

THE ANGELO PATRI MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Family Handbook
2016-2017



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School Administration and Support

Principal:

Graciela Abadia

Assistant Principals:

Marjorie Metsch – Grade 6

Jennifer Connolly – Grade 7

Beth Shimkin – Grade 8

School Telephone Numbers:

General Office		(718) 584-0980
Guidance	Eury Padilla	(718) 584-0980 ext. 5140
Attendance	Danny Connolly	(718) 584-0980 ext. 3163
Parent Coordinator	Stacy Torres	(718) 584-0980 ext. 3500
Community School Director	Tishana Louallen	(718) 584-0980 ext. 3150

WELCOME

The policies and procedures located in this handbook have been carefully prepared and presented in order that you and your parents may know and understand the day to day practices, policy and vision of **The Angelo Patri Middle School** in accordance with the DOE Regulations.

DRESS CODE:

The Angelo Patri School has been established as a uniformed school. All students are expected to wear the school colors **Monday thru Friday**. The school colors are **White, Grey and Burgundy**.

ATTENDANCE:

Good attendance is directly related to students' school performance. Lateness is disruptive to the orderly operation of The Angelo Patri School and the students' learning process. Regular attendance is most imperative to ensure successful and positive growth in school. All children should be in attendance each day they are not ill. Students returning to school after an absence must bring a written statement signed by the parent, explaining the reason for their absence. If an absence of two (2) or more days is anticipated, please call the school. A doctor's note is required for all absences of two (2) days or more.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE SCHOOL:

If a parent needs to take a child from school before school is dismissed, they must submit a note in the morning stating the reason for the early dismissal and the time the child will be picked up. Parents must also come into the school office and sign their child out. No child is permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours, unless accompanied by a parent/guardian. **The child may only be picked up by another adult who has been designated to do so in writing on the blue cards.** These blue emergency cards must be on file.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER:

It is necessary that the school office have the current address and phone number at all times. This information is especially important in cases of illness or emergencies. **The school must be notified immediately when a student has changed an address, phone number or emergency phone number. A new blue emergency card will be sent home for completion.**

BLUE EMERGENCY CARDS:

Blue emergency cards are distributed to the students at the beginning of the school year. Cards must be completed and returned with accurate information. If any information changes in the course of the school year it is important that the family complete a **new emergency card** with updated information.

WITHDRAWING FROM SCHOOL:

When it is necessary to withdraw your child from school, you should notify the parent coordinator, Stacy Torres. All textbooks and library books must be returned before any records can be forwarded.

BUS TRANSPORTATION:

Please note that transportation services will be provided for eligible students. Eligible students will receive a metro card. Children who are transported from school by bus are expected to be in the designated area for pick up at 3:28 p.m.

In order to minimize problems from bus transportation, observation of the following rules should be encouraged:

- Arriving at the bus stop ten minutes ahead of schedule should be sufficient. Arriving too early may result in mischief.
- Wait until the bus stops before advancing to board the bus.
- Board the bus and be seated. Do not stand while the bus is in motion.
- Talk softly with your neighbor when conversing on the bus.
- Keep the aisles of the bus clear of books, feet, etc.
- Keep hands, heads and arms inside the bus at all times.
- Cooperate with and obey the bus driver at all times.
- No eating, drinking or gum chewing on the bus

MONITORING STUDENT PROGRESS:

All families have access to the Angelo Patri School's online grading system at pupilpath.skedula.com. Each student can create an account to view their progress throughout the school year. Parents/Guardians can also create their own separate account to monitor their child's progress throughout the year.

Please contact the Parent Coordinator to help you set up an account. Letters will also be sent home at the start of the school year.

CONFERENCES WITH TEACHERS:

It is advisable for parents and teachers to communicate if a student is having problems in academic, social or emotional areas. A parent-teacher conference soon after the recognition of the problem is encouraged. Please contact the Parent Coordinator to request a conference. To be most effective, a planned conference is necessary. **No parent is allowed into a classroom without teacher notification.** As a safety precaution, a visitor's pass must be obtained upon entering the school building. Parents may visit the designated rooms only as stated on the pass.

To ensure the safety of all students, it is the policy of the Angelo Patri School that parents do not meet with other students to discuss incidents. If you feel that a mediation is needed, please contact the **parent coordinator and/or community coordinator** so that we can schedule a mutually agreed upon time for families to meet to resolve the issue.

HOMEWORK:

Regularly assigned homework is an extension of the day's work to reinforce skills learned, strengthen weaknesses and assist students in achieving satisfactory school progress. In addition to the regularly assigned homework, standing assignments may include reading library books, newspapers and magazines. **Students are expected to read at least 30 minutes at home each day. Parents/guardians are expected to sign their child's reading log on a daily basis. Daily verbal reflections are encouraged in addition to reviewing all homework assignment.**

CELL PHONE POLICY:

Students are permitted to bring their cell phones/electronic devices to school. However, they are not permitted to have them out during the school day, afterschool, and other school related activities. Cell phones/electronic devices must be turned OFF before students enter the school.

