

# **P.S. 8 Isaac Varian Parent Handbook 2020-2021**



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Dear Families,

**Welcome to P.S. 8x – Isaac Varian School.** We have a wonderful year planned and I look forward to meeting each of you as we work together to build a strong home-school connection. The P.S. 8 Staff and I will continue to provide your child with a safe, nurturing and challenging learning environment and will create an atmosphere that will make every child eager and happy to come to school every day.

Please read this handbook and share it with your child. The handbook has information you will need and will serve as a source of reference throughout the school year. Keep it handy!

As always, should you have any questions or concerns as the year progresses, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Respectfully,

Claudia Tahiraj-Sadrija, Principal

**“Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.”**

**-Bob Beauprez**

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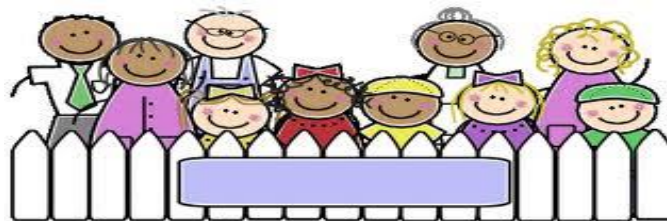
# School Vision & Mission Statement

Through a dedicated staff that embraces change and professional growth, we at P.S. 8, envision a school setting where all children can and will learn in a nurturing, safe, and risk-free environment and where students will meet high standards of excellence; academically, socially and emotionally. This philosophy is extended to our entire diverse school community.

Our mission is to provide children with experiences where they will discover their own uniqueness, personal worth, and academic potential. Children will achieve this through individualized differentiated instruction and cooperative learning in small and whole groups. Students will be afforded opportunities to broaden their horizons through activities, which foster their creativity, intellectual development and cultural and social awareness.

Forming partnerships between students, parents and staff in the learning process will have a positive impact on our learning community as children expand their knowledge and become responsible and influential citizens of tomorrow.

**“Striving for Excellence”**



## **ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM**

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## **MORNING ROUTINE**

All students re-entering PS 8 in September will need to comply with physical distancing guidelines and must maintain a distance of six feet at all times while wearing a face covering when on school property. These new guidelines, which are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, will significantly change how students move throughout the building during the day. Our school entry procedures will align with health and safety measures as outlined below:

### **DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL-BASED STAFF**

Daily health screenings, including temperature checks, must be completed at home by families. These daily health checks are aimed to keep school communities healthy and safe.

Students cannot report to school if they have:

- Knowingly been in close contact in the past 10 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID- 19.
- Tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 10 days.
- Experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100.0°F, in the past 14 days.
- Traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of

COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days.

### **RANDOM TEMPERATURE SCREENINGS**

Every morning, prior to entering the school, specific staff will perform random samplings of temperatures for both students and school-based staff using non-touch thermometers. Schools should screen people entering the building at random.

- Face coverings and gloves will be worn continually by designated staff taking temperatures.
- Schools are prohibited to record or track student/staff temperatures or other health information.

- Any student with a temperature of more than 100.4 from a random temperature check must be evaluated by the nurse or health professional. If a nurse or health professional is unavailable, student will be escorted to the building's Isolation Room.

Additionally, we have identified multiple points of entry (see chart below) to ensure that students are lining up for entry and supervised by sufficient staff to ensure that students are supported in maintaining physical distancing and using PPE.

Students are recommended to arrive with their own face coverings, however, if they do not have a face covering, one will be provided before entering the school building. Students are expected to line up in a single file line up with six feet markers following the identified traffic patterns with directional markings.

Signage to identify the morning entry protocols will be posted at the points of entry and within the lobby. Signage will be available in multiple languages as well.

Upon entry to the building, students will be directed to their assigned classrooms (six feet from one another) and will have the ability to collect breakfast (grab and go) at entry. Students must clean hands with sanitizer or with soap and water after entry and before entering class.

