

**RACHEL CARSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 237**  
**Magnet School for the Arts**  
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**August 2021**

Welcome to Rachel Carson Intermediate School 237! It's great to be celebrating the start of a new school year at I.S. 237.

Classes begin for all students on **Monday, September 13, 2021**. Below you will find a brief summary of some of our school policies as well as a list of supplies you will need to get off to a successful start this year.

**School Hours**

Our school hours are Monday through Friday 8:15 AM to 2:35 PM.

You will receive information about our after school programs when school starts.

**Covid-19 Precautions**

We are still faced with the spread of COVID 19 and other variants. We will continue to implement all recommended health protocols as outlined by the NYC Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For the upcoming school year, all staff and students will be required to:

- Complete a daily Health Screening Survey
- Wear masks indoors throughout the school day
- Continue the practice of social distancing

**Transportation**

Students who are eligible for school bus transportation (yellow bus) will be notified about pick-up and drop-off times and locations before school starts. Students who are eligible to receive a NYC Metro Card will be notified as well. Please note that students are not permitted to receive both yellow bus transportation and a Metro Card.

**Dress Code**

I.S. 237 students must wear the uniform school shirt daily. More information about the distribution and sales of the uniform shirts and gym uniforms will be forthcoming. It is expected that by October 1, 2021, all students will be wearing the appropriate color-coded uniform shirt (Grade 6-green, Grade 7-grey, Grade 8-maroon). Students may wear bottoms consisting of khaki slcks, jeans, or skirts of an appropriate length. **Jeans with rips or cut-out holes are not permitted.** Sneakers or other closed shoes are permitted.

Curriculum Night

September 22, 2021 (Tentative date)

We will host a virtual Curriculum Meeting at 5:30 PM.

The purpose of curriculum night is for parents and guardians to meet with school administrators, classroom teachers and or specialist to learn about grade level curriculum and expectations for the school year.

**SUPPLIES**

The following list identifies basic middle school supplies; your teachers may have some additional supply requests as well. On the first day, please bring **only** the loose-leaf binder with paper, 1 graph paper notebook, a pencil case with 2 pencils and 2 pens, tissues (small package), your independent reading book and your SMILE. Your teachers will give you instructions concerning the other materials listed.

<b>v</b>	<b>SUPPLIES</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>
	3-ring loose-leaf binder (Do not get “super-size” rings.)	1
	College-ruled loose-leaf paper	3 pkgs.
	Graph paper for loose-leaf binder	2 pkgs.
	Dividers	2 pkgs.
	Hard cover/Marble graph paper notebook	2
	Pocket folders	8
	#2 pencils with erasers (Bring at least 2 daily.)	3 pkgs.
	Pens: blue or black ink only (Bring at least 2 daily.)	3 pkgs.
	Pencil/pen case	1
	Pencil sharpener that holds shavings	1
	Small ruler: inches and centimeters	1
	Protractor	1
	Ruled index cards	2 pkgs.
	Colored pencils	Small box or pkg.
	Highlighter	2
	Hole puncher	1
	Glue stick	2
	Webster’s Pocket Dictionary	1
	Calculator	1
	Paperback book for independent reading	1
	Backpack or book-bag	1
	Public library card	1
	Tissues: pocket size pkg.	several
	<b>Positive attitude</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>SMILE</b>	<b>MANY</b>

**OTHER INFORMATION**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>DEAN</b>	<b>GUIDANCE COUNSELOR</b>
<b>6</b>	Mr. Stephen Galizia	Mr. Benjamin Ercoli	Mr. Kenneth Ye
<b>7</b>	Ms. Jeannine Strong	Mr. Clifford Serrett	Ms. Cindy Xu
<b>8</b>	Ms. Carla Brathwaite	Mr. Michael Stone	Ms. Lisa Levardsen

**Parent Coordinator:** Ms. Shirley Bryant

Very truly yours,  
*Judith Friedman*  
Principal