

Grade 5-8 Parent Newsletter

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P.S. /I.S. 208

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Our PS/IS 208 Mission Statement

To prepare the leaders of tomorrow by building a nested community of learners where every participant is fully engaged in document based questions, performance oriented tasks, accountable talk, inquiry based skills and scientific research strategies; as well as creating a nurturing learning environment via sound instructional practices, shared consent and differentiated learning.

Additionally, we will empower children to become self-sufficient and responsible. At P.S./I.S. 208 we will create lifelong learners and children who are proficient in the art of Sciences and the science of the Arts

COMMUNICATION: Upcoming Dates/Events

<i>October 31- November 27</i>	<i>Open school week Appointment only for student led conferences</i>	<i>All grades 6-8</i>
<i>November 30</i>	<i>Student led conferences by appointment Half Day of school- all students</i>	<i>Grade 5</i>
<i>November 3</i>	<i>First portion of senior dues is due</i>	<i>Grade 8</i>
<i>November 3</i>	<i>First Marking period ends</i>	<i>All grades</i>
<i>November 7</i>	<i>Election day- No students</i>	<i>All grades</i>
<i>November 14</i>	<i>Parent roundabout 9am</i>	<i>All parents</i>
<i>November 9</i>	<i>CDEC meeting- PS138 6:45pm</i>	<i>All parents</i>
<i>November 17</i>	<i>Pajama Day</i>	<i>Grade 8</i>
<i>November 21</i>	<i>Tolerance Day</i>	<i>All grades</i>
<i>November 22</i>	<i>Yellow day for Friendship</i>	<i>All grades</i>
<i>November 23-24</i>	<i>Thanksgiving observed</i>	<i>All grades</i>
<i>November 27-Nov 30</i>	<i>Student led conferences for grades 6-8</i>	<i>By appointment only</i>
<i>November 30</i>	<i>Student Led Conferences for grade 5</i>	<i>By appointment only Half a day for all students. Dismissal at 11:20am. No PTA After school</i>
<i>December 1</i>	<i>School Spirit day</i>	<i>All grades</i>

Congratulations to all of our parents, students and staff who have made the commitment to carry the torch of knowledge by taking a pledge to do their best!



Assistant Principal Positive Pupil Praise Award

Nicolai Christopher Reid	501	Asali Kwala	501
Amari Gomes	502	Rebekah Rosales	502
Amir Sanders	602	Naomi Nicoleau	602
Ariel Hardy	802	Matthew Clarke	804
Sacha Cruz- Tillery	701	Norman Perry	702
Steven Canedo	501	Aa'nyah Roberts	501
Xenee Lewis	502	Sean Jacobs	502
Tamia Thomas	503	Wyatt Jones Johnson	503
Gavin Buchanan	802	Cameron McPherson	701
Allahana Johnson	603		
Armani Medley	603	Niya Downer	603

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

*Gratitude
is the best
Attitude*

Character Trait of the Month: Gratitude

Country of the Month: Italy

U.S. State of the Month: West Virginia

Parent Engagement

FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

Parent Engagement

1. **Lost Items** - Please label all of your child's belongings (lunch bags, sweaters, book bags, jackets) with student name and class. The "Lost and Found" is located in the Student

Cafeteria. We have so many lost items that are not labeled. They are just sitting waiting to be claimed.

2. "NO SCHOOL" - Nov. 7 - *Election Day*, Nov. 23th and 24th - *Thanksgiving- School closed*
- ✓ $\frac{1}{2}$ **Day of School** - Thursday, November 30 - 11:20 am Dismissal - Open school, Student led conferences (1-3pm/5-7:30pm)
- ✓ **If your child needs to go to a doctor's appointment, please refrain from making these appointments during school time.** It disrupts instruction for both your child and others.
- ✓ Students were given a letter from the gym teachers at the beginning of the year stating that the students must have locks that are purchased from the school for their own **safety**. We have been having some issues with the locks in the locker rooms We have informed the students that if they do not remove those outside locks by next week, they will be clipped. Also, we are not responsible for phones, sneakers, or anything of value that is left on the bleachers and not locked in a locker. **Students must have a school lock that can be purchased from Mr. Dutka for \$6 and used locks are \$3.**
- ✓ **Please be reminded that Footballs are not permitted.**
- ✓ **Any child who forgets something in their classroom will not be permitted back upstairs after dismissal. Please do not ask the custodial staff or security to let your child in a room to retrieve anything. This goes against school policy. Please talk to your child about remembering everything they need to bring home at the end of the day.**

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### ***Seniors***

**November 3-** The First \$100.00 is due for Senior Dues. Please send in a money order made out to "PS/IS 208". Money will be collected during Period 6 and should be sent to Dr. Blaud. Students will receive a receipt. *Cash or checks will not be accepted.*

**December 8 at 8:30am-** Students will be measured for caps and gowns. They have also been given an envelope that can be returned on that day in order to order class rings.

**Dates of senior activities:**

**June 6- Prom - Inn at New Hyde Park 5pm-9pm**

**June 8- Senior BBQ**

**June 19- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Commencement ceremony**

**June 25- Senior Trip - Lake Compounce**

**Testing dates:**

ELA exam- April 11-12 (grades 3-8)

Math Exam- May 2- 3(grades 3-8)

NYS Science Written exam- Grades 4 and 8- June 4

Algebra 1 regents- June 12

Earth Science Regents- June 14



**Bullying in school:**

As you know, recently, there has been a lot of attention given to bullying in school. The ramifications of bullying are extremely detrimental and our students are the ones who are suffering. We must put an end to the bullying taking place inside the classroom and outside of the classroom. Children calling each other names, teasing, making anyone feel less than or not safe at school or at home by way of social media or the internet, will not be tolerated at any time. We are continuing our anti-bullying campaign. We will meet with students this month to go over expectations and feelings. We need your assistance. We have to stop saying “they are kids and kids will be kids”. This is not an excuse nor is it an acceptable answer. Students that bully other students will fall under the chancellor’s “Respect for all” campaign and there will consequences according to the NYC DOE Code of Discipline.

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*Thank you to all the parents that came out for our Pep Rally to support TORCH behaviors for our students. Thank you to the teachers who participated, our Parent Coordinator, Mr. Hunter and especially Mrs. Crossen who put the whole rally together and did an incredible job.*

## ***We are proud Penguins!***



## ***We had a great time on Character Literacy Day***



***Thank you to our PTA executive board for assisting with the treat portion of our day!***