



THE CHRONICLE

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend! We had a successful first two days and it was wonderful to see all of our scholars and staff back in the classroom. Please be reminded that the **school day begins at 8:00am and ends at 2:20pm. Breakfast begins at 7:30am.**

Every morning we gather students in the gym for our morning routine. Why morning routines? Mornings can be a hectic time, but they don't have to be! Creating a calm morning routine can help all students start every day on the right foot. A morning routine is more than just getting students ready for the day, it's about building connections, promoting healthy relationships, expressing thoughts and feelings with others in a calming safe space. **We ask that all students arrive by 7:45am to participate in our Mindfulness Activities.**

September 11th will remain a day that shaped the course of the nation's history. Our students in high school and middle school were not yet born on September 11, 2001 but have still grown up in a cultural and political environment that owes much to the actions of the United States in response to 9/11. Like so many of you, I can remember exactly where I was on that September morning. During morning routine today we took a moment of silence to remember all those lives we lost on September 11th, 2001.

One of our goals this year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life. We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But we also know that when students miss too much school—regardless of the reason—it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing more than 10 days over the course of an entire school year.

Cell phones and communication devices are valuable and necessary tools; however, they are a distraction to the learning process. **Cell phones will be collected every morning.** Students caught using their cell phones during the day, will be reported to the DOE Reporting System. Communication devices will be

SPECIAL NOTICES

REMINDERS

**Virtual
Meet & Greet**
Thursday, September 21st
4:30pm – 8:00pm

Yom Kippur
No School
Monday, September 25th

FORMS

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

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

**STAY HOME & GET
TESTED**

KAPPA III WEB SITE

Check it out
<https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/>

confiscated from students who use them during the school day. Confiscated items will be returned to parents or to the child at the discretion of the administration. Additionally, based on experience, the use of some devices has led to inappropriate communication during assessments (testing). Therefore, the use of such devices will be considered cheating, and a grade of zero will be issued for that day's class activity (such as class work, quiz, or examination). Students and parents are strongly advised to keep these devices at home. Students may use the office phone to communicate with parents/guardians at any time during the school day.

This week all parents will receive an invitation to their child's Google Classroom for each content. This information will give you access to your child's performance on a daily basis. We are also sharing our Grading Policy with you as it serves as an important tool that demonstrates what students learn, how they learn it and how successfully they master the content.

KAPPA III Grading Policy:

- 20% - Homework
- 25% - Classwork/Notebook
- 30% - Exams and Projects
- 10% - Quizzes
- 15% - Participation

If you have any questions or concerns, you may call the school or contact your child's professor via Google Classroom.

As always, to ensure communication between home and school, I encourage you to refer to our school website for up-to-date information: <https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/>. Please make sure you receive our weekly chronicle and monthly calendar for up-to-date information on our events. While the school building is closed, you may contact our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Ovalles with any questions via email (jpena26@schools.nyc.gov) or phone (914-481-2666).

Thank you for your continued support and wish you and your family good health.

Have a wonderful week!!

Respectfully, Jean Colon, Principal

6th, 7th & 8th GRADE CONFERENCES

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

Congratulations to Class 803 for having the highest **Attendance Percentage of 89.5%** for the **week of September 4th**.

Classes: **601**—77.1%, **602**—81.1%, **603**—82.4%, **604**—81.3%, **605**—56.3%

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CONGRATULATIONS to Class 000 for having the highest attendance percentage of **00.0%** for the month of **September** you **WON A SUBWAY DAY** on **Friday, October TBA**.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Thoughts to ponder....

“The more that you READ, The more things you will KNOW.

Ms. Matthews – .

Social Worker Ms. Williams –.

Highlights for Grade 6

Math— we are exploring area & surface area for unit 1. In addition, this week we will have students building upon their foundations with measuring area & surface area. We will find the area of a right angle, quadrilaterals, while decomposing the shapes & learning Math Vocabulary words.

ELA — we will launch our unit on Greek mythology. In addition, we will begin Word Generation, our vocabulary building program.

Science – this week young scientists will discuss the scientific methods/process & make connection to the article about living in space.

Social Studies – 5 Themes of Geography lessons 2, 3, & 4.

Physical Ed— How to follow rules in the gym, why is importance to follow then & how can traffic lights be represented in the gym

Music – We will be starting African drumming.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua – We will begin to conduct Career Tracker Interviews for the students. Remember the importance on attendance. Miss a day, Miss a Lot. Have a great week of learning

Highlights for Grade 7

Math— We will be reviewing concepts from 6th grade that will be important for 7th grade as well as introducing the unit on Rational Numbers.

ELA— welcome back! This week we will begin our class novel, A Long Walk to Water. Our targeted skills for this week will be making inferences, writing a gist, & using details to support our ideas.

Science— we will start to focus on microbiology.

Social Studies— Welcome Back! We will analyze the arrival & culture of Native Americans to North America.

Physical Ed— How to follow rules in the gym, why is importance to follow then & how can traffic lights be represented in the gym.

Music – We will be reviewing reading rhythms.

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Highlights for Grade 8

Math— We will begin our first unit of the year. Students will be able to describe the movement of figures around the coordinator plane using specific math vocabulary

ELA — we will be launching Module 1 to be able to answer the question “why do we see evidence of myths & traditional stories in modern narratives. Students will receive the class novel, Summer of the Mariposas which will be required reading.

Science— Review of the scientific method.

Social Studies— We will analyze the causes that led to the Civil War.

Physical Ed— How to follow rules in the gym, why is importance to follow then & how can traffic lights be represented in the gym.

Health— unit 1 Emotional and mental health & how to build healthy relationships.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Bandler – I am looking forward to getting to know your child so they can be extremely successful this year academically. I will also be supporting your child by helping them with choosing the right high school that meets their specific needs. I will also be supporting them with any social emotional issues they may be experiencing this year.