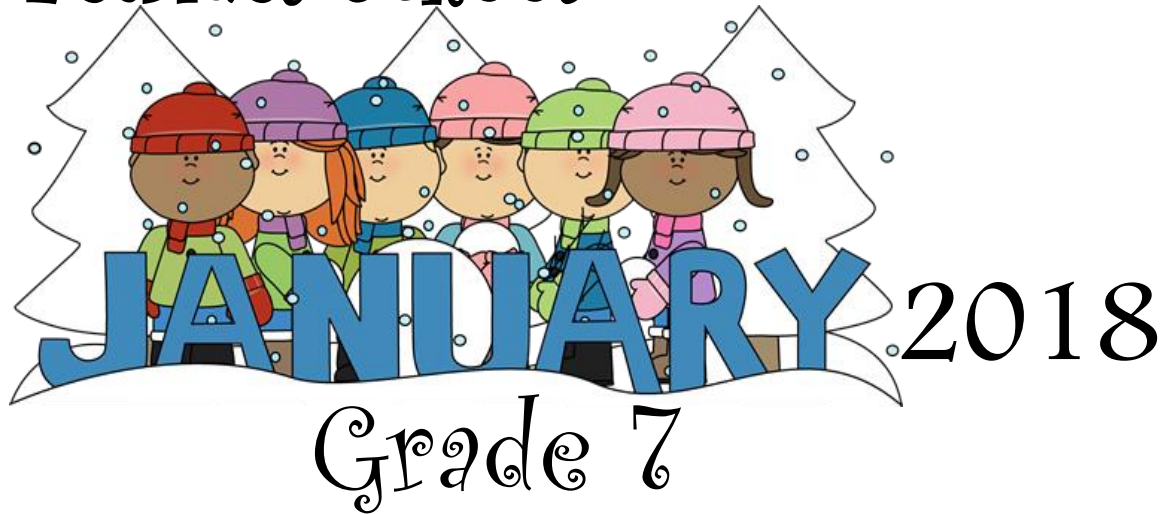
Social Studies Scholars

- Class 720: Gabriella Rezza
- Class 721: Victoria Roman
- Class 722: Selina Chen

School Closing

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

The Petrides School



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 ELA: "A Long Walk to Water" project	3	4	5	6
7	8 SS exam: Unit 2	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 School Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Math Task: Unit 3	17	18	19 Math Notebook quiz	20
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28	29 End of 2 nd Marking period	30 SS exam: Constitutional Rights and Issues	31			

Important Upcoming Dates:
February 16th through 23rd - Winter Recess
February 26th - School resumes