



Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter



GRADE 8

NOVEMBER 2019

Working Together for Student Success

Dear Middle School Parents,

I hope everyone had a very Happy Halloween. We sure did at Petrides! I would like to thank the PTA for sponsoring our Fall Carnival. It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all.

The end of the first marking period was on November 1, 2019. Report cards are being distributed to students on November 13, 2019. Our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 12:20–2:20 pm and from 5:00–8:00 pm. 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.

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:

Grade/Date	Time	Description	Teacher
5th grade Tuesday, November 26	520: 10:30 – 11:00 am 521: 1:00 – 1:30 pm 522: 9:00 – 9:30 am	ELA Publishing Party	Ms. Poggi Ms. Milazzo
6th grade			
November 19 – Class 622	10:30 – 11:00 am	Comprehension Strategies	Mr. Ferri Ms. Palemine
November 20 – Class 620	9:00 – 9:30 am	Comprehension Strategies	Mr. Ferri Ms. Palemine
November 21 – Class 621	9:00 – 9:30 am	Comprehension Strategies	Mr. Ferri Ms. Palemine
7th grade Monday, November 18	722: 8:15 – 8:45 am 720: 9:00 – 9:30 am 721: 9:45 – 10:15 am	Math Task	Ms. Diario Ms. Knapp
8th grade Tuesday, November 26	820: 10:15 – 10:45 am 821: 8:45 – 9:15 am 822: 1:15 – 1:45 pm	Socratic Seminar	Ms. Hags Ms. Baslin

I want to encourage students in grades **6th through 8th** 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 members that work with Ms. Calimano have already visited Clove Lakes Nursing Home on November 4, 2019 to work on a Halloween craft with seniors.

Picture day for students in grades 5 – 11 is Friday, November 8, 2019. Make-up pictures are on December 17, 2019.

Our PTA is hosting a bowling party on Sunday, November 17, 2019. Attached you will find the permission slip. I hope to see everyone there.

Please note that there is no school for students on:

November 11, 2019 VETERANS DAY

November 28 and 29, 2019 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, Middle School

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – This month, we are continuing to read and explore literary devices in *The Most Dangerous Game* by Richard Connell. Such literary devices we are studying are foreshadowing, figurative language, symbolism, characterization, and theme. We are finishing our narrative writing piece with practicing the use of these same literary devices.

Math – We will now begin to use the graphing calculator to graph and analyze linear equations.

Science – Students will continue their study of cells and will advance to the study of the human body. They will describe how cells, tissues and organs must collaborate to maintain homeostasis.

Social Studies – This month we will be covering the Industrial Revolution and Life in American cities.



Test/Projects Dates

- Nov 4th - Science Test Ch. 7 & 8 (up to page 181)
- Nov 8th - ELA Narrative Writing
- Nov 8th - US History Essay
- Nov 15th – ELA Wordly Wise Test #4
- Nov 19th - ELA Test “The Most Dangerous Game”
- Nov 25th - Science quiz Microscope



REMINDERS!

Study, look over and annotate Math notes on a daily basis. Don't forget to bring a graphing calculator to Math class every day. The graphing calculator is **required** for the Algebra I regents exam.

Please join us for an ELA Parents as Partners Socratic Seminar on Tuesday, November 26th: Class 820 at 10:15-10:45am, Class 821 at 8:45-9:15am and Class 822 at 1:15-1:45pm.

Study all US History notes at least 15 minutes a night

Required Reading



ELA – In-class reading of short stories and articles provided.

Science – Textbook Chapter 20; Science World magazine



SCHOOL CLOSING





- November 6th - Election Day
- November 11th – Veteran's Day
- November 28th & 29th – Thanksgiving Recess

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 End of First Marking period	2
3	4 Science Test Ch. 7 & 8 (up to page 181)	5 No School 	6	7	8 School Pictures ELA Narrative Writing US History Essay	9
10	11 No School 	12	13 Report Cards	14 Early dismissal 11:20am Parent Teachers Conferences 12:20-2:20pm 5:00-8:00pm	15 ELA Wordly Wise Test # 4	16
17	18	19 ELA Test "The Most Dangerous Game"	20	21	22	23
24	25 Science quiz Microscope	26 Math Test: Linear Equations Parents as Partners Socratic Seminar Class 820-10:15-10:45am Class 821-8:45-9:15am Class 822-1:15-1:45pm	27	28 No School Thanksgiving 	29 No School Thanksgiving 	30

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 17th – Picture Retake Day
December 23rd – January 1st – Winter Recess