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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 schoolwork as they anticipate the many joys and festivities the holidays bring. We want your youngster to maintain his/her academic progress and to keep you informed. Toward that end, we anticipate that we will be distributing **Interim Progress Reports** for the second marking period before the winter holiday break. Be sure to review the report with your youngster and contact his/her teachers if you have any questions or concerns. Contact Ms. Shirley Bryant, our Parent Coordinator, (718-353-6464 ext. 1231 or email SBryant22@schools.nyc.gov) if you need email information for your child's teachers. Second quarter report cards will be distributed in mid-January. Contact Assistant Principal Mr. Galizia (ext. 1091) if you want your child to attend our Academic Intervention Support after-school sessions

PARENT MEETINGS

It was wonderful to have so many parents participate in the virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 18. If you did not get a chance to attend the Parent Teacher Conferences, please reach out to your child's teachers to make an appointment. Our next **PTA meeting** will be held virtually on Thursday evening, December 9, at 6:00 PM. There will be a special presentation by a representative from Floating Hospital, who will discuss "Positive Parenting" and "Positive Discipline", two highly relevant topics as we try to reinforce protocols for youngsters to interact with others in safe and responsible ways. Parent coordinator Ms. Shirley Bryant will send the link to join the meeting.

We W.A.V.E. for the NEXT GENERATION

I.S. 237 students know that **W.A.V.E.**, an acronym that stands for **Written And/or Verbal Evidence**, helps them develop and use effective literacy and communication skills, such as reading, writing, listening and speaking, in many aspects of their present and future lives. The phrase **NEXT GENERATION** has a double meaning: 1) We celebrate all our students as the next/future generation that will have to make responsible decisions as individuals and as citizens; and, 2) We want all students to meet or exceed expectations for learning as described in the New York State **Next Generation Learning Standards**. Ask your child about how he/she uses **W.A.V.E.** every day both in and out of school.

Please note the following important dates and events:

December 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	Special assembly presentation for students: <i>The Human Board Game</i>
December 2 th	SHSAT exam for registered students
December 3 rd	Parent Chat 9:45 AM: <i>Improving Parent-Child Communication & Trust</i> Contact Ms. Bryant for the link
December 9th	PTA Meeting 6:00 PM: Positive Parenting, Positive Discipline
December 20 th (week of)	Interim Progress Reports distributed
December 23 rd	Last school day of 2021
December 24 th -January 2 nd	Winter Break

School reopens Monday, January 3, 2022. 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 Special Assembly presentation for students: <i>The Ultimate Human Board Game</i>	2 Special Assembly presentation for students: <i>The Ultimate Human Board Game</i> SHSAT exam	3 Special Assembly presentation for students: <i>The Ultimate Human Board Game</i> Parent Chat 9:45 AM: <i>Improving Parent-Child Communication & Trust</i>	4
5	6	7	8	9 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM: Postive Parenting, Positive Discipline	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Interim Progress Reports distributed this week	21 Start of Winter (Winter Solstice)	22	23 Last school day of 2021	24 Winter Break	25 Christmas
26	27 Winter Break	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break	