

**Rachel Carson Intermediate School 237Q**  
**Magnet School for the Arts**  
*Academic Excellence and the Arts*  
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We believe that parents and schools must be partners in the academic and social education of our children. Toward this end, we have expanded our systems for communication between staff and families:

- **Global Connect/Blackboard** is an automated telephone message system that notifies you if your child is absent on any school day. Please be sure to check your phone messages daily and do not hesitate to call if your child has been identified for being absent without your knowledge and consent. Our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Shirley Bryant, also sends messages to families via Blackboard.
- I have invited all parents to join the online communication system, **Dojo**, which I use to send messages to families. Please join if you have not yet done so. Individual teachers also have set up Dojo accounts for their classes and families.
- Activating your **New York City School Account (NYSCA)** is the primary way for you to receive information from the Department of Education and gives you access to historical school data about your child. Please activate your **NYCSA** as soon as possible if you have not yet done so. (Link is on our I.S. 237 website.)
- Our I.S. 237 website contains important school information and notices about special events. (See our new **Parents' Corner**.) Our Parent Coordinator Ms. Shirley Bryant is always available to assist you ([Sbryant22@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Sbryant22@schools.nyc.gov) or phone: 718-353-6464 ext. 1231).

#### **Report Cards**

Your child will receive his/her First Quarter Report Card the week of November 15<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to review it carefully and discuss the grades and comments with your child. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on **Thursday**, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Afternoon conferences will take place from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM evening conferences from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Conferences will be virtual. You will receive additional information about scheduling conference time next week.

#### **Dress Code Reminder**

Please be sure that your child follows the I.S. 237 Dress Code, which helps ensure the safety of our students. The school shirt is color-coded by grade: Grade 6- green; Grade 7-grey; Grade 8-maroon. Students may wear bottoms consisting of jeans **without** cut-out rips or holes, khakis or skirts of an appropriate length. Sneakers and closed shoes are permitted; open-toe sandals, slides and slippers are not.

#### **Extracurricular Programs & Activities**

- Academic Intervention Services (AIS) for students needing support in core subjects. All AIS instruction is 2:45 to 4:45. Space is available if parents who wish to have their child participate in the AIS program. Contact Mr. Galizia ([Sgalizia@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Sgalizia@schools.nyc.gov)) for additional information.  
Mondays & Tuesdays: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA and math  
Wednesdays: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA and math; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade science  
Thursdays: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA and math; 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade science
- ENL Classes for English Language Learners. Contact Ms. Strong ([jstrong@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:jstrong@schools.nyc.gov)) for additional information.  
Saturdays 8:30 to 11:30 AM  
Tuesdays 7:15 to 7:40 AM
- Morning band classes 7:10 to 7:40 AM. Contact Mr. Flannery-McCoy ([CFlannery-McCoy@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:CFlannery-McCoy@schools.nyc.gov)) for additional information.
- Afternoon art classes 2:45 to 4:15. Contact Ms. Jones ([KJones42@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:KJones42@schools.nyc.gov)) or Ms. Archetti ([SArchetti@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:SArchetti@schools.nyc.gov))

**Important November Dates**

**November 2:** Election Day – No school for students

**November 7:** Daylight Savings Time ends. Set clocks back 1 hour

**November 9:** SLT meeting 3:15 PM

**November 11:** Veterans’ Day – School closed

**November 15 (week of):** Report Cards distributed

**November 18:** Parent Teacher Conferences – 12:30 to 2:30 PM and 4:30 to 7:00 PM

**November 25-26:** Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed

**November 29:** Parent Chat *Topic - Trust Building* - Time TBD and posted on website shortly

**November PTA Meeting – Time and Date TBD and posted on website shortly**

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Very truly yours,

*Judith Friedman*

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Principal

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Election Day No School for Students	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Time ends.	8	9 SLT Meeting 3:15 pm	10	11 Veterans' Day School Closed	12	13
14	15 Report Cards distributed this week	16	17	18 Parent Teacher Conferences  12:30 – 2:30 PM 4:30 – 7:00 PM	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed	26 Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed	27
28	29 Parent Chat <i>Topic – Trust Building</i> Time - TBD	30	November PTA Meeting Time and Date TBD and posted on website shortly			