



# THE CHRONICLE

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a rejuvenating mid-winter break, filled with moments of relaxation and joyous times with family and friends. As we gather again, let's embrace the final week of February with optimism and a renewed spirit. This time allows us to reflect on our achievements and set our sights on the opportunities that lie ahead in the coming months.

The New York State Assessments are rapidly approaching, with the **ELA exam** scheduled for **April 11th and 12th**, just 6 weeks away. Following closely, the **Math exam** is set for **May 7th and 8th**, with the **8th-grade Science exam** on **May 15th**, marking 9 and 10 weeks away respectively. Our 8th graders will be taking the computer-based versions of these assessments, including the ELA, Math, and Science exams. Looking further ahead, the **Algebra I Regents exam** is on **June 4th**, and the **Living Environment Regents** is on **June 14th**.

To ensure our students are well-prepared, we've assigned targeted practice on I-Ready, with all students expected to complete 60 minutes of both Math and ELA practice weekly. This practice is designed to bolster students' skills and confidence, directly contributing to their success on the state exams. Additionally, we are offering after-school support through our State Readiness Programs on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:20-3:30 pm. For 8th graders, specialized tutoring sessions are available to prepare for the Science exam, ensuring comprehensive coverage and preparation for all assessments.

The vacation assignments handed out before the break are due today, Monday, February 26th. As our policy outlines, timely submission is crucial, with late assignments facing grade reductions. These assignments will contribute to the third marking period grades.

Every year, families complete the **NYC School Survey**. The purpose of the survey is to help us understand your perspective about our school environment in order to make improvement & better support all students & families. **Our goal is to have 100%** of parents & students complete the surveys. We are sending home the surveys this week. This survey provides us with information on what we are doing well & areas of improvement. We want to hear from you. All students and their families that submit a completed survey will receive a raffle ticket (**to win movie tickets**) and students will earn 25 ClassDojo Points. If you are not able to complete the survey, please contact Ms. Ovalles, the Parent Coordinator.

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### REMINDERS

#### Promotion In Doubt

Letters were mailed.

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### Free Eye Exam

Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

Was postponed

#### Virtual SLT Meeting

Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

**3:00pm**

#### Picture Re-Take

Wed., February 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Mandated Meeting for Adult English Class

Wed. February 28<sup>th</sup>

**5:00pm**

#### State Readiness After School Program Wed. & Thursdays

**2:20pm – 3:30pm**

## FORMS

If you have the following  
**forms**, bring it to the Office  
Lunch Form & Emergency  
Contact

If You or Anyone in Your  
Family/Home  
Feels Sick!

**STAY HOME & GET**

A reminder of our Cell Phone Policy: In-building cell phone use is prohibited to maintain a safe and focused educational environment. Violations disrupt learning and compromise safety, leading to disciplinary actions. We urge students to secure their phones in Yondr Pouches upon arrival, with any infractions resulting in confiscation and potential parent involvement for retrieval.

Please mark your calendars for the **Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences**, scheduled for Thursday, **March 14th from 12:30pm-2:30pm and 4:00pm - 7:30pm**. On this day, school will dismiss early at 11:30 am for all students. These conferences are a crucial opportunity for parents to review their child's progress report for the third marking period. This year, we are placing a special emphasis on student involvement in these discussions. Students are encouraged to actively participate and will take the lead in the student-led conferences. This approach not only empowers students to take ownership of their academic journey but also fosters a more interactive and meaningful conversation about their achievements and areas for growth. We believe that involving students directly in these conversations is essential for their development and understanding of their own learning process.

Lastly, ensuring we have your current contact information is vital for receiving our weekly newsletters and monthly calendars. For updates, please reach out to our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Ovalles, via email or phone. Seniors and families, for high school enrollment information, visit the NYC Department of Education's official website. For the latest updates, continue to visit our website.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Wishing everyone a healthy and productive week ahead!

