



Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter



GRADE 8

MARCH 2019

Working Together for Student Success

Dear Middle School Parents,

Happy March! We will continue our box top campaign during March. Please use the attached collection sheet and submit all box tops to my office or the main office. I thank you in advance for your participation.

Our *TEST PREP ACADEMY* for students in grades 5 – 8 will be held according to the following schedule:

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| Grade 5 | ELA and Math – Wednesday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 from 2:20 – 4:20 pm |
| Grade 6 | ELA and Math – Wednesday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm |
| Grade 7 | ELA and Math – Wednesday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 from 2:20 – 4:20 pm |
| Grade 8 | ELA – Wednesday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 from 2:20 – 4:20 pm |

The New York State ELA test is scheduled for April 2 and April 3, 2019. The New York State Math test is scheduled for May 1 and May 2, 2019.

I am super excited about our Annual **Middle School Social Studies Fair** on **Thursday, March 7, 2019** at the newly renovated Hall of Science in Building A on our campus. Attached is the Parent visiting schedule:

Parents of students in Grades 5 and 6 – 8:30 am until 9:30 am

Parents of students in Grades 7 and 8 – 10:00 am until 11:00 am

National Junior Honor Society applications were due on Friday, February 22, 2019. I am so excited about the work this group has done during the after school program this year. Ms. Calimano will continue to meet with NJHS candidates from 2:20 – 4:30 as per the following schedule. Each group is involved in their own civic endeavor. All hours are counted for their community service. NJHS Grade 8 candidates meet every Wednesday, NJHS Grade 7 candidates meet every Thursday, and NJHS Grade 6 candidates meet every Friday

Middle School Bowling Spring Session will begin on April 9, 2019. The cost for participation is \$60. Please complete the attached application and return it with payment to Ms. Patricia Harrigan or Mr. Keith Dragonetti. Bowlers should meet at Rab’s Country Lanes on Tuesday afternoons at 3:45 pm. Students bowl two games of league play. Pick up is approximately 5:15 pm.

Spring Parents Teacher Conferences will be conducted during the month of March. Conference dates and times are:

Evening Conferences will be held on March 14, 2019 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Afternoon Conferences will be held on March 14, 2019 from 12:20 – 2:20 pm

Thursday, March 14, 2019 IS A HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL. DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS IS 11:20 am.

We have prepared the eighth grade end of year letter and dues. All information will be distributed in classes and will be posted on our school website. .

How lucky are we to be in Petrides? I think we are very lucky! We are certainly lucky to have such a wonderful parent group and PTA. The PTA does many fundraisers for our school. The money raised at those fundraisers has been used to buy the beautiful laptops and laptop carts that your children are using in our middle school classrooms. One of the biggest PTA fundraisers is the Night of Chances Auction. I would like to donate a basket of lottery tickets to share the luck that we have. **I am asking middle school families to donate lottery tickets for this basket.** It will be prominently displayed and labeled at the auction. You could also send a dollar or two and we will be happy to purchase the lotto tickets for the basket. Please send all donations to the attention of Ms. Patricia Harrigan or Ms. BettyAnn Souffrin in a labeled envelope. I thank you, in advance for your generosity. Your children will certainly benefit from this.

Any questions about the above information, feel free to contact me at BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov or (718) 815 – 0186 extension 22171.

A Note from our PTA:

Join us for our next PTA meeting Weds March 13 at 7pm. Our annual Night of Chances is Friday March 29. Doors open at 6:30pm. Get your ticket bundles now! Save the Date for our annual Bowling with the Panthers on Sunday April 7

Sincerely,

Ms. BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal, Middle School



What topics will the students learn this month?

ELA – Students will be preparing for the NYS ELA Exam by critically thinking about nonfiction and fictional reading passages while annotating and answering comprehension questions. During this month, students will also be participating in book clubs by reading books based on events during the Holocaust. Students are expected to independently read, take notes, and participate within their small groups.

Math – We just finished mastering how to find the correlation coefficient and linear regression of data values. We will now be exploring exponential functions and analyzing the growth and decay of graphs and tables of values.

Science – Students will continue their study of genetics for the month of March. They will investigate how mutations affect the DNA sequence and subsequent proteins. They will research genetic disease and debate whether GMA foods are safe to eat.

Social Studies – During the month of March the students will be learning about Post World War II America and the Cold War.



Test/Projects Dates

- Mar 1st – Social Studies fair Project due
- Mar 1st – US History Exam (Regents Prep)
- Mar 4th - ELA Reading Assessment (Class 820 & 821)
- Mar 5th – Science Ch. 13 quiz (Class 821 & 822)
- Mar 6th – ELA Reading Assessment (Class 822)
- Mar 7th – Science Ch. 13 quiz (Class 820)
- Mar 7th - Social Studies Fair (Borough President Hall of Science in A-Building)
- Mar 8th – US History Exam (Regents prep)
- Mar 12th – Science Exam: Ch. 12 & 13 (Class 821 & 822)
- Mar 14th - Science Exam: Ch. 12 & 13 (Class 820)
- Mar 15th – Math Exam: Exponents
- Mar 18th - ELA Reading Assessment (Class 820 & 821)
- Mar 20th - ELA Reading Assessment (Class 822)
- Mar 22nd – US History Exam (Regents Prep)
- Mar 28th - ELA Test Prep Assessment
- Mar 29th - ELA Test Prep Assessment



REMINDERS!

Your child should be reading on a daily basis. They can read news articles, novels, short stories, and/or magazine articles.

***If you would like to purchase any of the Holocaust books for ELA, your child will receive extra credit towards one of their lowest test grades.**

Bring Graphing Calculators to Math class each day!

The NYS ELA exam will be on April 2nd and 3rd.

The Algebra 1 Regent exam will be June 19 @ 1:15pm.

The US History Regent exam will be June 18 @ 9:15am.

The Living Environment Regent exam will be June 18 @ 1:15pm.

Study your Science notes every day!

Google NYS Algebra I, Living Environment; and US History Regents and practice for additional study material.

Required Reading



ELA – Some book titles* that students will be reading in their book clubs are:

- *Hiding to Survive* by Maxine B. Rosenberg
- *We are Witnesses* by Jacob Boas
- *Night* by Elie Wiesel
- *Someone Named Eva* by Joan M. Wolf

Science – Textbook Ch. 14 & 15; Science World Magazine

Important Date

March 14th

- Early Dismissal - 11:20am
- Parent Teacher Conferences – 12:20-2:20pm and 5:00-8:00pm

The Petrides School

March

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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 Social Studies Fair Project due US History Exam (Regents Prep) | 2 |
| 3 | 4 ELA Reading Assessment (Class 820 & 821) | 5 Science quiz Chapter 13 (Class 821 & 822) | 6 ELA Reading Assessment (Class 822) Test Prep Academy 2:20-4:20pm | 7 Science quiz Chapter 13 (Class 820) Social Studies Fair Grades 5 & 6 8:30-9:30 am Grades 7 & 8 10:00-11:00am | 8 US History Exam (Regents Prep) | 9 |
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Important Upcoming Dates:

April 2nd – 3rd – New York State ELA Exam

April 11th – End of Third Marking Period

April 18th – Report Cards Distributed

April 19th – 26th – Spring Recess