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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope that your holidays were filled with joy and that 2018 is a year with good health, success and prosperity for all.

January is the perfect time for all of us to re-commit ourselves to work together to provide quality education for our children. Our teachers and administrators are constantly seeking new and improved ways to make instruction more meaningful and effective. As parents and guardians, you can help support your child's learning by regularly asking questions about school such as:

- *What did you learn in math (science, social studies, English, health...) today?*
- *May I see your homework?*
- *When is your next test in math (science social studies, English...)? What material will it cover? How can I help you study so that you will do well?*
- *What did you have for lunch?*
- *What after school programs are there that you might like to join?*
- *Do you have any notices for me to read and/or sign?*

The exact questions you ask don't really matter; the important thing is that you *ask* them to reassure your child that you are interested in his/her school day and that you will help him/her be successful. Please remember to check our website, www.rcis237.com and Pupilpath regularly for information about school events and to monitor your child's academic progress. Parents who have not yet logged onto Pupilpath should contact our Parent Coordinator Ms. Shirley Bryant (SBryant22@schools.nyc.gov) or phone ext. 1231) for assistance as soon as possible.

REMINDERS AND NEW INFORMATION

Winter Arts Festival

Our Winter Arts Festival was extremely well-attended; nearly every seat in the audience was filled with I.S. 237 families and community members who came to see the beautiful work created by our talented art students and hear the wonderful musical pieces performed by our chorus, band and strings youngsters.

Midterm Exams

All students will be taking midterm examinations in the following subject areas: math, science, English, social studies, *second language and *hygiene. We are planning to administer midterms from January 22nd through February 2nd. Students will be given a midterm schedule informing them of the dates of each exam. The schedule will also be posted on our website. Most midterms are cumulative, that is, they include material from September through the date of the exam. Please encourage your youngster to begin studying well in advance of the exams so that he/she will be adequately prepared.

Inclement Weather: If inclement weather threatens, please listen to the radio or television, go on the Department of Education website, or call 311 to find out about possible school closings. Please try to avoid calling IS 237 to ask whether school is open.

Dress Code: Please be reminded that students must be in dress code every day unless instructed otherwise. Students must wear the uniform school shirt and may wear khakis or jeans (without tears, rips). **Students may not wear scarves or hoodies during the school day.** Your ongoing support of our Uniform Dress Code Policy is vital to its success.

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Second Quarter Report Cards: Second quarter report cards will be distributed to students on or about January 19th. Contact your child's teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

Meetings

- **SLT** – January 9th at 3:35 PM
- **PTA** – January 17, 2018 - 9:00 to 9:45 AM (* This is a morning meeting, which will follow the Citizen of the Month Celebration Breakfast)

Basketball

IS 237 continued our affiliation with the Middle School Basketball League! Due to the enormous enjoyment and success of our varsity team last year, this year we have formed a junior varsity team. Our teams play other middle school teams in Districts 25 and neighboring districts. Team members have a great time practicing and competing with other schools. Mr. Scandariato and Ms. Marley are the coaches.

Debate Teams

Our 7th and 8th grade teams are anxiously awaiting the first debate, yet to be scheduled. Last year, our 8th grade team won 1st Place in the American debate League! We are looking forward to another great and successful debate season this year.

Math Team

7th and 8th grade Math Teams already have been honing their skills. Team members will be engaged in in-school competitions throughout the month of January and will be competing with other schools beginning in February. We'll keep you posted about the details.

Once again, best wishes for a wonderful 2018! I look forward to continuing our work together.

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman
Principal

*Not all students will be taking second language and hygiene midterms.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 SLT Meeting 3:35 PM	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King No School	16	17 PTA Meeting 9:00 AM followed by Citizen of the Month Breakfast	18	19 Report Cards Distributed	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			