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Academic Excellence and the Arts
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November 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

November 16th marks the end of the first quarter of the 2022-23 school year. We have communicated with many of you via email and by phone already, and look forward to strengthening and expanding the school-family relationship further. It is important that you familiarize yourselves with the communication systems listed below. If you have not done so already, please join classroom Dojo and activate your New York City School Account (NYCSA) as soon as possible.

- **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 (NYCSA)** 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 **Parents' Corner**.) Our **Parent Coordinator Ms. Shirley Bryant** is always available to assist you (Sbryant22@schools.nyc.gov or phone: 718-353-6464 ext. 1231).

Important Information

Report Cards

Your child will receive his/her First Quarter Report Card the week of November 21st. Be sure to review it carefully and discuss the grades and comments with your child. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 9th. 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 from your child's subject teachers.

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-maroon; Grade 7-green; Grade 8-grey. Students may wear bottoms consisting of jeans without extensive 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. Students may not wear hoods while in the school building.

Extracurricular Programs & Activities

- Academic Intervention Services (AIS) is for students needing support in ELA and math (social studies and science AIS may be added later in the school year). All AIS instruction is 2:45 to 4:15 PM. Assistant principals Ms. Strong (jstrong@schools.nyc.gov) and Ms. Martin (KMartin24@schools.nyc.gov) have distributed information/consent letters to families of students who have been identified as in need of academic support. Please contact either of them for additional information.

Tuesdays: 6th Grade ELA and math

Wednesdays: 7th Grade ELA and math

Thursdays: & 8th Grade ELA and math

- Saturday Academy is for English Language Learners who wish to accelerate their acquisition of English. Contact Ms. Strong (jstrong@schools.nyc.gov) for additional information.

Saturdays 8:30 to 11:30 AM

- Your child's teachers will provide additional information about other before and after-school enrichment activities.

Important November Dates

November 2: AIS After-school begins

November 3: Open House for 5th grade families (Virtual) - 10:30 AM

November 5: Saturday Academy for English Language Learners begins

November 6: Daylight Saving Time ends. Set clocks back 1 hour.

November 8: Election Day – No School for students

High School Information Session (Virtual) - 1:00 to 2:00 PM

November 9: Parent Teacher Conferences (Virtual) – 12:35 to 2:35 PM and 4:30 to 7:00 PM

November 10: High School Information Session (Virtual) – 5:30 to 6:30 PM

November 11: Veterans' Day – School Closed

November 14: Picture Day – Grades 6 & 7

Open House for 5th grade families (Virtual) - 10:30 AM

November 15: 7th Grade Trip

SLT Meeting - 3:15 PM

November 16: End of 1st Quarter (Marking Period)

Parent Chat (Virtual) 9:00 AM– *Mindfulness & Self-Care*

PTA Meeting - in Person – 5:00 PM

SONYC/PTA Family Night Event 5:30 to 7:00 PM

November 17: 8th Grade Movie Trip

November 18: Picture Day – Grade 8

Week of November 21: Report Cards Distributed

November 23-25: Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman

◀ October		November 2022					December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 AIS Grade 6	2 PBIS Assembly – Grade 6 Pd. 5 AIS Grade 7	3 Virtual Open House – 10:30 AM 5 th GRADE PARENTS ONLY AIS Grade 8	4 PBIS Assembly Grade 7 Pd. 5	5 Saturday Academy for ELLs	
6 SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR	7	8 Election Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS HS Info Mtg – Virtual 1:00 PM	9 Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences - 12:35 – 2:35 4:30 – 7:00 Dismissal 11:30 AM	10 AIS Grade 8 HS Info Mtg – Virtual 5:30 PM	11 Veterans' Day No School	12 Saturday Academy for ELLs	
13	14 Picture Day GRADE 6 & 7 Virtual Open House–5:30 PM 5 th GRADE PARENTS ONLY	15 SLT mtg. 3:15 PM Grade 7 Trip AIS – Grade 6	16 End of MP 1 Parent Chat 9:00 AM AIS – Grade 7 PTA MTG IN PERSON 5:00 PM SONYC Family Night 5:30-7:00 PM	17 Grade 7 Student Chat Grade 8 Movie Trip AIS – Grade 8	18 Picture Day GRADE 8	19 Saturday Academy for ELLs	
20	21 REPORT CARDS	22 AIS Grade 6	23 AIS Grade 7	24 THANKSGIVING	25 NO SCHOOL	26	
27	28	29 AIS Grade 6	30 AIS Grade 7	Open House – Incoming 6 th grade families HS Info – 8 th grade families			