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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of March is always a very busy time of the school year. Parent Teacher Conferences take place, New York State standardized testing begins, and we start planning graduation and summer school activities. 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.

<b>NYS English Language Arts Assessment</b>	<b>March 29 &amp; 30</b>
<b>NYS Mathematics Assessment</b>	<b>April 26 &amp; 27</b>
<b>NYSELAT - Speaking</b>	<b>April 11 - May 20</b>
<b>NYSELAT – Reading, Writing, Listening</b>	<b>May 9 - 20</b>
<b>Grade 8 Science Performance</b>	<b>May 24 – June 3</b>
<b>Grade 8 Science Written</b>	<b>June 6</b>

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. All teachers are working hard to prepare all students for the assessments.

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES (virtual)** both afternoon and evening, will be held on **Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 2:30 PM and from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.** 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 received a *Promotion in Doubt* letter. Most teachers previously have established ways of communicating with parents, including scheduling conference appointments, and have informed parents of this. Teachers' email addresses also have been posted on our website. As you conference with your child's teachers, please keep in mind that teachers will try to accommodate as many parents as possible during the scheduled conference times. If you have concerns that require a more extended conversation, please make a separate appointment to speak with the teacher(s).

**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 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](mailto:SBryant22@schools.nyc.gov)).

**HEALTH** – Although the NYS Department of Health has lifted the mask mandate in schools, NYC mayor Eric Adams, has NOT lifted it for NYC public schools. He is expected to announce information about the mask mandate in schools on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**IMPORTANT MARCH DATES**

March 8 – SLT meeting 3:15 PM

March 10 - Parent Teacher Conferences – 12:30 to 2:20 PM and 4:30 to 7:00 PM

March 13 – Daylight Saving Time begins

March 14 - Pi Day!

March 17 - Happy St. Patrick’s Day! PTA meeting (virtual) 5:00 PM

March 20 – Vernal Equinox - Spring begins

March 25 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

March 28 – Report Cards distributed this week

March 29 & 30 – NYS ELA Assessment

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 Picture Retake All Grades	5
6	7	8 SLT Meeting 3:15 PM	9 Special Assembly Wacky Science Show	10 Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30 – 2:30 PM 04:30 – 7:00 PM Dismissal 11:30 AM Special Assembly Wacky Science Show	11 Special Assembly Wacky Science Show	12
13 Daylight Savings Time begins	14 Pi Day!	15	16	17 PTA Meeting virtual 5:00 PM	18	19
20 Spring begins	21	22	23	24	25 End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	26
27	28 Report Cards distributed this week	29 NYS ELA Assessment	30	31		