*It is the student responsibility to safeguard their cell phones/electronic devices. Once inside the school, students must store cell phones/electronic device in a location that is not visible to the teacher or other students, even though they are OFF. **The Angelo Patri school will not be responsible for any lost or stolen cell phones/electronic devices.***

During an emergency, if a student needs to communicate with his/her parent or guardian, the student should use the phones available in administrative offices. If parents and/or guardian need to communicate with their child during the school day, please call the main office at (718) 584-0980 or the parent coordinator at (718) 584-0980 ext: 3500.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND BEHAVIOR

Attendance and Absences:

All students are expected to be in class every day.

School starts at 8:00 am – which is when you should be in your first period class. Instruction begins when the second bell rings.

Lateness: Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each period. If you are late, you must enter quietly, give your late slip to the teacher, and then take your seat. Attendance will be factored into your grades for each term.

Absences: **If you are absent, and miss an assignment, you are still responsible for the work.** Anything that was due the day you were absent must be turned in once you return to school. In the days following your return to school, you must make up all missing homework. If you missed a test, you will make it up within the days following your return to school.

Bathrooms:

Students are encouraged to use the bathroom before school, during lunch and afterschool so that they do not miss out on instructional time. If it is an emergency, then you may ask to leave the room. Additionally, **teachers reserve the right to deny a request the first 15 minutes and last 15 minutes of each period.**

Books:

You will be assigned books in different subject area classes so that you can be successful and fully participate. Please care for these books. It is essential that you take care of these books if you want to be well educated, and if you want other students coming through this school in future years to be well educated. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to check out a book from the library. It is expected that you will take care of these books and return them once you have enjoyed them. Any book that you borrow from the school will require that you sign it out before removing from the classroom.

Chewing Gum, Eating, Drinking:

Food, drinks, and gum chewing are not allowed in the classroom because they interfere with the learning process that occurs here. Students may bring lunch to school, but this will remain in their bookbags until their designated lunch period. School staff will confiscate any food/drink found in the classroom.

Cleanliness:

Under no circumstances should any paper be found lying on the floor or should paper be shoved inside desks. Classrooms are an incredible space and we must keep it neat. If you want to throw out a sheet of paper, hold it until the end of class and then place it in the trash can near the door as you leave class.

Entering and Exiting the Room:

When you enter class you must move directly to your seat. Coats should be hung up in closets in your homeroom. ***Under no circumstances is a student allowed to wear or carry their coats to class.*** If you tend to get cold, bring a light jacket or sweater to wear. When exiting the room students will line up, after the teacher has given permission, in size order in front of the door.

Homework:

There will be homework every night for students. Homework assignments will be written on the board at the start of every class, you are required to copy the assignment into your notebook. Homework should always be done, because if you fail to practice the skills we learn in class you may fail to succeed in them. Homework is an opportunity for you to achieve and succeed. Take advantage of this opportunity! Homework will be collected the day after it is assigned. Your class will have a designated area to have work collected. **All homework is expected to be completed. Late work will have points deducted accordingly.** Don't lose out on this boost to your overall grade!

Notes:

Your daily class notes will follow a specific format. In the top right hand corner of every page you will write the date. On the first line you will write the learning target of the lesson, which will be written or posted on the board. Then begin your Think Now. After the Think Now, you will write any notes taken on that day. The teacher will collect your notes and grade them. Your notebook grade is a percentage of your overall class grade.

Quizzes:

You can expect to be quizzed at any given moment on any day. This is to help teachers gauge how well you have mastered the material that has been presented that week and how well they did in teaching the material to you. It will also keep you on your toes and hold you accountable for completing your homework and studying your notes at home.

Seating:

A seating chart will be arranged in the beginning of the year and is subject to change according to the behavior the teachers see. Further, you are required to be in your assigned seat at all times, unless given permission by a teacher to change your seat.

Supplies:

You will not be able to fully succeed if you do not come to class with the following supplies: pencils, pens (blue or black ink only), binder or folders, composition book/spiral notebook for notes, and loose leaf paper.

SCHOOL DAY

8:00 – 3:28

Monday-Friday

Students who participate in the breakfast program may arrive at school effective 7:15a.m.

Important Calendar Dates:

Dates are tentative and subject to change. Conferences between staff and parents should be frequent and ongoing.

2016 – 2017 School Calendar

August 29 Monday

The following staff report: Assistant Principals and school-based intermediate supervisors not designated to work an increased work year.