Setting the tone and modeling the importance of arriving to school on time is an extremely valuable lesson for our children. Our arrival procedure is listed below:

Grade	Arrival/Location	
Pre K	8:45 AM	Exit 4
K	8:40 AM	Mini-School
1	8:40 AM	Cafeteria
2	8:35 AM	School Yard
3	8:30 AM	EXIT 2/3
4	8:30 AM	EXIT 7
5	8:30 AM	EXIT 7

All students must be in school by **their designated arrival times** ready to learn. Please have a routine/system in place to ensure the timely arrival of your children. Lateness and absences will be monitored closely. \*\*\*Children who arrive after 8:45 am will be marked late and will be escorted by a staff member to the main office for confirmation of arrival.

Late arriving students must enter the building through the main door on Briggs Avenue.

## **WRONG DAY ARRIVAL**

Please refer to the schedule below to plan for the days that your child is scheduled to attend school. If your child comes to school on days when he/she is scheduled for remote learning, you will be notified to pick him/her up from school.

- If your child comes to school on days when he/she is scheduled for remote learning, you will be notified to pick him/her up from school.
- School will identify a non-instructional space or room (auditorium) in the school building for students who arrive on incorrect days.
- This space cannot be the isolation room (as detailed in the COVID-19 Health Policy), where students who are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms are sent until they are released to an adult.
- This space should allow for social distancing and follow other health and safety guidance. If schools identify a large space for students who arrive on the wrong day, students must be able to sit six feet apart.
- Students arriving on incorrect days should be able to participate in remote learning and access other resources, including grab and go meals, to ensure they are participating for the day if they cannot return home.

### **SEPTEMBER/MID-OCTOBER 2020 CALENDAR (In-Person)**

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1 SEPT 21-SEPT 25	A	B	A	B	C
WEEK 2 SEPT 28-OCT 2	NO SCHOOL YOM KIPPUR	C	A	B	C
WEEK 3 OCT 5-OCT 9	C	A	A	B	C
WEEK 4 OCT 12-OCT 16	NO SCHOOL COLUMBUS DAY	B	A	B	C

SUBJECT TO CHANGE/ PENDING DOE CALENDAR

## **LUNCH ROUTINES**

This year in order to maximize instructional time for in-person students, lunch will be instructional. *Lunch in the Classroom* will allow students to eat lunch during one of their regularly scheduled instructional periods. During *Lunch in the Classroom*, students will receive instruction related to the class scheduled for that time. As students are engaged in instruction for this class, they will also eat their lunch, maintaining all health and safety guidelines for in-person learning.

<b>Pre-K and Kindergarten</b>	<b>10:04 AM - 10:49 AM</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>10:51 AM - 11:36 AM</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	<b>11:38 AM - 12:23 PM</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>12:25 PM - 1:10 PM</b>





## **DISMISSAL ROUTINE:**

- **Pre-K** students will be dismissed from their classroom at 1:35 pm. Parents will enter through Exit 4 for pickup in room 130. Students not picked up on time will remain in their classroom with a school aide.
- **Kindergarten** students will be dismissed from their classroom in the Minischool at 1:35 p.m. Students not picked up on time will remain in their in room minischool until 1:55 pm with their teachers. Any remaining late students will be escorted to the auditorium by their teachers.
- **Grade 1** students be dismissed at 1:35 p.m. from the cafeteria and will remain in the cafeteria until they are picked up by a parent. A school aide will then escort remaining late students to the auditorium.
- **Grade 2** students will be dismissed at 1:40 p.m. Students not picked up on time will be escorted to the auditorium at 1:50 p.m by their teachers.

***Note: Parents/guardians of students in Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade not picked up on time must sign children out at the designated pick up areas.***

Children in **Grade 3** will be dismissed at **1:45 PM**. Children in **Grades 4 and 5** will be dismissed at **1:55 PM Monday through Friday** from the exits indicated in the table below. Students in grades 3-5 will be dismissed as authorized on the **"Student Dismissal Form."** Teachers must maintain accurate and updated rosters and student dismissal information. If there are any changes to a student's dismissal procedure, it must be shared with the teacher and the main office.

