
PRINCIPAL'S 411

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Dear Parents,

There will be **NO SCHOOL** or After School Programs on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 due to expected severe weather conditions – SNOW! SNOW! SNOW!

Parent Teacher Conferences: All are invited on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday, March 16, 2017 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dismissal will be at 11:17 a.m. after Period 4 on Thursday.

All students are going home with the envelope for the **Parent Learning Survey** which needs to be completed and returned by Friday, March 24th. Parents who wish to complete the 2017 Survey Online please print out verification. Also, all students will have his/her name entered into a raffle for a 32" SMART TV. All surveys will be collected each morning during Periods 2 or 3. We ask for your cooperation in completing the survey so that our data will provide areas of celebration as well as areas of concern that we will address. Your input is essential to us in order for our school community to continue to grow towards being one of NYC's finest schools.

Testing

Please allow your child to participate in the taking of the ELA and Math State Test. Each year our students receive scores that show the hard work and progress that we, as a school community, are making. In District 25, 45% of the tests are taken into consideration when planning the SP classes. Scores are also studied each year by high schools when accepting and placing students. In the New York City School District, there are no forms for opting out but a refusal letter must be sent to my attention before March 20, 2017.

Please, every score is important to support the growth of our school and will be used to help your child in the following year.

Teacher evaluations are no longer combined with their students' scores. JUST THE SCHOOL! Remember, all students will be given "**unlimited time**" to complete their tests.

March Madness – Study Island

The results for the first week of questions answered correctly is 116,859.

Grade 8 – 66,143 questions

Grade 7 – 18,437 questions

Grade 6 – 32,279 questions

Please continue to encourage your child to spend at least 45 minutes each day working on Study Island.

WALK-4-ST.MARY – March 31, 2017

Our annual walk for the children of St. Mary's Hospital in Bayside is quickly approaching. Please encourage your child to raise money to donate to such a great cause!

Please bring all donations to:

6th Grade – Ms. Ballinger Room 152

7th Grade – Ms. Samuel Room 131

8th Grade – Ms. Delaney Room 156

Thank you to all of your children who have supported our Student Government is their latest activity of selling items for Valentine's Day! (St. Mary's Hospital). Also, a big thank you for all students, siblings, and parents who participated to the Carnival to raise money for a water pump for the people in South Sudan. This interest comes from reading A Long Walk to Water in Grade 7.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Testing Dates:

English (ELA) – Tuesday – March 28, 2017,
Wednesday – March 29, 2017 and Thursday,
March 30, 2017

Mathematics – Tuesday – May 2, 2017,
Wednesday – May 3, 2017 and Thursday – May 4,
2017

SPRING RECESS: April 10 to April 18, 2017

Gratefully,

Mrs. MaryEllen Beirne