Warm regards, Jean Colon, Principal

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFERENCES**

*(If you would like to speak to your child's Professor, please call our Parent Coordinator Ms. Ovalles.)*

**Congratulations to Class 704 for having the highest Attendance Percentage of 95.9% for the week of February 12th.**

Classes: **601**—90.8%, **602**—90.5%, **603**—88.4%, **604**—94.7%

Classes: **701**—82.5%, **703**—88.0%, **704**—95.9%, **705**—89.1%

Classes: **801**—84.2%, **802**—90.0%, **803**—93.7%, **804**—92.4%, **805**—87.3%

**CONGRATULATIONS to Class 000 for having the highest attendance percentage of 000% for the month of **January** you DID NOT WON A SUBWAY DAY on \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**KAPPA III WEB SITE**

*Check it out*

<https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/>

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Thoughts to ponder....

*“A clear vision, backed by definite plans, give you a tremendous feeling of confidence and personal gain.”*

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**Ms. Matthews** – Senior Activities: Senior Dance June 6<sup>th</sup>, Affirmation Day June 12<sup>th</sup>, Graduation June 18<sup>th</sup>, Senior Trip June 20<sup>th</sup>

**Social Worker Ms. Williams** –

### **Highlights for Grade 6**

**Math**— we are working on expressions & equations using distributive property. We’re collecting math winter recess homework, due first day we return back to classroom.

**ELA** — we will continue reading *Two Roads*, with a focus on identifying emerging themes within the novel. In addition, we will examine sample short response in order to build our knowledge of how tests are scored & improve our answers to short response prompts.

**Science** – we will discuss the characteristics that distinguish living things from nonliving things.

**Social Studies** – we will continue working on test prep package. Lesson 5 – The kingdom of Kush pgs 27-29; Lesson 7 – West Meets East pgs 35-37; Lesson 8 – Building and Empire pgs 39, 40 & 47; Lesson 9 – pgs 43, 44 & 45; Vocabulary Test.

**Physical Ed**— Proper ways to grab & swing a tennis racquet.

**Music** – we will be working on  $\frac{3}{4}$  time.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua** – welcome back. Hope you had a wonderful winter break. We will continue to complete IPR’s. Attendance is important. Remember to come to school every day and on time. March Madness is approaching. Have a wonderful week.

### **Highlights for Grade 7**

**Math**— we will begin to work on our final major unit, probability, before the state exam.

**ELA**— we are happy to back from break and eager to continue our Harlem Renaissance unit. We will also continue with test prep, beginning with our new fictional article titled “The Great Whale of Kansas”, where students analyze the central idea, figurative language & text elements.

**Science**— you were supposed to submit your circulatory and respiratory system project today during science class. Today, we are going to learn more about other body systems such as the skeletal and muscular system. How do they work together.

**Social Studies**— we will introduce our Continental press Test Prep activities.

**Physical Ed**— Proper ways to grab & swing a tennis racquet.

**Music** – we will be finishing up the first 5 notes and starting a project.

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### **Highlights for Grade 8**

**Math**— we will continue our new unit on Geometry. We will use the Pythagorean Theorem in order to find the missing lengths of right triangles.

**ELA** — we will continue to work on our Module 2 End of Unit Essay. We will also begin Bend II of the Test Prep Packet learning strategies to answer extended response questions.

**Science**— we will look at Comets, Meteor and meteoroid & genetics.

**Social Studies**— we will begin unit 3: The United States as an Expansionist Nation. We will analyze how manifest destiny was used to expand to the West.

**Physical Ed**— Proper ways to grab & swing a tennis racquet.

**Health**— unit 3 the stages of addiction and why is it dangerous.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Vollmer** – Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed a week of relaxation! Any student who is 14 years old or will be 14 by June can apply for the Summer Youth. All students received their papers to have filled out. It is due this Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please hand in paperwork to Ms. Price. Also, High School results will be coming out on March 7<sup>th</sup>.