



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 8

November 2018



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 15, 2018. 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 grade parents who joined me for a Sip & Share last month. Your feedback is instrumental in making our school the best!

The Middle School teachers and I would like to open our classroom doors and invite you to Parents as Partners classroom workshops. Following is the schedule for November:

Mr. DelRe will host a workshop where you will do a math task on systems of equations with your **8th grade** child on **Monday, November 26, 2018**. (Class 820 at 8:15am, Class 821 at 9:45am and Class 822 at 9:00am)

Ms. Diario will host a workshop where you will do a math task with your **7th grade** child on **Thursday, November 15, 2018**. (Class 720 at 9:00am, Class 721 at 10:30am and Class 722 at 8:15am)

Ms. Brancaccio will host a Publishing Party for **6th grade** parents and students on **Thursday, November 15, 2018**. (Class 620 at 9:45am, Class 621 at 9:00am and Class 622 at 1:45pm)

Ms. Kruesi will host a workshop where you will do a math task with your **5th grade** child on **Thursday, November 15, 2018**. (Class 520 at 9:00am, Class 521 at 9:45am and Class 522 at 8:15am)

All parents are invited to join us on **Wednesday, November 28, 2018** for **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**. Conferences are from 12:20 until 2:20pm and then again from 5:00 – 8:00pm.

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 Tuesday and Wednesday. The students involved in these sessions are making a wonderful difference in our Staten Island Community. Some of the current eighth grade members that work with Ms. Calimano are visiting Clove Lakes Nursing Home on November 7, 2018 to work on a Thanksgiving craft with seniors. Our seventh grade members are organizing the BOX TOP campaign. Please use the attached Box Top collection sheet and send in your box tops!

Our Eighth grade students will be visiting historic Philadelphia on Thursday, November 8, 2018. Please send in permission slip and Money to Ms. Pat Harrigan ASAP.

Our Fifth grade students will have an in-school trip on November 20, 2018. They will see a presentation from the Wildlife Unit of the New York City Parks department about Deer Awareness. A permission slip will be forthcoming.

Our Seventh grade students will experience a two part in-school trip during the month of November. They will see a presentation from the New York City Parks Department about Ecology: How humans affect the environment. They will also have an outdoor experience guided by the Parks department and Ms. McDonald on our campus. A permission slip will be forthcoming.

The NJHS students will be conducting a THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE for needy families in our community. Please send in all NON PERISHABLES starting November 5th until November 16th. The flyer is attached.

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 bottom. 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 6, 2018 ELECTION DAY

November 12, 2018 VETERANS DAY

November 22 and 23 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov or at (718)815-0186 extension 22171.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal

What topics will the students learn today?

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

Math – We have just complete understanding the properties of linear equations i.e. writing a linear equation and understanding the slope and y-intercept of a line. We will now explore how to graph 2 equations simultaneously – systems of equations. The methods of elimination and substitution will be used to algebraically solve these systems of equations.

Science – For the month of November the students will continue their study of how organisms maintain homeostasis. They will identify parts and describe the function of various human body systems. They will also provide explanations as to why disease is the failure to maintain homeostasis.

Social Studies – During the month of November the students will be learning about Post Civil War America-Reconstruction. They will also study the Industrial Revolution. We will continue working on Document Based Questions (DBQ) as we continue to prepare for our Regents exam in June 2019. We will also be preparing for our 1st DBQ essay.



Test/Projects Dates

- Nov 1st – Science Exam Chapters 7-9 (Class 820)
- Nov 2nd - Science Exam Chapters 7-9 (Class 821 & 822)
- Nov 9th – ELA Wordly Wise test #3
- Nov 13th – US History exam: DBQ essay
- Nov 14th – ELA Narrative Writing Piece due
- Nov 30th - Math exam: Systems of Equations

Please check www.pupilpath.com for Science quiz dates.



REMINDERS!

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

In preparing for the Regents exams look at Regentsprep.org to answer Regents questions for Algebra, Living Environment and Social Studies.

All past regents exams can be found at NYSEDREGENTS.org, or Google NYS Regents.

Please make sure to purchase a **Graphing Calculator** for Algebra class. This will ensure the students are familiar with all the functions and keys of the calculator and will be ready for the Algebra Regents exam.

Students should be annotating their notes on a nightly/weekly basis to ensure they understand/review all Math topics. Please joins us for a Parents as Partners Math Task: Systems of Equations, Class 820: 8:15-8:45am, Class 821: 9:45-10:15am, Class 822: 9:00-9:30am.

Required Reading



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

Science – Textbook Chapters 20-23; Science World Magazine; Trade books

School Closing






- Nov 6th – Election Day
- Nov 12th – Veteran’s Day
- Nov 22nd & 23rd – Thanksgiving Recess

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Science Exam Chapters 7-9 (Class 820)	2 Science Exam Chapters 7-9 (Class 821 & 822)	3
4	5	6 No School 	7	8 Trip to Philadelphia	9  Picture Day ELA Wordly Wise Test #3	10
11	12 No School 	13 US History exam: DBQ essay	14 ELA Narrative Writing	15 End of First Marking Period	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 No School 	23 No School 	24
25	26 Parents as Partners Math Task: Systems of Equations Class 820: 8:15-8:45 Class 821: 9:45-10:15 Class 822: 9:00-9:30	27 Report Cards Distributed	28 Early Dismissal 11:20am Parent-Teachers Conferences 12:20-2:20pm 5:00-8:00pm	29	30 Math exam: Systems of Equations	

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 24 – January 1
Winter Recess