



The Michael J. Petrides School Middle School Newsletter Grade 7 November 2017



Dear Middle School Parents,

I hope everyone had a very Happy Halloween. Our annual Halloween dance was a big success thanks to your support. The end of the first marking period is approaching on November 3, 2017. Parents should be checking PupilPath.com to view their child's academic progress. I am happy to reprint login information for any parent in need. Please email me at any time and the login information will be sent home in your child's backpack.

I want to thank all of the fifth and eighth grade parents who joined me for a Sip & Share last month. Your feedback is instrumental in making our school the best!

This month, fifth grade parents are invited to an **Investigation Lab** on **Wednesday, November 15, 2017** according to the following schedule:

Class 520: 1:00 – 1:30 pm Class 521: 10:00 – 10:30am Class 522: 8:30 – 9:00 am

The seventh grade parents are invited to a Publishing Party on **Monday, November 6, 2017** for their narrative writing piece according to the following schedule:

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

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences. Please note dates and times:

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 12:20 – 2:20 pm

Please note that **Thursday, November 16** is a **HALF DAY** of school. Dismissal is **11:20 am**

I want to encourage students in grades 6 through 8 to join our school's chapter of **The National Junior Honor Society**. The complete application for students is attached to this newsletter. Please take note that we are providing community service opportunities for students after school with Ms. Calimano every Wednesday.

I want to thank the eighth grade parents for attending our informational Sip & Share with Ms. Buckheit and Mr. Tabbitas. I am in the process of distributing High School applications to our eighth grade students. We are discussing what Petrides High School has to offer and I am arranging a "High School Shadowing" experience for students during the month of November. High School applications are due back to my office on or before December 1, 2017. Please remember that if Petrides is not listed as your number one choice for public schools, you may lose your seat in our high school program.

We are excited to expand our social/emotional learning opportunities by partnering with the YMCA Counseling Service Branch. Our 7th grade students will be participating in the Second Step Program. The students will learn about empathy, communication, bullying prevention, emotional management and substance abuse prevention.

Our PAL after school program is well underway. I am excited to see so many students in attendance! We are offering Cooking, Boy's Rap, Basketball (Boys Varsity, Boys Junior Varsity, Girls), Spin Class, Flag Football, Floor Hockey, Girl's Talk, Step, Drum Line, Robotics, National Junior Honor Society (civics and service), test prep and homework help. In order for students to participate, they must complete a PAL application. Applications are available online at petridesschool.com or in my office. The program runs from 2:20 to 6:00 daily and students can attend only part time if desired.

Students are looking fantastic in their school uniforms. 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 and navy blue bottoms. Middle school students can wear Petrides Phys Ed uniforms on Phys Ed days. All uniforms must 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.

Please note that there is no school for students on:

November 7, 2017 ELECTION DAY

November 23 and 24 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov or at (718)8150186 extension 22171.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – This month the students will analyze the development of themes throughout *Monster* and write a thematic essay. Our focus will be on using evidence from the literature to support analysis in our writing. Then we will read a short story, “Thank you Ma’am” and compare and contrast it with *Monster*.

Math – During the month of November the students will learn to analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real- world and mathematical problems.

Science – The students will continue to discover the changes that are constantly occurring on the surface of our Earth. They will learn about numerous processes that break and change rock. The students will also discover how soil evolves, how rock and sediment move down a slope and how ice and wind shape our land.

Social Studies – This month our Social Studies Scholars will be concluding their Unit 1 study with document-based informational writing task focused on the themes of wealth, power, and morality that were influenced by exploration and colonization. We will then launch Unit 2, the Road to Independence and begin by investigating the French and Indian War, Colonial Response to Taxation, and Causes of the Revolution.



Test/Projects Dates

- Nov 6th – ELA Narrative Publishing Party
- Nov 8th - Math Quiz Unit 2 (720,721)
- Nov 9th – Math Quiz Unit 2 (722)
- Nov 10th – ELA Independent Reading Response 1, 2, 3
- Nov 13th – ELA Vocabulary Test #3
- Nov 13th - S.S.: Unit 1 Performance Task Due
- Nov 15th – Math Unit 2 Task (720,721)
- Nov 16th – Math Unit 2 Task (722)
- Nov 17th – ELA Thematic Essay
- Nov 17th – ELA Independent Reading Response 4, 5, 6
- Nov 17th – Social Studies Quiz
- Nov 20th - S.S Quiz: Colonial Response Taxation Document
- Nov 21st – Science exam: Chapter 4
- Nov 28th – Math Test Unit 2 (720,721)
- Nov 29th – Math Test Unit 2 (721, 722)
- Nov 30th – Math Test Unit 2 (722)
- Nov 30th - ELA Independent Reading Response 7, 8, 9



REMINDERS!

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.

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

Students should be reading nightly for at least 30 minutes. Please join us for our Narrative Essay Publishing Party on Monday Nov 6th in room 213: Class 720: 9:00-9:30; Class 721: 10:30-11:00; Class 722: 9:45-10:15

Please bring in money (\$20) and permission slip for our trip to Historical Richmondtown!

As per our uniform policy **ALL** students are required to wear uniforms every day to school. The uniform policy consists of a light blue collared shirt and dark blue bottoms.

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

Required Reading



ELA – Independent reading book- read 30 minutes nightly; *A Long Walk To Water* by Linda Sue Park– next in-class novel

Math –Go Math Modules 4&5; Buckle Down Unit 2: Lesson 7-10

SS Scholars of the Month

Class 720: Adrianna Trimarchi
 Class 721: Makayla Roby
 Class 722: Eireann Tafuri

School Closing

Nov. 7th – Election Day
Nov. 23rd – 24th - Thanksgiving Recess

The Petrides School



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Grade 7

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Parents as Partners Narrative Publishing 720: 9:00-9:30am 721: 10:30-11:00am 722: 9:45-10:15am	7 No School Election Day	8 Math: Unit 2 Quiz (720,721)	9 Math: Unit 2 Quiz (722)	10 ELA Independent Response 1, 2, 3 due	11
12	13 ELA Vocabulary Test #3 SS Task: Unit 1	14	15 Math: Unit 2 Task (720,721) Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00pm	16 Math: Unit 2 Task (722) Early Dismissal 11:20am Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:20-2:20pm	17 S.S. Quiz ELA Thematic Essay due ELA Independent Response 4, 5, 6 due	18
19	20 SS quiz: Colonial Response to Taxation	21 Science Exam: Chapter 4	22 Trip Historical RichmondTown Pep Rally	23 No School Thanksgiving	24 No School Thanksgiving	25
26	27	28 Math Test: Unit 2 (720,721)	29 Math Test Unit 2 (721,722)	30 Math Test Unit 2 (722) ELA Independent Response 7, 8, 9 due		

Important Upcoming Dates:

Dec 25th – Jan 1st: Winter Recess