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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The busy holiday season has arrived! With all the hustle and bustle that goes along with the season, it is sometimes difficult for youngsters to remain focused on school work as they anticipate the many joys and festivities the holidays bring. On or about December 11th, **Interim Progress Reports** for the second marking period will be distributed and will be posted on Pupilpath. Kindly review the report with your youngster and contact his/her teachers if you have any questions or concerns. You also should continue to check the academic progress of your child on Pupilpath. Please contact Ms. Shirley Bryant, our Parent Coordinator, (718-353-6464 ext. 1231 or email: SBryant22@schools.nyc.gov) if you still need Pupilpath login information. Second quarter report cards will be distributed in mid-January.

PTA MEETING & WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL

Our next **PTA meeting** will be held on Thursday evening, December 21st. The meeting will be followed by our **Winter Arts Festival**. Please come to admire our students' beautiful art work and listen to their wonderful vocal and instrumental music selections. Doors will open at 6:45 P.M. Tickets (\$5.00 each) will be available starting Monday, December 11th, and may be purchased from the Talent Department teachers. We truly appreciate your support as we continue to provide our youngsters with valuable arts instruction and experiences.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018

In January, we will host **Gallery Walks** to showcase the creative talents of our art students. In February and March, we will conduct **Parent Information Sessions** to address parent concerns about standardized testing, promotion criteria and grade level academic expectations. Also, back by popular demand, we will host two **Parents as Arts Partners** presentations in early spring. We hope that you will join us for all these special events as well as any others that may come up. Specific details about topics, dates and times will be provided in the January calendar.

Please note the following important dates and events:

December 5 th	6 th Grade Trip to Liberty Science Center
December 7 th	7 th Grade Movie Trip
December 11 th (approx.)	Interim Progress Reports Distributed and Posted Online
December 12 th	SLT Meeting 3:30 PM
December 15 th	Cap & Gown Measurement for Grade 8 City Harvest Food Drive
December 21 st	Winter Arts Festival 6:45 PM
December 22 nd	Spirit Day – Students wear their favorite holiday sweaters! Last Day of School before Winter Recess

School reopens Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Best wishes for a peaceful and joyous holiday season and for good health, happiness and success in the New Year!

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman
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