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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope that your holidays were filled with joy and that 2022 is a year of good health, success and prosperity for all.

January is the perfect time for all members of the I.S. 237 school family to renew our commitment to provide quality education and a safe learning environment for our children. Our teachers and administrators constantly are seeking new and improved ways to make instruction more meaningful and help our students feel comfortable about returning to school full-time. As parents and guardians, you too, can support your child's learning and emotional well-being by regularly asking questions about his/her school day, such as:

- *How did you feel in school today?*
- *What was the best part of your day?*
- *Who are your friends? Did you make any new friends this year?*
- *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?*
- *Do you have any notices for me to read and/or sign?*

REMINDERS AND NEW INFORMATION

School – Parent Communication

NYSCA - It is essential for parents to receive important information from the NYC Department of Education. If you have not yet activated your New York City School Account (NYSCA) please do so as soon as possible. The link is on the IS 237 website and on the NYCDOE website. Contact our parent coordinator, Ms. Shirley Bryant, if you need assistance (SBryant22@schools.nyc.gov or Phone 718-353-6464 ext. 1231).

DOJO – **DOJO** has become the fastest and most effective way for our school to send class and school messages to parents, especially now, as we need frequently to provide updated information about Covid issues. All parents who already provided the school with a working email address received an invitation from our school to join DOJO. If you have not yet done so, please send your email address to school secretary Ms. Deena Russo (DRusso3@schools.nyc.gov) as soon as possible. You will then receive an invitation to join DOJO, and once you do, you will receive school information in a timely manner too!

Consent for Random Testing – Test and Trace teams come to our school every week to conduct randomized Covid testing for students who have written parental consent. Please be sure to submit the consent form (link on NYCDOE and I.S. 237 websites) so that we can continue to prevent the spread of Covid.

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 with the hoods up during the school day. Your ongoing support of our Dress Code Policy is vital to its success.

No School: In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. birthday there will be no school on Monday, January 17, 2022.

Second Quarter Report Cards: Second quarter report cards will be distributed to students during the week of January 31st. Contact your child’s teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

Meetings (Ms. Bryant will send links)

- **Town Hall PTA** – January 7th at 12:00 PM
- **SLT** – January 10th at 3:15 PM
- **Parent Chat** – January 14th at 9:45 AM
- **PTA** – January 20th at 4:00 PM (Topic: iReady Assessments)

Basketball

Our boys’ varsity basketball team, the Cougars, is in first place in the division. GO COUGARS!

Once again, best wishes for a happy, and most of all HEALTHY New Year!

Very truly yours,
Judith Friedman
 Principal

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7 Town Hall PTA Meeting 12:00 PM	8
9	10 SLT Meeting 3:15 PM	11	12	13	14 Parent Chat 9:45 AM	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. No School	18	19	20 PTA Meeting 4:00 PM	21	22
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