

**Rachel Carson Intermediate School 237Q**  
**Magnet School for the Arts**  
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**Dear Parents & Guardians of Eighth Grade Students:**

This is the time of year when preparations are underway for the promotion of your child to high school. The success of your child can be attributed in large part to your influence, encouragement and guidance. Below, you will find important information related to Senior Dance/Boat Ride, Senior Awards Evening and Graduation 2019. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with you!

<b>Event</b>	<b>Senior Dance/Boat Ride</b>	<b>Senior Awards Evening</b>	<b>Graduation</b>
<b>Date of event</b>	Monday, June 10, 2019	Monday, June 17, 2019	Tuesday, June 25, 2019
<b>Location</b>	Spirit Cruise – Chelsea Piers, Pier 62	I.S. 237 Auditorium	Kupferberg Auditorium at Queens College 65-30 Kissena Boulevard, Flushing NY 11367
<b>Transportation</b>	Coach buses depart (3:30pm) and return to I.S. 237 (10pm)	N/A	None – Families transport their child to and from graduation
<b>Cost</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>Senior Dues - \$95.00</b>
<b>Payment</b>	Cash, certified check, money order payable to I.S. 237 NO PERSONAL CHECKS	N/A	Cash, certified check, money order payable to I.S. 237 NO PERSONAL CHECKS
<b>Time</b>	Cruise is from 6pm to 9pm	4:30pm	12:30pm start time Admission starts at 12:15pm
<b>Included in the cost</b>	-Coach bus transportation to and from I.S. 237 -NYC Dinner Cruise 6pm to 9pm around NYC -Onboard DJ -Unlimited juice/soda package - Dinner buffet and dessert - Access to rooftop observation decks (weather permitting)	N/A	-Rental of Kupferberg Auditorium -Four (4) admission tickets to graduation -Cap, gown, tassel -Diploma and diploma cover -Printed program for graduation -Yearbook -Senior drawstring bag -Autograph book -Senior T-shirt -Senior 2019 key chain
<b>Attire</b>	Casual to dressy attire (no low cut dresses) No clothing with offensive language (Dress like you were going out to a nice dinner with your parents/family)	Black skirt/pants & White shirt/blouse or Maroon uniform shirt	Casual to dressy attire Blue cap and gown

**General Procedures**

You may pay for Senior Dues and the Senior Dance/Boat Trip together. If you pay separately, the first funds received will be applied to Senior Dues. If you require a receipt for payment, please pay with certified bank check or with a money order. Personal checks will not be accepted. All payments should be placed in a sealed envelope with your child's official name and homeroom class on it. For those families who need to set up a payment plan for either the Senior Dues and/or the Senior Dance/Boat Ride, please be sure to let me know by Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> so we can set up a plan with you.

**Promotion Requirements**

Students whose report cards have been stamped “Promotion in Doubt” are at risk of being held over. Students who do not pass all subjects by June will not be permitted to attend the I.S. 237 graduation ceremony at Kupferberg Center and will be mandated to attend summer school. There will be a district-wide graduation ceremony at the conclusion of summer school in August. Upon payment of Senior Dues, students will still receive all the items listed except for their cap and gown, diploma, diploma case and graduation tickets, which they will receive upon completion of their promotion requirements.

**Senior Activities Fees**

Graduation fees and senior activities fees are separate from each other and often are confused. We plan to distribute the senior package with T-shirt, draw string bag, etc., at the start of June so we ask for payments to be in promptly. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible to attend the Senior Dance/Boat Ride, provided they follow school rules on a daily basis, which includes adhering to the I.S. 237 Dress Code – uniform shirt and skirt, slacks or jeans without holes. Attached is a separate permission slip for the Senior Dance/Boat Ride. Please be reminded that Senior Dues must be paid in full before payment for the Senior Dance/Boat ride will be accepted.

As always, we thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 718-353-6464 extension 2291 or at [cbrathw@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:cbrathw@schools.nyc.gov).

Very truly yours,

Ms. Brathwaite  
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