

**RACHEL CARSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 237**  
**Magnet School for the Arts**  
**Achieving Academic Excellence through the Arts**  
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December 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The holiday season is upon us! With all the hustle and bustle that occurs at this busy time of year, it is sometimes difficult for youngsters to remain focused on school work as they anticipate the many joys and festivities the holidays bring. During the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>, **Interim Progress Reports** for the second marking period will be distributed and posted on Pupilpath. Kindly review the report with your youngster and contact his/her teachers if you have any questions or concerns. You also should continue to check the academic progress of your child on Pupilpath. Please contact Ms. Shirley Bryant, our Parent Coordinator, (718-353-6464 ext. 1231 or email: SBryant22@schools.nyc.gov) if you still need Pupilpath login information. Second quarter report cards will be distributed in mid-January.

**PTA MEETING & WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL**

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at Parent Teacher Conferences last month. We hope that you will continue to be actively involved in our school community. Our next **PTA meeting** will be held on Thursday evening, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 PM. The meeting will be followed by our **Winter Arts Festival**. Please come to admire our students' beautiful art work and listen to their wonderful vocal and instrumental music selections. Doors will open at 6:45 P.M. We truly appreciate your support as we continue to provide our youngsters with valuable arts instruction and experiences.

**College Access for All**

Again this year, I.S. 237 is participating in the **College Access for All (CA4A) Middle School Initiative**, part of the mayor's Equity and Excellence reform designed to promote early college awareness. The goal of CA4A is for every 7<sup>th</sup> grade student to be exposed to a college environment and have the opportunity to visit a college campus at least once during the school year.

**A.L.L. in for W.A.V.E.**

I.S. 237 students know that **W.A.V.E.**, an acronym that stands for **Written And Verbal Evidence**, helps them develop and use effective communication skills in many aspects of their present and future lives. **A.L.L.** refers to **Advanced Language Literacy**, a citywide initiative designed to ensure that every student is equipped with the reading, writing and speaking skills necessary to communicate in many diverse areas of life. Students in every English Language Arts (ELA) class participated in our school-wide **A.L.L. in for W.A.V.E.** contest. Winners were selected from each grade, and their essays now occupy a place of honor on the **W.A.V.E.** bulletin board outside the Main Office.

**Please note the following important dates and events:**

December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Re-take Day
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	SLT Meeting 3:00 PM
<b>December 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Meeting &amp; Winter Arts Festival</b>
Week of December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Interim Progress Reports Distributed
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cap & Gown Measurement for 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Autism Workshop for Parents 2:00 PM
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8 Movie Trip
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7 Holiday Trip
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Day – Students wear their favorite holiday sweaters!
	Last Day of School before Winter Recess

**School reopens Thursday, January 2, 2020. Best wishes for a peaceful and joyous holiday season and for good health, happiness and success in the New Year!**

Very truly yours,

*Judith Friedman*  
Principal

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Picture Re Take Day	7
8	9	10 SLT Meeting 3PM	11	12 PTA Meeting & Winter Arts Festival 6:45 PM	13	14
15	16	17 Cap & Gown Measurement for 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders  Autism Workshop for Parents 2:00 PM	18 Grade 8 Movie Trip	19	20 SPIRIT DAY  Grade 7 Holiday Trip  Last Day of School before Winter Recess	21
22	23 WINTER RECESS NO SCHOOL	24 WINTER RECESS NO SCHOOL	25 <b>Christmas</b> WINTER RECESS NO SCHOOL	26 WINTER RECESS NO SCHOOL	27 WINTER RECESS NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 WINTER RECESS NO SCHOOL	31 WINTER RECESS NO SCHOOL	Notes: CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT <a href="http://WWW.RCIS237.ORG">WWW.RCIS237.ORG</a>			