***Please be advised that consistent late pick-up is a NYC Department of Education safety code (N10-Student Not Picked Up) violation and considered negligent. Close monitoring of pick-up will occur.***

## **DISMISSAL EXITS**

<b>Pre-Kindergarten</b>	<b>Exit 4</b> to Briggs Avenue
<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Mini-School</b> Exit A: 401, 402 Exit B: 403, 404 Exit C: 406, 407
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	Parents will pick up in the cafeteria.- <b>Enter through Exit #8 and exit through Exit #9.</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Exit 5/6</b> to the yard
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Exit 2/3</b> on Briggs Avenue towards Mosholu Pkwy
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Exit 10</b> - Alleyway on Briggs Avenue
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Exit 7</b> to Bainbridge Avenue



# **HEALTH & SAFETY: COVID-19 PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS**

## **Four Core Actions for Prevention of COVID-19**

All staff, faculty, students, and visitors will:

- Maintain a Physical distance of 6 feet
- Wear a face covering
- Have access to handwashing stations/hand sanitizer
- Stay home when sick

## **Criteria to Open/Keep Schools Open:**

- For school buildings to open in September and remain open, on a weekly average the city must see fewer than 3% of all COVID-19 tests come back positive. Additionally, if 3% or more of New Yorkers who are tested for COVID-19 are found to have the virus after we open, school buildings will close again, and 100% of learning will be remote for every student.

## **Building Visitors:**

In an effort to limit the number of visitors in a school at any given time, as recommended by the CDC, schools are encouraged, where possible, to address all visitor and family concerns by phone or remotely. When it is essential to hold an in-person meeting, all visitors are required to follow the visitor control protocols, including complying with physical distancing requirements, wearing a face covering, and completing a Health Screening. The online health screening application can be found here:

<https://healthscreening.schools.nyc/>

## **Health Protocols**

- At all times, students and staff **must wear face coverings protecting their nose and mouth while at school or on their way to school**. Exceptions will be made for children who can't wear a face covering for medical reasons, and for younger children who aren't developmentally able to wear a face covering.
- Students and staff must **maintain six feet of physical distancing** throughout the school day, anywhere on school grounds and to and from school.
- Schools will be **cleaned throughout the day** and disinfected each night, with special attention to high-touch areas.
- **Face coverings, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies will be readily available** in throughout every school
- We will have a school-based team (**Building Response Team**) ready to respond in the event that there is a health concern in a school.
- We will have **designated isolation room/s (Room 120 and School Clinic)** for use in the event that a student becomes ill during the school day.
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## **Prevention:**

- Starting with the first day of the 2020-21 school year, if a student or staff member is feeling sick, they are required to stay home. Additionally, if their symptoms are consistent with COVID-19, they will be asked to get tested.

### **Feeling Sick in School:**

- If a student begins experiencing symptoms in school, they will be isolated and monitored by a school staff member until they are picked up by their parent or guardian. Staff members who become symptomatic at school must notify administration and immediately leave the building.

### **Testing:**

- All school staff members are asked to get tested for COVID-19 in the days leading up to the beginning of school and will be prioritized for expedited results at the 34 City-run testing sites. All school staff are also asked to get tested monthly during the school year. This free testing is also available for families citywide.

### **Tracing:**

- In the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case in a school, NYC Test + Trace and NYC Health will investigate to determine close contacts within the school. All students and teachers in the classroom with the confirmed case are assumed close contacts and will be instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days since their last exposure to that case. In older grades where students may travel between classes, this applies to all classes that the confirmed case was in.

### **Quarantine/Closure**

- If there's more than one case in a school, and it's not in the same classroom, learning will continue remotely and the school building will close for at least 24 hours while NYC Test + Trace and NYC Health investigate. Depending on the outcome of the investigation, affected classrooms or the whole building will remain closed for 14 days for quarantine. Students will continue their learning remotely during any necessary quarantine periods.

## **EARLY PICK-UP POLICY**

Every minute of instruction is highly valued at PS 8. Early pick-up is a consideration only when your child has a doctor's appointment (doctor's note is required upon return to school the following day) or a family emergency. In the event of a scheduled appointment where early pick up is necessary, please send a note to your child's teacher. If your child is in kindergarten, you must first come to the main office to sign your child out. Except in emergencies, please try to avoid taking your child out of school before regular dismissal time. This will avoid interrupting his/her instructional day.

