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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of March always is a very busy time of the school year. Parent Teacher conferences take place, New York State standardized testing begins, we start summer school preparations and of course, there are upcoming trips and senior activities in the works. I have detailed some of this and other important information below.

NYS ASSESSMENTS: Please continue to monitor your youngster's attendance and schoolwork so that he/she will be assured of promotion to the next grade. Although multiple criteria are used for promotion decisions, your child's performance on standardized tests – dates listed below - do factor into the decision-making process.

NYS English Language Arts Assessment	March 25 & 26
NYS Mathematics Assessment	April 21 & 22

Making sure that your child comes to school prepared, on time and ready to learn every day is the best possible way to help him/her perform well on these important exams. ELA and math teachers are working hard to prepare all students for the assessments.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES, will be held on **Tuesday, March 10th from 4:30 to 7:30 PM** and on **Friday, March 13th from 12:20 to 2:20 PM.** Please note that on Friday, March 13th, students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM.

It is extremely important for you to attend Parent Teacher Conferences to discuss your child's progress, especially if you receive a *Promotion in Doubt* letter. As you meet your child's teachers, please keep in mind that they have many parents to see and will try to accommodate all of them during the scheduled conference hours. Individual conferences will therefore, be necessarily brief. If you have concerns that require a more extended conversation, please make a separate appointment to meet with the teacher(s). In addition to the Parent Teacher Conference dates listed above, remember that time on Tuesdays from 2:20 PM to 3:00 PM is set aside for parent engagement. Please notify your child's teachers in advance if you would like to schedule a Tuesday afternoon appointment.

PARENT LEARNING ENVIRONMENT SURVEYS will be distributed this month. The survey will be given to your child for you to complete at home. It is extremely **important that you complete the survey** and have your child return it the next day to his/her **homeroom teacher**. We will be sending a list of *Frequently Asked Questions* about our school for you to review before filling out the survey. We need 100% participation from our parents to help our school remain in good standing! Please contact Ms. Shirley Bryant, our Parent Coordinator, if you have any questions about the survey (718) 353-6464 ext.1231 or email SBryant22@schools.nyc.gov.

HEALTH - Although we have been assured that all there is no imminent threat of COVID-19 (corona virus) in our area at this time, we have posted the most recent information from the Department of Health (DOH) on our website (www.rcis237.org) for your convenience. You also may contact the DOH directly with any questions you may have.

IMPORTANT & SPECIAL MARCH DATES AND EVENTS (List does not include individual class trips. Classes have received or will receive trip information to share with parents/guardians.)

March 8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 10 – Parent Teacher Conferences – 4:30 to 7:30 PM
March 13 - Parent Teacher Conferences – 12:20 to 2:20 PM
March 14 - Pi Day!
March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day!
March 25, 26 – NYS ELA Assessment
March 31 – Report Cards Distributed this week
March 7, 14, 21, 28 – Saturday ENL Program continues

As always, we are here to help you and your child have a successful middle school experience. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support.

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman
Principal

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Begins	9	10 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 4:30 – 7:30 PM	11	12	13 Half Day – Students dismissed at 11:30 AM PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 12:20 – 2:20 PM	14 HAPPY PI DAY!!
15	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18	19 Start of Spring (Spring Equinox)	20	21
22	23	24	25 NYS ELA Assessment	26 NYS ELA Assessment	27	28 Earth Hour
29	30	31 Report Cards Distributed this week	PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.RCIS237.ORG			

More Calendars: [Apr 2020](#), [May 2020](#), [2020](#)