



Michael J. Petrides School

# Middle School Newsletter



## GRADE 8

## MAY 2019

*Working Together for Student Success*

Dear Parents of Middle School Students,

We will be outdoors for recess and making use of our majestic athletic fields and play courts on a daily basis. Students should dress in layers and wear appropriate shoes.

We hope to see you at these upcoming events....

The Annual Spring Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Students in grades 5 – 8 will be performing. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Our Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences (our annual Street Fair) will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

Parents of Fifth grade students will also be invited to our Fifth grade Science Exposition on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 9:00 am – 9: 35 am. The Science Exposition will be held in the B building. Please sign in at the B Building Main entrance and you will be escorted to the Exposition.

Spring also brings our Regents Prep Academy. We will be offering classes to Eighth graders in preparation for their upcoming Regents exams in The Living Environment, US History and Government, and Common Core Algebra. Classes will be offered on **Thursdays from 2:20 – 4:20 pm** on the following dates:

DATE	CLASS OFFERING
<b>Thursday, May 23, 2019</b>	US History & Government – Room B205 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
<b>Thursday, May 30, 2019</b>	US History & Government – Room B205 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
<b>Thursday, June 13, 2019</b>	US History & Government – Room B205 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303

Our Eighth grade Student Voice Circle Facilitators will be hosting a Parents as Partners workshop on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 8:30 am to model our social emotional learning activities done in Middle School.

There is no school for students on May 27, 2019. I hope you enjoy Memorial Day weekend. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 718.815.0186 extension 22171 or [BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,  
BettyAnn Souffrin

Assistant Principal

## What topics will the students learn today?

**ELA** – During this month, students will read multiple articles on the topic of "The Debate over Making Friends on the Internet." After students read the articles, they will take a precise position regarding the topic of internet friendships. Their final assignment will be to write an argumentative essay including a strong claim, evidence, and a counterclaim.

**Math** – We will be finishing up the Algebra 1 curriculum and begin to review for the Regents. We will go over all the topics again briefly from the beginning of the year and practice sample Regents questions and also take practice Regents exams in class.

**Science** – This month the students will identify parts of a food chain and distinguish between a food chain and a food web. They will analyze graphs to illustrate how limiting factors affect a population's growth. They will discuss how abiotic factors affect the carrying capacity of a species.

**Social Studies** – During the month of May the students will learn about Watergate, and Presidents Reagan, H.W. Bush, Clinton and W. Bush. Then it's all Regents Review in preparation for the US History Regents Exam.



### Test/Projects Dates

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Practice US History Regents exam  
 May 3<sup>rd</sup> – ELA Wordly Wise Test #10  
 May 6<sup>th</sup> - Practice Living Environment Regents Exam  
 May 9<sup>th</sup> - Practice Algebra I Regents Exam  
 May 10<sup>th</sup> - Science Vocabulary Quiz: Evolution  
 May 16<sup>th</sup> - ELA Wordly Wise Test #11  
 May 30<sup>th</sup> - ELA Wordly Wise Test #12  
 May 31<sup>st</sup> - ELA Argumentative Essay Due  
 See [www.pupilpath.com](http://www.pupilpath.com) for all Science quiz/test/project dates.

### Required Reading

Science – Textbook chapters 3-5: Ecology Unit; Science World Magazine



### Important Dates

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Report Cards Distributed  
 May 9<sup>th</sup> – Street Fair: Parent Teacher Conferences  
 May 27<sup>th</sup> – No School: Memorial Day



### REMINDERS!

Bring **Graphing Calculators** to Math class each day!  
 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.  
 Google: "NYS Algebra I, Living Environment, and US History Regents and practice exams" for additional study material. Study your notes 15 minutes a day to help prepare for all the Regents exam.  
 The Algebra Regents exam requires a Graphing calculator, pens for the short response questions and pencils for the multiple choice and graphs/drawings.  
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Lab Rat Class 820 8:15-9:30am	2 Practice US History Regents	3 ELA Wordly Wise Test #10 Report Cards Distributed	4
5	6 Lab Rat Class 820 9:00-10:20am	7 Spring Concert 7:00pm	8	9 Practice Algebra I Regents Street Fair: Parent Teachers Conferences 5:30-7:30pm	10 Science Vocabulary Quiz: Evolution	11
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	13	14	15	16 ELA Wordly Wise Test #11 Practice Living Environment Regents Parents as Partners "Student Voices Circles"	17	18
19	20	21 Rocking Horse Ranch	22	23 Regents Prep Academy 2:20-4:20pm	24	25
26	27 No School Memorial Day	28	29	30 ELA Wordly Wise Test #12 Regents Prep Academy 2:20-4:20pm	31 ELA Argumentative Essay Due	

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

June 4<sup>th</sup> – No School: Eid al-Fitr  
 June 6<sup>th</sup> – No School: Chancellor’s Conference Day  
 June 11<sup>th</sup> – No School: June Clerical Day  
 June 18<sup>th</sup> - US History Regent exam 9:15am  
 June 18<sup>th</sup> - Living Environment Regent exam 1:15pm  
 June 19<sup>th</sup> - Algebra 1 Regent exam 1:15pm  
 June 26<sup>th</sup> - Last day of classes-Early dismissal 11:20am