



The Scholars' Academy

An Accelerated College Preparatory School for Grades 6-12

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May 14th, 2014: Principal's Parent Association Report Continued:

Please see these announcements from staff:

Dean's Office:

Health/Wellness/Nutrition Panel and Shape-Up Class

- In collaboration with Service NYC and the Mayor's Office, Scholars' Academy will be hosting a health/wellness/nutrition panel this Friday, May 16th for the entire 6th grade. This panel will include a research assistant from Columbia University Medical Center, a nutritionist and fitness experts provided by Equinox Gyms. In addition, students will be participating in a Shape-Up class in the schoolyard, where they will be taught exercise tips and techniques.

Department of Transportation Safety Education Classroom Visits on 5/27 and 5/29

- On May 27th and May 29th, the DOT will be visiting all 6th grade classes to review safety tips and procedures for pedestrians in NYC. NYC DOT statistics show that most pedestrian injuries and fatalities occur in this age range.

Pedestrian Safety

- Students are strongly discouraged from jaywalking across Rockaway Beach Boulevard between Rite Aid and the bus stop. Instead, students should walk to the corner and cross at the light. Walking across the middle of a street, and not at cross walk, is illegal and dangerous. Taking the extra minute to walk to the corner could save you from serious injury from approaching traffic; never assume that drivers will see you while you're crossing the street.
- This important safety issue has been discussed with students during morning arrival and in their homerooms. Please address this issue with your child.

Athletics:

- PSAL Girls Softball team is currently undefeated with a perfect 13-0 record.
- PSAL Girls Soccer has been approved and will begin in mid August.
- The PSAL Coed Golf team won the Ryder Cup last week by defeating their Brooklyn rivals from Midwood and Fort Hamilton.
- The PE Dept is currently running a fitness/sports hybrid unit. Students are able to participate in an Ipad Fitness Warmup Students then go outdoors for their sports instruction.
- The 6th Grade will be taking part in our 9th Annual Field Day Sports Picnic at Bergen Beach. 6A/607 was on Tuesday May 13th and 6b / 608 will take place on Thursday May 15th.
- Our annual HS Sports Awards Dinner is taking place on May 28th at Roma View from 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Tickets are still available . See Ms Molino if interested.

- The Middle School Boys Basketball team won the Peninsula Championship with a big win over Goldie Maple Academy last Friday.
- Basketball Shotclock cages are slated to be installed by the Nickerson Corporation within the next 2 weeks.
- Thank you to Councilman Ulrich and the Participatory Budget Process and securing funds for the purchase and installation of Gym Wall Mats. Please stop by the gym and take a peak, the mats look amazing!
- A big thank you to the PTA for their purchase of all Athletic shirts for each team.

Upcoming Trips and End of Year Events:

- **6th grade**
 - Poet's House Trip for 6A May 27th, 6C May 28th, 6B May 29th
 - Field Day 5/13 for 6A/607 and 5/15 for 6B/608
- **7th grade**
 - Philadelphia Trip Tomorrow
 - Mo Math Museum Trip 5/19 for 7B and 5/20 for 7A and 7C
- **8th grade**
 - Trip to Chelsea Piers - Monday, May 19th, all day trip
 - Dance at Russo's On The Bay - Thursday, June 5th, 12pm-4pm
 - Graduation Ceremony @ Beach Channel High School - Wednesday, June 25th @ 9:30am

Upcoming Community Service Events

- **JDRF Walk** (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundations) - Saturday, May 31st @ 9 AM at the Ave Maria Catholic Academy in Howard Beach (join the Scholars' Academy team online!)
- **AIDS WALK** - Sunday, May 18th @ 9 AM at 59th St & 5th Ave in Manhattan (join the Scholars' Academy GSA team online!)
- **Walk Now for Autism Speaks** - Sunday, May 18th @ 10 AM at Flushing Meadows Corona Park

National Honor Society

- 7th & 10th graders that met the criteria for NJHS/ NHS and submitted their applications on time will be notified by Monday, May 19th with a formal invitation to the induction ceremony
- The NJHS induction ceremony (7th graders) will take place on Tuesday, June 10th in the Scholars' Academy theater at 1:30 PM
- The NHS induction ceremony (10th graders) will take place on Monday, June 2nd in the Scholars' Academy theater at 1:30 PM

Spring Concert & Arts Festival

- Thursday, May 22nd @ 6:30pm
- Band, chorus and dance performances
- Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door

Academic Acceleration Programs:

We have been offering a variety of AP and Regents preparatory classes this month and some of them will continue through June. Please refer to The Scholars' calendar for a list of these morning, after-school and Saturday courses. We will also communicate shortly the summer courses that we will offer this year in July and August for enrichment and or Regents Prep.

7th Grade Philadelphia Trip Updates for Tomorrow:

- Our annual trip to Philly will take place tomorrow, May 15th!
- **Students should arrive to school by 6am tomorrow.**
- Students should bring a snack or breakfast for the bus ride there. They should also bring a bottle of water and a nominal amount of spending money.
- Students should not bring glass bottles, excessive amount of candy, gum, ipods, headphones, electronics, or medication not already approved by the nurse. Cameras may be brought but are the student's responsibility to keep track of.
- Students should bring cell phones to call home at designated times. Phones are not to be used outside of these times during the trip.
- Scholars' gym pants, sneakers, and the Philly T-Shirt should be worn for the trip.

Testing Updates:

- All testing information can be found on the Scholarsnyc.com page, the website is the Scholars' Academy Parent Testing Resources
- Students in grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 & 12 just completed the NYC English Performance Assessment, students that were absent will make up the exam on Friday, May 16 or Monday, May 19
- Students in grades 6 & 7 just completed the NYC Science Performance Assessment, students that were absent will make-up the exam on Friday, May 16
- Advanced Placement (AP) Exams took place beginning May 5 the last exam will take place on May 15; students will receive their scores on-line through collegeboard on July 9
- Grade 7 - NYS Science Practical Exam will take place on May 21, 22 & 27; each class will be assigned a specific day
- Grade 7 - NYS Science Written Exam will take place on June 2
- Grade 8 - Common Core Algebra 1 Regents will take place on June 3
- Grade 8 - Living Environment Regents will take place on June 17
- Grade 8 - Spanish Proficiency Exam will take place on June 23 (the speaking portion of the exam will take place beginning April 1)

June Regents Exam Dates

- June 3 - Regents in Algebra I (Common Core) (AM)
- June 17 - US History and Government Regents (AM), Living Environment (PM)
- June 18 - Global History & Geography Regents (AM), Physics Regents (PM)
- June 20 - Integrated Algebra (AM), Geometry (PM), Algebra 2/Trigonometry (PM)
- June 23 - Spanish Proficiency (AM), Spanish LOTE (PM)
- June 24 - Chemistry Regents (AM)

**With the change to Common Core aligned assessments and specifically with the new Common Core aligned English Regents, we will be administering a practice Common Core English Regents to our 10th and 11th grade students on May 20th to use this data to make informed decisions for when students will take this exam in high school.*

College Office:

- Congratulations to our current seniors who have been awarded 204 scholarships, totaling: **\$9,128,640!**
- All 11th grade students must ask 2 teachers for letters of recommendation, complete the counselor questionnaire, and the parents must complete the parent questionnaire by May 27th

- All 11th grade parents are invited to schedule a college meeting with their child's college advisor. Please contact Mrs. Villa, Mrs. Caraccio, or Ms. DeBlasio for a meeting