



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 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 – Students will read nonfiction books on their reading level within small book club groups. Each book will be on a different topic from the Holocaust. The students will have in depth book discussions about what they learn and the impact of this tragic event on specific groups of people. As a culminating project, each group will create a slideshow presentation teaching the other groups about their topic.

Math – We just finished our last topic of recursive and explicit rules for arithmetic and geometric sequences. We will begin to review all topics (starting from September) for the June 12th Algebra 1 Regents exam.

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

Social Studies – During the month of April the students will understand the causes of World War I. They will also learn about life during the 1920s and the causes of The Great Depression.



Test/Projects Dates

Apr 26th - US History Notebook Check
Apr 27th – Wordly Wise Test

Please see www.pupilpath.com for exact Science test project dates.



REMINDERS!

The Algebra 1 Regents exam is June 12th at 1:15pm. **Students must bring in a graphing calculator for the exam. The school does not supply one.**

The US History Regents exam is June 13th at 9:15am.

The Living Environment Regents exam is June 13th at 1:15pm.

Required Reading



ELA – In-class reading: *Night* by Elie Wiesel;
Hiding to Survive by Maxine B. Rosenberg, *We Are Witnesses* by Jacob Boas

Science – Textbook Chapters 20-23

School Closing

**March 30th through April 6th
Spring Break**



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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	11 NYS ELA Exam	12 End of 3 rd Marking Period NYS ELA Exam	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 US History Notebook Check	27 Wordly Wise Test	28
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Important Upcoming Dates

May 23rd – Street Fair: Parent/Teacher Conferences
May 23rd – 8th Grade trip to Rocking Horse Ranch
May 28th – School Closed: Memorial Day