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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope that your holidays were filled with joy and that 2019 is a year with good health, success and prosperity for all.

January is the perfect time for all of us to re-commit ourselves to work together to provide quality education for our children. Our teachers and administrators are constantly seeking new and improved ways to make instruction more meaningful and effective. As parents and guardians, you can help support your child's learning by regularly asking questions about school such as:

- *What did you learn in math (science, social studies, English, health...) today?*
- *May I see your homework?*
- *When is your next test in math (science social studies, English...)? What material will it cover? How can I help you study so that you will do well?*
- *What did you have for lunch?*
- *What after school programs are there that you might like to join?*
- *Do you have any notices for me to read and/or sign?*

Please remember to check our website, www.rcis237.com and Pupilpath regularly for information about school events and to monitor your child's academic progress. Parents who have not yet logged onto Pupilpath should contact our Parent Coordinator Ms. Shirley Bryant (SBryant22@schools.nyc.gov) or phone ext. 1231) for assistance as soon as possible.

REMINDERS AND NEW INFORMATION

Winter Arts Festival

Our Winter Arts Festival was extremely well-attended; nearly every seat in the audience was filled with I.S. 237 families and community members who came to see the beautiful work created by our talented art students and hear the wonderful musical pieces performed by our chorus, band and strings youngsters.

Midterm Exams

Late January through early February, all students will be taking midterm examinations in the following subject areas: math, science, English, social studies, *second language and *hygiene. Students will be given a midterm schedule informing them of the dates of each exam. The schedule will also be posted on our website. Most midterms are cumulative, that is, they include material from September through the date of the exam. Teachers will review material with students in advance of the exams. Please encourage your youngster to begin studying so that he/she will be adequately prepared.

Inclement Weather: If inclement weather threatens, please listen to the radio or television, go on the Department of Education website, or call 311 to find out about possible school closings. Please try to avoid calling IS 237 to ask whether school is open.

Dress Code: Please be reminded that students must be in dress code every day unless instructed otherwise. Students must wear the uniform school shirt and may wear khakis or jeans (without tears, rips). **Students may not wear scarves or hoodies during the school day.** Your ongoing support of our Uniform Dress Code Policy is vital to its success.

Second Quarter Report Cards: Second quarter report cards will be distributed to students on or about January 18th. Contact your child's teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

Meetings

- **SLT** – January 17th at 3:35 PM
- **PTA** – January 23, 2019 - 9:00 to 9:45 AM (Topic: Algebra for All – Improving math teaching and learning)

Basketball

Congratulations to the IS 237 basketball teams have enjoyed several wins lately. On January 11th, team members will visit St. John's University to watch a college game in action.

Debate Teams

Our 7th and 8th grade teams are anxiously awaiting the first debate, scheduled for January 26th. We are looking forward to another great and successful debate season this year.

Math Team

7th and 8th grade Math Teams already have been honing their skills. Team members will be engaged in in-school competitions throughout the month of January and will be competing with other schools beginning in February. We'll keep you posted about the details.

College Access for All

This wonderful initiative has introduced our 7th graders to many aspects of college experiences and expectations. 7th grade classes either have visited or will visit at least one college campus before the end of the school year. All 7th graders received beautiful College Access for All zip-up jackets, which also feature our school-wide initiative, *Let's WAVE Toward the Future*. What better way to encourage our students to begin thinking about their future college and career aspirations. January 11th is College Awareness Day, which we will be celebrating with all students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

Immunization Requirements

The NYC Department of Health requires that all students are vaccinated in order to attend a NYC public school. If your child is missing any of the mandatory vaccines he/she will not be allowed to attend school until proof of immunization is brought to the Main Office. The following website will provide you with a list of these requirements. <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/school/immunization-info-for-parents.pdf>

Once again, best wishes for a wonderful 2019! I look forward to continuing our work together.

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman
Principal

*Not all students will be taking second language and hygiene midterms.

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◀ Dec 2018	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Feb 2019 ▶
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	
	6	7	8	9	10 College Access 4 All trip Queensborough Community College	11 Basketball Team trip to St. John's University	12	
	13	14	15	16	17 College Access 4 All trip Bronx Community College SLT Meeting 3:30 PM	18 Report Cards Distributed	19	
	20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. No School	22 College Access 4 All trip Bronx Community College	23 PTA Meeting 9:00 AM	24 College Access 4 All trip Queensborough Community	25	26 Debate Team Tournament	
	27	28	29 NY Historical Society trip Class 709	30 NY Historical Society trip Class 816	31 College Access 4 All trip Queensborough Community College NY Historical Society trip Class 709			