



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 7/8

May 2018



“And Spring arose on the garden fair, Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere; And each flower and herb on Earth’s dark breast, rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.” Percy Bysshe Shelley

Dear Parents,

We will be outdoors for recess and making use of our majestic athletic fields and play courts on a daily basis. Students should dress in layers and wear appropriate shoes. I hope you enjoyed your Spring break.

We will be hosting a Parents as Partners/Mother’s Day event for students on Friday, May 11, 2018. A parent of students in grades 5 and 6 are invited to **Brunch and Bouquets** from 8:50 am – 9:35am and a parent of students in grades 7 and 8 are invited from 10:35 am – 11:15 am. We will be making flower bouquets and enjoying brunch.

Parents of fifth grade students will also be invited to our Fifth grade Science expedition in the newly renovated Hall of Science in Building A of our Petrides Complex on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. A detailed invitation will be forthcoming.

Spring also brings our Regents Prep Academy. We will be offering classes to eighth graders in preparation for their upcoming Regents exams in The Living Environment, US History and Government, and Common Core Algebra. Class will be offered on **Wednesdays from 2:30 – 4:30 pm** on the following dates:

DATE	CLASS OFFERING
May 16, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
May 30, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
June 6, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303

Our National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony has been SCHEDULED for Friday, May 18, 2018. Detailed information will be forthcoming. Our NJHS students are organizing a Box Top collection campaign. Please send in all Box Tops to support our school.

We hope to see you at these upcoming events....

The Annual Spring Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Students in grades 5 – 8 will be performing. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Our Annual Street Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Detailed information will be forthcoming.

There is no school for students on May 28, 2018. I hope you enjoy Memorial Day weekend. 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 month of May the students will continue the novel *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson. They will also complete their argumentative writing piece.

Math – This month our seventh graders will graph proportional relationships, interpreting the unit rate as the slope of the graph. They will also compare two different proportional relationships represented in different ways. The eighth graders will continue to review topics for the Algebra I Regents exam on June 12th. They will also begin to take practice regents exams.

Science – The students will continue their study of human anatomy and physiology. They will identify how the immune system protects them from disease and how disease is a failure to maintain homeostasis. They will also identify and describe the parts and function of the reproductive systems of males and females. The students will explain how the menstrual cycle prepares the body for pregnancy.

Social Studies – During the month of May we will be working on US History Regents review.



Test/Projects Dates

May 11th – ELA Wordly Wise Test # 13
 May 16th – Math exam
 May 25th – ELA Wordly Wise Test # 14

See www.pupilpath.com for Science test/quiz dates.

Required Reading



ELA – In-class: *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson;
 At-home: Independent reading book and/or
www.readtheory.org ; Wordly Wise workbook
 lessons 13 and 14

Math – In-class packets and worksheets

Science – Textbook Chapter 20-23; In-class packets
 and worksheets

Social Studies - Students will work with a variety of
 primary and

School Closing

May 28th
 Memorial Day



REMINDERS!

Students should be reading at home for at least 20 minutes every night to increase their comprehension and stamina.

Grade 7

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

Grade 8

The NYS Regents exam in Living Environment will be on June 13th at 1:15pm

The NYS Regents exam in Algebra I will be on June 12th at 1:15pm

The NYS Regents exam in US History & Government will be on June 13th at 9:15am

The Algebra Regents exam requires Graphing calculator, pens for the short response questions and pencils for the multiple choice and graphs/drawings.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 NYS Math Exam	2 NYS Math Exam	3 College Access Day at Citifield	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 ELA Wordly Wise Test # 13 Parents as Partners: Brunch & Bouquets Grade 5 & 6: 8:50-9:35am Grades 7 & 8: 10:35-11:15am	12
13 Happy MOTHER'S Day!	14	15 Spring Concert 7:00pm	16 Math exam	17	18 National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony 1:15pm	19
20	21	22	23 Rocking Horse Ranch (Grade 8) Regents Test Prep Academy 2:30-4:30pm Annual Street Fair 5:00-8:00pm	24	25 ELA Wordly Wise Test # 14	26
27	28 No School Memorial Day	29	30	31		

Important Upcoming Dates

- June 7th - No school**
- June 11th - No school**
- June 15th - No school**
- June 26th - Last day of school**