**Early pick-up will end by 1:00 P.M. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

## RETURN TO SCHOOL FORMS & DOCUMENTS

On the the first day of school, students will be given a folder with the following handouts. Electronic copies will also be available on your child's grade specific google classrooms for students participating in Remote Learning: [www.ps8lions.com](http://www.ps8lions.com). Electronic documents and forms may be completed and emailed to Ms. Luz Maldonado, Principal's Secretary at [lmaldonado3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:lmaldonado3@schools.nyc.gov)

- Emergency Blue Form
- Lunch Application/Family Inquiry Form
- Supply List
- Media/Photo Release Form
- DOE Calendar
- P.S. 8 Student Expectations
- Dismissal Form (Grades 3-5 only)

**\*\*Please sign and return all documents ASAP\*\***

### EMERGENCY BLUE CARDS

ALL EMERGENCY BLUE CARDS **must** be filled out completely and returned/emailed to school immediately.

- Should we need to contact you, we will only reach out and call the names of the adults listed on the blue card.
- A child ***will not be released to anyone who is under age 18***, not listed on the card, and who does not have the proper identification.
- Please list only the names of adults who will be able to pick up your child. If a babysitter picks up your child, his/her name and phone # must be on the card.
- Please notify the school's main office immediately of any changes on the card (i.e. change of address, phone #'s & emergency contacts).
- It is extremely important that the school can reach you at one of the phone numbers you have listed. Remember to list all cell phone numbers & email addresses.



### SIGN OUT PROCEDURES/IDENTIFICATION/VISITORS

**ANY VISITOR TO THE BUILDING MUST STOP AT THE SECURITY DESK AND SIGN IN BEFORE HE/SHE IS DIRECTED TO THE MAIN OFFICE. ALL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THE VISITOR CONTROL PROTOCOLS, INCLUDING UNDERGOING A TEMPERATURE CHECK, COMPLETING A HEALTH SCREENING FORM, COMPLYING WITH PHYSICAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS AND WEARING A FACE COVERING.**

## **BUILDING VISITORS**

All visitors will receive a visitor's pass, which must be returned upon exiting the building. All visitors will be escorted to and from the meeting destination, in order to prevent visitors from accessing unauthorized areas, limiting the possibility of exposure. If a parent is called to the school to pick up his/her child, the child will be brought to the main lobby to meet the parent

- If it becomes necessary for your child to leave school during our instructional hours, a written notice must be sent to your child's teacher. Please arrive **NO LATER than 1:00 PM**, show proper photo ID, sign your child out in the office 'sign out' book, and accompany your child out of the school building.
- No child is permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours unless accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- Only an adult who has been designated on the blue emergency card may pick up your child.
- Without appropriate identification, the Safety Agent **will not** allow you into the building. (NYS Safety Code) **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
- This policy is set for the safety and security of all people in the building. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this matter.



## **OFFICE HOURS**

***The Main Office will open at 9:00 a.m. each day***



Minimizing opportunities for spread is a necessary component for maintaining health and safety in NYCDOE schools. In an effort to limit the number of visitors in our school at any given time, [as recommended by the CDC](#), we will address all visitor and parent concerns by phone or virtually.

If it becomes essential to hold an in-person meeting, all visitors will be required to follow the visitor control protocols, including undergoing a temperature check, completing a health screening form, complying with physical distancing requirements and wearing a face covering.

Parents will only be allowed to the Main Office once proper procedures have been followed upon entering the building and after an appointment has been made with the secretary.

Please note that no exceptions will be given regarding procedures or the school's office hours.

IRS and Face-to-Face letters must be requested via phone. Our secretary will then give you a date and time to pick up your letter.

## **LUNCH APPLICATIONS**



A breakfast/lunch application form will be sent home in a folder during the first week of school. An electronic copy will also be posted on our school's website. It must be completed/signed and returned to the school.

If you need assistance completing this form please feel free to contact Ms. Capo, Parent Coordinator at [mcapo@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:mcapo@schools.nyc.gov) or Ms. Lydiare Oquendo, Community Coordinator at [loquendo@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:loquendo@schools.nyc.gov).

## **FIRE/SITUATIONAL RESPONSE DRILLS/EMERGENCIES**

- Various drills will be conducted throughout the year.
- Children are taught the proper procedures and signals to follow to ensure their safety.
- In the event of emergency situations, the Principal and staff will follow the procedures outlined in our N.Y.P.D. approved School Safety Plan.
- News & Information: <http://schools.nyc.gov>



## **NOTICES**

Your child is the link between home and school.