September 5 Monday

Labor Day (schools closed)

September 6 Tuesday

Teachers report (see section 5 below). Students will not be in attendance.

September 7 Wednesday

Chancellor's Conference Day for staff development. Students will not be in attendance.

September 8 Thursday

School Session Begins For All Students. Early dismissal for non-District 75 kindergarten students only. Partial school time for pre-kindergarten public school students.

September 9 Friday

First full day for non-District 75 kindergarten students. Partial school time for pre-kindergarten public school students.

September 12 Monday

Eid al-Adha (schools closed)

October 3 4 Monday & Tuesday

Rosh Hashanah (schools closed)

October 10 Monday

Columbus Day Observed (schools closed)

October 12 Wednesday

Yom Kippur (schools closed)

November 8 Tuesday

Election Day. Chancellor's Conference Day for staff development. Students will not be in attendance.

November 11 Friday

Veterans Day (schools closed)

November 24 25 Thursday & Friday

Thanksgiving Recess (schools closed)

December 26 - January 2 Monday – Monday

Winter Recess (schools closed)

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January 16 Monday

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (schools closed)

January 30 Monday

Chancellor's Conference Day for staff development in all non-D75 high schools. Non-D75 high school students will not be in attendance. All other students will be in attendance (see section 9 below for details on high school student attendance on January 30.)

January 31 Tuesday

Spring term begins for high school students.

**February 20-24
Monday – Friday**

Midwinter Recess (including Washington's Birthday and Lincoln's Birthday, observed) (schools closed)

**April 10 18
Monday – Tuesday**

Spring Recess (including Passover and Good Friday) (schools closed)

May 29 Monday

Memorial Day (schools closed)

June 8 Thursday

Anniversary Day. Chancellor's Conference Day for staff development. In all five boroughs students will not be in attendance.

June 12 Monday

June Clerical Day for students in elementary school, middle school and D75 school programs. These students will not be in attendance.

June 26 Monday

Eid al-Fitr (schools closed)

June 28 Wednesday

Last Day For All Students. Early dismissal of all students under the guidelines outlined in Section 13 below. Last day for all Classroom Teachers, Bilingual Teachers in School and Community Relations, Attendance Teachers, Nurses, Therapists, Laboratory Specialists and Technicians, and Paraprofessionals. All other staff report except Classroom Teachers, Bilingual Teachers in School and Community Relations, Attendance Teachers, Nurses, Therapists

June 29 30 Thursday & Friday

The Angelo Patri School Periodic Assessment Calendar	
Test	Administration Window *
IRLA/myON	Student Self-Level and Teacher Check Conferencing September 12 th Ongoing – June
Ready Baseline ELA	<i>Paper and Pencil:</i> September 21 st – 23 rd <i>Online:</i> October 10 th – 31 st
Ready Baseline Math	<i>Paper and Pencil:</i> September 27 th – 29 th <i>Online:</i> October 10 th – 31 st
Fall ELL Periodic Assessment	September 16 th – October 30 th
Beginning of Year Performance Tasks	ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies September 16 th – October 30 th
Specialized High School Admissions Test	October 22 – 23 ELL/IEP – October 30/November 5
Spring ELL Periodic Assessment	March 3 rd – 21 st
Ready Mid-Year ELA	<i>Paper and Pencil:</i> Jan. 18 th – 20 th <i>Online:</i> Jan. 27 th – Feb. 17 th
Ready Mid-Year Math	<i>Paper and Pencil:</i> Jan. 24 th – 26 th <i>Online:</i> Jan. 27 th – Feb. 17 th
Quarterly Exams/Periodic Assessments in All Core Subjects	Marking Period 1: Marking Period 2: (Midterm) Marking Period 3: Marking Period 4: (Final)
Conferencing (All Core Subjects)	As per posted conferencing schedule. Minimum 3 students per day Dated Conference Sheets

2016-2017 New York State Testing Calendar

Test	Administration Dates
Language Assessment Battery Revised LAB-R or Spanish Lab	<i>Within first 10 days of entrance</i>
NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)	Science & Social Studies – September 26 th – December 9 th ELA & Math – March 20 th – June 2 nd
Specialized HS Admission Test	October 22 - 23
Grades 3–8 English Language Arts	March 28 th – 30 th
NYSESLAT: Speaking	April 10 th – May 19 th
Grades 3–8 Mathematics	May 2 nd – 4 th
NYSESLAT: Listening, Reading, Writing	May 8 th – May 19 th
Spanish Reading: ELE	May 16 th
Grade 8 Science Performance Test	May 24 th – June 2 nd
Grade 8 Science Written	June 5 th
New York State Living Environment Regents	June 14 th – 1:15 pm