

**RACHEL CARSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 237**  
**Academic Excellence and the Arts**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Spring is an especially important time of year for us as we begin to engage in preparations for end-of-year assessments and also begin to review promotion criteria. As always, we rely on the help of our parents and guardians to make sure that our youngsters conclude the school year successfully.

**NYS ASSESSMENTS** These assessments are extremely important because together with in-class performance, they provide us with a comprehensive picture of your child’s progress and learning needs. Please carefully review the following information:

<b>NYS ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>DATES</b>
NYSESLAT	Speaking Portion April 11-May 20
NYSESLAT	Listening, Reading, Writing May 9-May 20
Math	April 26 - April 28
Gr. 8 Science Performance Test	May 24 – June 3
Gr. 8 Science Written Test	June 6
<b>REGENTS EXAMS (SP CLASSES)</b>	
U.S. History & Government	June 1
Living Environment	June 15
Algebra I	June 16
Earth Science	June 17
Spanish Proficiency (not a Regents exam)	June 21

- **On all test days, students should report to school by 8:00 AM and come prepared with at least two sharpened #2 pencils with good erasers.**
- **Students should not bring cell phones or other electronic devices to school on test days as they are not permitted in testing rooms.** All cell phones and electronic devices that are brought to school will be collected and returned to students after the testing period. **TESTS OF STUDENTS FOUND WITH CELL PHONES OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN TESTING ROOMS MAY HAVE TO BE INVALIDATED.**

**GRADE 8**

Graduation at Kupferberg Center Colden Auditorium (Queens College) – Monday, June 27 Rehearsal at Kupferberg Center Colden Auditorium (Queens College) – Friday, June 10

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT GRADUATION AND SENIOR ACTIVITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR FAMILIES OF 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS SOON.**

**Update on Summer Rising 2022 Enrollment Application for Students in Grades K–8**

As shared in the [Summer 2022 programing](#) announcement by Chancellor David C. Banks on March 11, the DOE will lead the K–8 enrollment process for Summer Rising 2022. Please note that the Summer Rising 2022 enrollment application for families will launch in mid-April. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Families should be prepared to reference their student’s nine-digit student ID number (OSIS) to apply. Additional details, including a step-by-step enrollment guide for families will be posted on the [Summer 2022 Grades K–8 InfoHub page](#) prior to the application launch. You are encouraged to continue to reference this page for Summer Rising 2022 updates.

**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

**April**

**12** – SLT Meeting (virtual) – 3:15 PM

**15 - 25 - SPRING BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED**

**28** – PTA Meeting 6:00 PM - Topic: *Know Your Rights*

**May**

**2** – Eid al Fitr **SCHOOL CLOSED**

**8** – Mother’s Day

**4-6** – Movie Days at IS 237

**30** – **MEMORIAL DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**

**REMINDER**

**Emergency Contact Card (Blue Card)**

It is essential that all adults who are permitted to pick your child up from school are listed on the Emergency Contact Card. No student will be released to anyone whose name is not listed. All visitors **must** have ID to enter the building.

We are always here to help you and your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. Best wishes for happy and healthy holidays to all those who will be celebrating during the spring break. We hope that you all enjoy the arrival of spring weather.

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman

April 2022								
◀ March	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	May ▶
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	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	10	11	12 SLT Meeting 3:15 PM	13	14 Holy Thursday	15 Good Friday SPRING BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED	16	
17 Easter	18 Tax Day (Taxes Due) SPRING BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED	19 SPRING BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED	20 SPRING BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED	21 SPRING BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED	22 Earth Day SPRING BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED	23		
24	25 SCHOOL REOPENS	26 NYS Math Exam	27 Administrative Professionals NYS Math Exam	28 NYS Math Exam PTA Meeting 6:00 PM	29 Arbor Day	30		