- Please check your child's notebook, folder, and book bag/backpack, and Google Classroom **DAILY** for notices/information.

## **SCHOOLWORK & HOMEWORK**

- Please make sure your child brings his/her necessary supplies to school every day.
- Help your child develop the habit of preparing his/her school material for the next day before going to bed.
- Homework assignments will be given daily (in person and remotely)
- Check your child's Google Classroom Account to see that the assignments have been completed. Please do not do your child's homework for him/her.
- Inform your child's teacher if your child is having difficulty with schoolwork and or homework.
- Be sure your child reads for at least 30 minutes each night.



## **ABSENCE / LATENESS/WRONG DAY ARRIVAL**

- All student must arrive to school on time (See Arrival Times above)
- Good attendance is directly related to your child's academic performance.
- Tardiness is disruptive to the orderly operation of P.S. 8 and to student learning
- All children should be in attendance (remotely or in person) each day unless they are ill.
- When circumstances make it necessary for your child to be late or absent, please send a note to your child's teacher explaining the lateness or absence.
- In some cases a note from the doctor may be necessary.
- In cases of a prolonged absence, contact your child's teacher to see what arrangements can be made for keeping up with his/her lessons and assignments.
- If you notify the teacher in advance, missed class work and homework may be picked up from the office. If your child has been absent for a period of time without notification, the Attendance Teacher is mandated to conduct a home visit to verify the absence.
- ***If your child comes to school on days when he/she is scheduled for remote learning, you will be notified to pick him/her up from school***



## **SELECTED PLATFORM**

We will continue to use Google Classroom as our primary web-based platform to create students classes, share and organize information and assignments, communicate with students and families, and stay organized.

- Teachers will provide students and families the Google Classroom codes to connect with their teachers (blended and remote)
- Students will have a unique NYCDOE Gmail account. Information to set up your child's Gmail account will be shared with you.
- Teachers will also use ClassDoJo to communicate with families.

## **CONFERENCES / GRADE ORIENTATION**

- Two Open House Nights will be held this school year. (Dates TBA)
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held in November and March.
  - Please take advantage of these conferences to discuss your child's progress.
  - These conferences will be held virtually.
  - Specific dates, information and details to follow.
- Teachers will send home a notice prior to the Parent Teacher Conferences with available times for you to meet with them.



## **LOST & FOUND**

- All items found in our building are placed in a box located in the rear of the auditorium.
- Valuables such as eyeglasses and jewelry will be brought to the Main Office.
- Articles not picked up will be donated, if not claimed after approximately one month.

## **STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**

### **P.S. 8 is a No Place for Hate School**

- Respect and courtesy are vital elements in working together at P.S. 8.  
In September, you will receive the Chancellor's Citywide Behavioral Expectations to Support Student Learning Booklet
- Booklet: We ask that you review it with your child.
- All children must adhere to the Citywide Behavioral Expectations
- Respect for adults and peers are important concepts taught at school. Following school rules/procedures is critical in keeping our school calm and orderly.



## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

Parent involvement improves student achievement.

- Parent Workshops, Family Events and Activities will be scheduled throughout the school year. These activities will be held **virtually**.
- We ask that you make every effort to attend workshops and activities that we will offer throughout the year.
- School functions will be posted on the Parent Information Window, located outside the glass casing to the right of the main entrance and on our website: [www.ps8lions.com](http://www.ps8lions.com)

## **LICE PREVENTION**

### **NYC Department of Education Head Lice Policy (All schools)**

There is a "no head lice" policy for all NYC public schools, but no longer a "no nit" policy. Students found to have live head lice will be excluded from school and not allowed to return until they are lice-free. Students will be reexamined in 14 days to confirm that they have remained lice-free. Students with nits and no evidence of live head lice will not be excluded from school.

## **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

- All parents and guardians of children attending P.S. 8 are welcome to join the PA.
- The Parents Association is an active organization. Through the participation and involvement of parents, the P.A. organizes fundraising drives and school activities where proceeds directly enhance the quality of education for our children.
- The P.A. conducts informative Monthly General Meetings. Please consider becoming an active member of the Parent Association at P.S. 8.

## **SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM (S.L.T.)**

The SLT is a committee comprised equally of staff and parents who review the school-based approach to planning and shared decision-making. The committee meets a minimum of once per month and its main responsibility is to develop and revise the school's Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP).

