



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 7/8

April 2018



Dear Middle School Parents,

As the saying goes no winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. Luckily, April is filled with events as we patiently await the spring weather.

I am very proud of all the students who took advantage of our Tuesday evening Test Prep Academy. Classes were full with children eager and happy to be here! There are two sessions remaining for **Math only on April 17, 2018 and April 24, 2018.**

Regents Test Prep Academy will begin in May. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

Our New York State ELA Assessment is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 and Thursday, April 12, 2018. I encourage all students to get a good night sleep prior to test days, enjoy a healthy breakfast and come to school with sharpened number two pencils. **Also, don't forget to wear your glasses, if needed, and RELAX.** As our T-shirts say, KEEP CALM AND PANTHER ON!! Your child's schedule will change slightly during testing days. On exam days (stated above) they will report to their official class teacher for period 1. They will be dismissed from that room at the conclusion of their testing. They will then proceed to regularly scheduled classes.

The New York State Math Assessment is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018 and Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

The end of the third marking period is **April 12, 2018.**

I am very pleased with the number of students who chose to become members of our National Junior Honor Society. Students will be notified of their acceptance on April 20, 2018. Our ceremony will be held in May. The date will be forthcoming.

Preparations for end of year ceremonies and celebrations are well underway. The eighth grade end of year letter outlining dates and costs is attached to this newsletter. Along with the 8th grade end of year letter is a behavior contract. This contract will be reviewed with your child at school. You should go over this contract at home and both you and your child must sign it. I have also attached a copy of the seventh grade CITIFIELD permission slip. These are also posted on our school's website for your easy reference.

I want to thank all of the families supporting our school uniform policy and look forward to seeing 100% participation during the remainder of the school year. Please remember **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 SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR any day.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring break and if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 718.815.0186 extension 22171 or BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal

What topics will the students learn this month?

ELA – This month the students will begin the novel *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson. They will also continue to learn and work on gathering information and organizing ideas to form a coherent expository writing piece.

Math – During the month of April the Grade 7 students will review all the skills learned this year in preparation for the upcoming NY State Math exam on May 1st and 2nd. The students in Grade 8 will continue to factor expressions using GCF, the Difference of Perfect Squares and Trinomials. Also, the graphing calculators will be used to help us graph functions more effectively.

Science – The students will begin their journey through the human body. They will identify the major organ system in the body and describe how each organ works. They will describe various disorders and diseases associated with each system. They will also discuss how disease is a failure to maintain homeostasis.

Social Studies – During the month of April the student will be learning all about Vietnam and the Nixon presidency. We will be using Data Based Questions (DB's), videos and various articles to better understand that period in American History.



Test/Projects Dates

Apr 10th – ELA Break packet due
 Apr 11th & 12th – NY State ELA exam
 Apr 20th – US History exam
 Apr 20th – ELA Wordly Wise test #12
 Apr 24th – Math Exam

See www.pupilpath.com for exact dates for Science tests.



REMINDERS!

The NY State ELA exam is on April 11th and 12th.
 Please bring in sharpened # 2 pencils.

The NY State Math exam is on May 1st and 2nd.
 Please bring in scientific calculators and # 2 pencils.

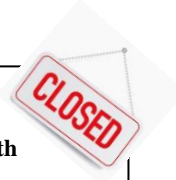
Required Reading



ELA – In-class reading: *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson
 Math – Grade 7: Math State packets; Grade 8: Algebra Textbook Module 4
 Science – Textbook Chapters 20-23

School Closing

March 30th through April 6th
 Spring Break



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2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 No School	3 No School	4 No School	5 No School	6 No School	7
8	9	10 ELA Break packet due	11 NYS ELA Exam	12 End of 3 rd Marking Period NYS ELA Exam	13	14
15	16	17 Test Prep Academy 6-8pm Grade 7	18	19	20 Social Studies exam Wordly Wise Test #12	21
22	23	24 Test Prep Academy 6-8pm Grade 7	25 Math Exam	26	27	28
29	30					

Important Upcoming Dates

May 1st - 2nd-NYS Math Exam

May 23rd - Street Fair: Parent/Teacher Conferences

May 23rd - 8th Grade trip to Rocking Horse Ranch

May 28th -School Closed: Memorial Day