



Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter



GRADE 7

NOVEMBER 2019

Working Together for Student Success

Dear Middle School Parents,

I hope everyone had a very Happy Halloween. We sure did at Petrides! I would like to thank the PTA for sponsoring our Fall Carnival. It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all.

The end of the first marking period was on November 1, 2019. Report cards are being distributed to students on November 13, 2019. Our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 12:20–2:20 pm and from 5:00–8:00 pm. 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.

The Middle School teachers and I would like to open our classroom doors and invite you to Parents as Partners classroom workshops. Following is the schedule for November:

Grade/Date	Time	Description	Teacher
5th grade Tuesday, November 26	520: 10:30 – 11:00 am 521: 1:00 – 1:30 pm 522: 9:00 – 9:30 am	ELA Publishing Party	Ms. Poggi Ms. Milazzo
6th grade			
November 19 – Class 622	10:30 – 11:00 am	Comprehension Strategies	Mr. Ferri Ms. Palemine
November 20 – Class 620	9:00 – 9:30 am	Comprehension Strategies	Mr. Ferri Ms. Palemine
November 21 – Class 621	9:00 – 9:30 am	Comprehension Strategies	Mr. Ferri Ms. Palemine
7th grade Monday, November 18	722: 8:15 – 8:45 am 720: 9:00 – 9:30 am 721: 9:45 – 10:15 am	Math Task	Ms. Diario Ms. Knapp
8th grade Tuesday, November 26	820: 10:15 – 10:45 am 821: 8:45 – 9:15 am 822: 1:15 – 1:45 pm	Socratic Seminar	Ms. Haggis Ms. Baslin

I want to encourage students in grades **6th through 8th** 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 Tuesday and Wednesday. The students involved in these sessions are making a wonderful difference in our Staten Island Community. Some of the current members that work with Ms. Calimano have already visited Clove Lakes Nursing Home on November 4, 2019 to work on a Halloween craft with seniors.

Picture day for students in grades 5 – 11 is Friday, November 8, 2019. Make-up pictures are on December 17, 2019.

Our PTA is hosting a bowling party on Sunday, November 17, 2019. Attached you will find the permission slip. I hope to see everyone there.

Please note that there is no school for students on:

November 11, 2019 VETERANS DAY

November 28 and 29, 2019 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov or at (718)815-0186 extension 22171.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal, Middle School

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – In ELA, students will finish reading *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers. Our focus is on analyzing themes that develop throughout the book and understanding the author’s message to readers. Students will write thematic essays in which they choose one major theme in *Monster*, cite text evidence to support analysis of that theme, and prove the author’s message throughout the story. We continue to learn annotating and close reading strategies to help them tackle the monthly complex texts and the weekly articles assigned for homework. We will study lesson three of Wordly Wise and strive to incorporate new vocabulary words into our writing and speaking.

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

Science – Students will continue their study of ecology and human impact and implement the analysis of current world phenomena to hone their skills of critical thinking, accountable discussion and questioning. We will focus on the interaction among living things and recognize the symbiotic relationship between organisms, natural selection, adaptation and the unique characteristics of organisms within specific biomes.

Social Studies -This month our Social Studies Scholars will be concluding their Unit 1 study with their first Regents based test, which will consist of day 1 multiple choice and day 2 thematic essay. We will also be working on a document-based informational writing task focused on the themes of wealth, power, and morality that were influenced by exploration and colonization. Finally we will launch Unit 2, The Road to Independence and begin by investigating the French and Indian War and Colonial Response to Taxation.



Test/Projects Dates

- Nov 1st – ELA Reading Log must be signed by a parent or guardian.
- Nov 6th – ELA Wordly Wise Test #3
- Nov 6th – Math Quiz: Unit 2 (Class 720 & 722)
- Nov 6th – Science Vocabulary Test: Populations and Adaptations (Open notebook)
- Nov 7th – Math Quiz: Unit 2 (Class 721)
- Nov 7th – SS Test Day 1: Multiple Choice
- Nov 8th - SS Test Day 2: Essay
- Nov 13th – Math Task: Unit 2 (Class 721)
- Nov 14th – Math Task: Unit 2 (Class 720 and 722)
- Nov 25th – Math Test: Unit 2 (Class 722)
- Nov 26th – Math Task: Unit 2 (Class 720 and 721)
- ELA Homework due every Friday



REMINDERS!

Students should come to Math class prepared with a pencil and a calculator every day.

Please join us for 7th Grade Group Tasks: Parents as Partners Monday November 18th. Class 722 - 8:15-8:45, Class 720 - 9:00 – 9:30 and Class 721 - 9:45-10:15.

Students must read independently for at least twenty minutes per day and record reading activity in their Reading Logs. Books are available to borrow from the classroom library. Weekly news articles are to be read, annotated and responded to for homework. This is due every Friday.

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.

Great News for our 7th Grade Science Citizens... We will be partnering with the NYC Parks Dept. as “Nest Scouts” for the red-tailed hawks and other raptors that have made our Petrides campus their home.

Forest Ecology Forum – Free to all Staten Islanders. Tuesday, Nov 19th – 7pm at the College of Staten Island/ Center for the Arts (Bldg. 1P)



Students of the Month

SOCIAL STUDIES

720: Luke LeFurge
721: Alisa Pocesta
722: Kaylene Roby

MATH

720: Arion Blakaj
721- John Sadelski
722- Puja Desilva

ELA

720: Cindy Chavela
721: Caleb Fosu-Badu
722: Ganesh Sivasadan

SCIENCE

720: Alan Koren
721: Richard Hardt
722: Abdul Koroma



SCHOOL CLOSING

November 6th - Election Day
November 11th – Veteran’s Day
November 28th & 29th – Thanksgiving Recess



Required Reading

ELA – *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers; independent reading daily for at least 20 minutes

Math - Go Math Modules 4 and 5 Buckle Down Unit 2: Lesson 7-1

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 ELA HW #7 End of First Marking period	
3	4	5 No School 	6 ELA Wordly Wise Test #3 Math Quiz: Unit 2 (Class 720 & 722) Science Vocabulary Test (Open notebook)	7 Math Quiz: Unit 2 (Class 721) Social Studies Test Day 1: Multiple Choice	8 School Pictures ELA HW #8 Social Studies Test Day 2: Essay	3
10	11 No School 	12	13 Report Cards Math Task: Unit 2 (Class 721) NYPD "Too Good For Drugs" Program 1:30-2:20	14 Math Task: Unit 2 (Class 720 and 722) Early dismissal 11:20am Parent Teachers Conferences 12:20-2:20pm 5:00-8:00pm	15 ELA HW #9 NYPD "Too Good For Drugs" Program 1:30-2:20	10
17	18 Parents as Partners Math Task Class 722 - 8:15-8:45am Class 720 - 9:00-9:30am Class 721 - 9:45-10:15am	19	20	21	22 ELA HW #10	17
24	25 Math Test: Unit 2 (Class 722)	26 Math Task: Unit 2 (Class 720 and 721)	27	28 No School Thanksgiving 	29 No School Thanksgiving 	24

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 17th – Picture Retake Day
December 23rd – January 1st – Winter Recess