



The Michael J. Petrides School Middle School Newsletter Grade 8 November 2017



Dear Middle School Parents,

I hope everyone had a very Happy Halloween. Our annual Halloween dance was a big success thanks to your support. The end of the first marking period is approaching on November 3, 2017. 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.

I want to thank all of the fifth and eighth grade parents who joined me for a Sip & Share last month. Your feedback is instrumental in making our school the best!

This month, fifth grade parents are invited to an **Investigation Lab** on **Wednesday, November 15, 2017** according to the following schedule:

Class 520: 1:00 – 1:30 pm Class 521: 10:00 – 10:30am Class 522: 8:30 – 9:00 am

The seventh grade parents are invited to a **Publishing Party** on **Monday, November 6, 2017** for their narrative writing piece according to the following schedule:

Class 720: 9:00 – 9:30am Class 721: 10:30 – 11:00 am Class 722: 9:45 – 10:15am

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences. Please note dates and times:

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 12:20 – 2:20 pm

Please note that **Thursday, November 16** is a **HALF DAY** of school. Dismissal is **11:20 am**

I want to encourage students in grades 6 through 8 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 Wednesday.

I want to thank the eighth grade parents for attending our informational Sip & Share with Ms. Buckheit and Mr. Tabbitas. I am in the process of distributing High School applications to our eighth grade students. We are discussing what Petrides High School has to offer and I am arranging a "High School Shadowing" experience for students during the month of November. High School applications are due back to my office on or before December 1, 2017. Please remember that if Petrides is not listed as your number one choice for public schools, you may lose your seat in our high school program.

We are excited to expand our social/emotional learning opportunities by partnering with the YMCA Counseling Service Branch. Our 7th grade students will be participating in the Second Step Program. The students will learn about empathy, communication, bullying prevention, emotional management and substance abuse prevention.

Our PAL after school program is well underway. I am excited to see so many students in attendance! We are offering Cooking, Boy's Rap, Basketball (Boys Varsity, Boys Junior Varsity, Girls), Spin Class, Flag Football, Floor Hockey, Girl's Talk, Step, Drum Line, Robotics, National Junior Honor Society (civics and service), test prep and homework help. In order for students to participate, they must complete a PAL application. Applications are available online at petridesschool.com or in my office. The program runs from 2:20 to 6:00 daily and students can attend only part time if desired.

Students are looking fantastic in their school uniforms. As per our school uniform policy, **ALL** students are required to wear uniforms every day to school. The uniform policy consists of a light blue top and navy blue bottoms. Middle school students can wear Petrides Phys Ed uniforms on Phys Ed days. All uniforms must be ordered online at josephsportny@yahoo.com. The telephone number is 347 – 768 – 2049. Uniforms will be delivered to school and distributed by Mr. Michael Duffy.

Please note that there is no school for students on:

November 7, 2017 ELECTION DAY

November 23 and 24 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov or at (718)8150186 extension 22171.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – This month we will be learning how Edgar Allen Poe’s life shaped his writing. Within this unit we will explore poetry formats, techniques, mood tone and symbolism. Students will be able to read and comprehend complex texts by breaking down the text and annotating.

Math – During this month the students will learn how to graph quadratic equations and factor expressions various different ways.

Science – The students will continue their study of Ecology this month. They will explore the different feeding relationships that exist in nature. They will describe how carrying capacity is affected by various abiotic factors. They will also explain the impact of human activities on ecosystems and propose ways to reverse the damage humans have done.

Social Studies – During the month of November the students will understand the War of 1812 and the growth of American Nationalism. The students will read primary documents about Andrew Jackson.



Test/Projects Dates

- Nov 8th – ELA Narrative essay published
- Nov 10th – ELA Wordly Wise Test #2
- Nov 14th – US History exam
- Nov 15th – US History Exam
- Nov 16th - Math exam
- Nov 17th – math exam

Science exam dates will be posted on www.pupilpath.com



REMINDERS!

Students should be reading every day! Study all Wordly Wise vocabulary daily.

Look over Math notes on a nightly basis.
Please bring in TI-83 or TI-84 graphing calculators daily to Math class. These calculators are required for the Common Core Algebra I Regents exam.

Please bring in money (\$20) and permission slip for our trip to Historic Richmondtown!

As per our uniform policy **ALL** students are required to wear uniforms every day to school. The uniform policy consists of a light blue collared shirt and dark blue bottoms.

Please bring in *Scholastics News* slip and money if you haven’t already done so.

Please submit a baby photo of your child for their 8th grade yearbook. Please note: the photo will not be returned, so please send in a copy, not an original!

Required Reading

ELA – *The Tell-Tale Heart* and *The Raven* by Edgar Allen Poe

Science – Textbook Chapters 5 & 6; Science Worlds magazine; Trade books



School Closing

Nov. 7th – Election Day

Nov. 23rd – 24th - Thanksgiving Recess

The Petrides School



2017

Grade 8

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 No School Election Day	8 ELA Narrative Essay Published	9	10 ELA Wordly Wise Test #2	11
12	13	14 US History exam	15 US History Exam Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00pm	16 Math exam Early Dismissal 11:20am Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:20-2:20pm	17 Math exam	18
19	20	21	22 Trip Richmond Town Pep Rally	23 No School Thanksgiving	24 No School Thanksgiving	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Important Upcoming Dates:

Dec 25th – Jan 1st – Winter Recess