- All parents are encouraged to become involved in our S.L.T.
- For the benefit of your child, inquire about becoming a member.
- More information may be accessed @ <http://schools.nyc.gov>

## **IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS/EMAILS**



- P.S. 8 Main Office – (718) 584-3035 Fax (718) 584-7376
- Parent Coordinator (Ms. Capo): [mcapo@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:mcapo@schools.nyc.gov)
- Community Coordinator: (Ms. Lydiaree Oquendo):  
[loquendo@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:loquendo@schools.nyc.gov)
- School Based Health Clinic – Ext: 1390/1391
- School Counselors
  - Mr. Mejia, [jmejia2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:jmejia2@schools.nyc.gov)
  - Ms. Castillo, [icastillo5@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:icastillo5@schools.nyc.gov)
  - Ms. Mercado, [mmercado@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:mmercado@schools.nyc.gov)
- School Based Support Team –
  - Dr. Jeffry Solomon, Psychologist - Ext: 1230 [jsolomon2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:jsolomon2@schools.nyc.gov)
  - Amanda Fontanez (Bil. Family Worker) Ext: 1430 [afontanez2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:afontanez2@schools.nyc.gov)
  - Rafael Andrades (Family Worker) Ext: 1431 [randrades@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:randrades@schools.nyc.gov)
- Parent Association (PA) - Ext.1320
- Office of Pupil Transportation (O.P.T.) (718) 392-8855
- 52<sup>nd</sup> Precinct (718) 220-5811
- NYC Department of Education: <http://schools.nyc.gov>
- Government Services & Information Dial 311

## **BUS TRANSPORTATION**



- Bus transportation services are provided for eligible students.
- Parents whose children ride private bus transportation should provide the school with written documentation indicating the name of the driver, the bus service and telephone number of the driver.
- Pupils must conform to the standards of behavior considered appropriate and conducive to safety.



## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND BEHAVIOR**

One of the most important lessons education teaches is taking responsibility/ownership of one's actions. While it does not appear as a subject, it underlies the whole educational structure. To ensure the rights of each student to attend school in a safe, positive environment, it is the student's responsibility to:

- Take care of books, materials, desks and the school building
- Be respectful of the property of others
- Be kind and helpful to staff and other students
- Be truthful and honest at all times
- Use language that is not offensive to anyone
- Never get involved in a physical fight

## **IMPORTANT DATES & SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

### **First Day of School**

September 16 – All Remote Orientation begins

September 21 – In Person Learning Begins

September 28 – Yom Kippur (No School)

October 12 - Columbus Day Observed

November 3 - Election Day (Remote Day for all students)

November 11 – Veteran's Day (No School)

November 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving Recess (No School)

December 24 through January 1, 2019 – Winter Recess

January 18 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)

February 15 through 19 - Mid-winter Recess

March 29 through April 2 - Spring Recess

May 31 -- Memorial Day Observed (No School)

June TBA – Chancellor's Conference Day (No School)

June TBA -- June Clerical Day (No School)

June 25 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## **TESTING DATES-** **(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

- NYSESLAT Assessment  
**Dates:** Begins April 19, 2021 through May 28, 2021
- New York State ELA Test – Grades 3 through 5  
**Dates:** April 20 – 22, 2021
- New York State Math Test – Grades 3 through 5  
**Dates:** May 4 -6, 2021
- New York State Science Performance Test – Grade 4  
**Date:** May 25 through June 4, 2021
- New York State Written Science Test – Grade 4  
**Date:** June 7, 2021



## **PARENT TEACHER REPORT CARD CONFERENCE DATES**

November and March dates TBD

- Conferences will be held in the afternoon and the evening. (Virtually)
- Notices will be sent home prior to each conference date.
- Any other meeting time with your child's teacher may be set up throughout the year. We urge you to keep in constant contact with your child's teacher.





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## **Parent Handbook: 2020-2021**

Please read the handbook and familiarize yourself with the information it provides. Your signature below is an acknowledgement of receipt and understanding of the information it contains.

Please complete the bottom and tear off this page and return to school.

I acknowledge that I have received and read the PS 8 Parent Handbook.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom/Cohort \_\_\_\_\_