



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 7/8

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 8th 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 12th and June 13th.

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 22nd, 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.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal

What topics will the students learn this month?

ELA – During the last month of the 2017-2018 school year the students will finish their novel *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson focusing on theme and citing textual evidence.

Math – Our 7th grade students will be introduced to some 8th grade topics and practice for next year's mathematics class. The 8th grade students will continue to prepare for their Algebra I Regents exam on June 12th.

Science – During the month of June we will be reviewing for the Living Environment Regents exam on June 13th. Only the 8th Grade students will be taking the Regents exam.

Social Studies – This month the students will be reviewing the full curriculum of American History for their US History Regents exam on June 13th. Only the 8th graders will be taking the Regents exam.



Test/Projects Dates

June 6th – US History exam
 June 8th – ELA Wordly Wise test # 14
 June 22nd – ELA Wordly Wise test # 15



REMINDERS!

Grade 8 students:
Bring 3 sharpened #2 pencils with erasers and blue or black ink pens on Regents exam days.
The NYS Regents exam in Living Environment will be on June 13th.
The NYS Regents exam in Algebra I will be on June 12th.
The NYS Regents exam in US History & Government will be on June 13th.

Required Reading



ELA – In-class: *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson;
 At-home: Independent reading book

Have a great

 Vacation!

School Closing

June 7th – Chancellor's Conference Day
June 11th – Clerical Day
June 15th – Eid al-Fitr



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 US History exam	7 No School	8 ELA Wordly Wise test # 14	9
10	11 No School	12 Algebra I Regents exam 1:15pm	13 US History Regents exam 9:15am Living Env. Regents exam 1:15pm	14 Final Assembly Rehearsal (Attendance is Mandatory) 8:30am	15 No School	16
17 Happy Fathers Day	18 Final Assembly Rehearsal (Attendance is Mandatory) 12:45pm	19 Final Assembly Rehearsal (Attendance is Mandatory) 8:15am	20	21	22 ELA Wordly Wise test # 15	23
24	25	26 Early Dismissal 11:20am Last Day of School	27	28	29	30