



The Scholars' Academy

An Accelerated College Preparatory School for Grades 6-12

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Greeting Parents,

After this Friday, our students will be on holiday break until Wednesday, April 23rd, 2014. Students report back to school, typical time, on that Wednesday, April 23rd. We wish you and your families a wonderful and much deserved break. As you know, the math exams for middle school will take place the week following our return from Spring break.

Our students just completed the first leg of the Spring testing schedule. I am confident, given direct observation of our students' preparedness, that we will reap positive results from this challenging and lengthy exam. We surveyed the students and many students stated that the test was too long. We have passed this feedback on to several contacts.

As you read this principal's report, you will be able to stay current with the numerous complex events and issues that our school tackles. At the next Parent Association Meeting, you will be voting to continue the Friday 1:12pm dismissal which is critical to our on-going staff development and student support. We are applying for a big after school grant, through Millennium Development, that may support some middle school student after school programs on Friday as well, but such is in the planning phases. I ask that you support our continuation of this year's schedule next year as it is critical to the success of our school.

Thank you and have a great holiday break!

Sincerely,
Principal O'Connell

Upcoming Community Service Events:

- SATURDAY, APRIL 26th - PARKINSON'S UNITY WALK
- SATURDAY, MAY 3rd - WALK TO END LUPUS NOW
- SUNDAY, MAY 18th - AIDS WALK NY
- SUNDAY, MAY 18th - AUTISM SPEAKS WALK
- **SATURDAY, MAY 31st - JDRF WALK HOWARD BEACH**
- **THE SCHOLARS' ACADEMY WILL BE WALKING IN THE AIDS WALK AND JDRF WALK**
- **STUDENTS CAN EARN 5 HOURS OF SERVICE FOR PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF THESE EVENTS**

College Office:

- During Mrs. Villa's maternity leave, all college concerns and matters for 11th and 12th grade students are being directed to Ms. DeBlasio; she can be reached at Ext. 3201
- Individual Junior College meetings are continuing until the beginning of May with Ms. DeBlasio and Mrs. Caraccio
- 10th Grade College Ready Meetings - During the week of 4/7 - 4/11 students will meet in groups during their elective periods to explore the different AP and College level courses that are available. Each student will be given their transcript and an individualized letter outlining their college ready, college preparedness status, type of diploma and graduation requirements.

High School Admissions:

- Students had until March 21st to submit a final decision to Mrs. Gilgur regarding which high school they plan to attend in September 2014 and/or to submit a Round 2 application if they were interested in applying to schools that have seat availability in Round 2 or new high schools opening in September
- Results of Round 2 applications will become available sometime in May - an exact date has not been released by the Office of Student Enrollment
- After Round 2 results are released, students can file appeals if they are still not satisfied with the high school they are matched to
- Ms. Gilgur will be conducting a High School Admissions workshop for 7th grade students and their families before the May PTA meeting on May 14th at 5:00 PM
- Any current 7th or 8th grade students and their parents interested in visiting and taking a tour of the Lawrence Woodmere Academy - please contact Ms. Gilgur - the school has invited our students to tour their school on Thursday, May 8th

National Junior Honor Society/ National Honor Society:

- Current 7th & 10th graders who meet the criteria (as stated in the parent handbook) for NJHS or NHS, will receive an application for NJHS/ NHS on Thursday, April 24th
- Students will be notified by Friday, May 16th if they are officially invited to the 2014 NJHS/ NHS Induction Ceremonies (Date TBD)

STH (Students in Temporary Housing):

- School uniforms and supplies are available for STH HS students in Ms. DeBlasio's office (college office - 3rd floor).
- School uniforms and supplies are available for STH MS students in Mr. Moretta's office (guidance office - 1st floor).

7th Grade Philadelphia Trip:

- 230 7th graders have signed up for the May 15th trip to Philadelphia. We have run this trip many times in years past and it is always enjoyed by all students. Some of the sites we will visit are: The Liberty Bell, Franklin Institute of Science, and Constitution Center.

City-Wide Science Fair:

- On Saturday March 22nd three middle school students represented The Scholars' Academy at the NYC Annual Science Fair in Manhattan
- Raymond Zhuo, Maeve Kearns - Stanley, & Sasha Fomina attended
- Raymond Zhuo received third place for the 6th grade category; Maeve received second place for the 7th grade category, and Sasha received third place for the 8th grade category. Congratulations to all!

Athletics:

- Congratulations to the PSAL Girls Softball team and their 6-0 start.
- MS Boys Basketball won their playoff game today and will play for the Peninsula League Championship on Friday April 2th at Scholars against Goldie Maple Academy.
- The HS Baseball team had their first scrimmage this week against Goddard HS.
- Congratulations to Ms. Bulatewicz and the MS Track and Field team this week with their impressive turnout in the NYC Road Runners Race. Aidan D. came in first place in NYC with a 5:58 mile run.

Dean's Office:**Body Worlds Museum:**

- The 8th grade will be taking a trip to visit the Body Worlds Museum in Times Square on 4/30 and 5/1

Health/Nutrition/Wellness Panel:

- On May 16, in collaboration with NYC Service, and the Mayor's Office, Scholars' Academy will be hosting a Health/Nutrition/Wellness panel for our 6th and 11th graders. The panel will consist of experts from the field of nutrition and fitness. In addition, our 11th grade students will be participating in a Shape-Up class, sponsored by experts affiliated with Equinix Gym, to receive hands-on experience with new and exciting fitness tips and techniques

Broadridge/PENCIL Resume Workshop:

- On May 21st, representatives from Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., will be hosting a resume writing workshop for high school students.
- They will be offering advice on how to create resumes and tips on what employers look for when seeking new hires.