

**RACHEL CARSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 237**  
**Academic Excellence and the Arts**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well as we all continue to face the challenges brought about by the Covid pandemic. Despite these challenges, I.S. 237 remains fully committed to providing our students with optimal opportunities for learning whether in person or remotely.

Please note the following important information:

**COVID TESTING CONSENT FORMS** must be submitted for all students who have returned to the building for in-person learning. You may submit consent online via your child's New York City School Account (NYCSA) or by signing and having your child submit a paper consent form to his/her teacher.

**NYCDOE HEALTH SCREENING** is mandatory for all staff, students and visitors to the building. Students may provide evidence of HEALTH SCREENING using the app on their phones or by submitting the paper version of the document.

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** will be held virtually as they were in the fall. Teachers will reach out to parents of students who are not making sufficient progress in meeting Learning Standards. Parents who want to communicate with teachers during Parent Teacher Conference times should contact teachers directly via the teacher's NYCDOE email to make an appointment. Contact our parent coordinator Ms. Shirley Bryant if you need assistance ([SBryant22@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:SBryant22@schools.nyc.gov) or 347-563-4378).

**IMPORTANT DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 1 – After school Academic Intervention Services (AIS) program begins for all students who have been identified as Promotion-in-Doubt. **All classes will be held virtually.**

March-May (end date TBD) – After school ENL program Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 4:00 to 5:30 PM

March 11 – Parent Teacher Conferences: Afternoon 12:45 to 2:45 PM, Evening 4:30 to 7:30 PM.

March 14 – Daylight Saving Time begins.

Pi Day

March 16 – SLT Meeting 2:30 PM

March 18 – PTA Meeting 3:00 PM (Special Workshop – See below)

March 27 through April 4 – Spring Break: No School

April 5 – School Resumes

**PARENT WORKSHOPS: All held virtually**

March 18 - i-Ready Family Information Session 3:00 to 4:00 PM

March 25 – Achieve 3000 for parents of English Language Learners (ELLs) 3:00 to 4:00 PM

ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP DATES to be ANNOUNCED

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