



# The Michael J. Petrides School Middle School Newsletter Grade 7 June 2018



*“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.” John Lubbock*

Dear Parents,

Your partnership with our school is paramount to the work we do each day. We sincerely thank you for your consistent collaboration in making the 2017-2018 school year a success!

Before we anticipate the lazy, restful days of summer, I have some important information about the end of the school year.

Your children are continuing to work on meaningful academic tasks throughout the month of June. I would like to remind you of the importance of attendance and punctuality to school. All students should continue to come to school each day prepared to learn. Students must promptly transition from class to class and continue their pursuit of academic excellence through the remainder of the school year.

**Students MUST continue to wear their SCHOOL UNIFORMS to school each day.** Our school uniform consists of a light blue shirt and navy bottoms. Students are also permitted to wear shirts with the school name or logo on them and black athletic pants.

We have prepared the rigorous testing schedule for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students during the month of June. Please see the attached schedule with specific directions for a smooth and easy test administration. It is important that you note the change in start and end time of the school day on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>.

For those of you who would like to get an early start, I have attached a supply list and summer reading assignment for the 2018-2019 school year.

All textbooks, library books and novels that have been issued to your child during the school year **MUST BE RETURNED** prior to June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Your child will not receive a report card if they have an outstanding account.

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 – This month the students will continue to revise their research paper. We will focus on organization, coherence, evidence, language use and conventions when editing our work. Then the students will publish and present their research to the class.

Math – The students can derive the equation  $y = mx$  for a line through the origin and the equation  $y = mx + b$  for a line intercepting the vertical axis  $a + b$

Science – During the month of June the students will be able to identify invertebrate animals such as sponges, cnidarians, worms, mollusks, arthropods and echinoderms.

Social Studies – This month our Social Studies Scholars will be completing their study of Unit 5: A Nation Divided. We will be analyzing the causes/effects of the Civil War, major battles throughout the war and resulting Constitutional amendments. Students will continue their study of United States History in Grade 8 starting with Reconstruction directly following the Civil War. We will also be concluding this year with an abbreviated mock Regents Exam and Socratic Seminar. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching your children in Social Studies class for the past two years. Have a wonderful summer!



### Test/Projects Dates

- June 4<sup>th</sup> – ELA Published research paper due
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Math Notebook quiz (Notes start on 5/7)
- June 6<sup>th</sup> – Social Studies Unit 5 Test
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Social Studies Unit 5 Test
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Science exam: Invertebrate animals
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – ELA Presentations of Research Paper
- June 18<sup>th</sup>– 21<sup>st</sup> – ELA *Speak* project to be completed in class



### REMINDERS!

Textbooks must be returned to the classroom the week of June 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

Social Studies Scholars of the Month:

EVERYONE! There has been so much growth in each and every one of you over the past two years in Social Studies -- You are ALL Scholars!

### Required Reading



ELA – Continue to read literature circle book to participate in final two meetings with classmates.

Math – GoMath Module 16 & 17

Science – Textbook: Chapter 17

### School Closing

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Chancellor's Conference Day

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Clerical Day

June 15<sup>th</sup> – Eid al-Fitr



Have a great



# The Petrides School



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## Grade 7

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4 ELA Published Research paper due  Math Notebook quiz(Notes start on 5/7)	5	6 Social Studies Unit 5 Test	7 <b>No School</b>	8 Social Studies Unit 5 Test  Science exam: Invertebrate animals	9
10	11 <b>No School</b>	12 ELA Presentations of Research Paper begin	13	14	15 <b>No School</b>	16
17 	18 ELA <i>Speak</i> project to be completed in class this week	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 <b>Early Dismissal 11:20am</b>  <b>Last Day of School</b>	27	28	29	30