

**RACHEL CARSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 237**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching. May and June are extremely important months as decisions about promotion and your child's placement for the next school year are now underway.

Kindly note the following events and other information:

**New York State Tests: Grade 8**

- May 23 – June 1: Science Performance (701, 707, 713, 714 and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Non-SP students)
- June 4: Science Written (701, 707, 713, 714, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Non-SP students)
- June 12: U.S. History Regents - AM (801, 807, 813, 814)
- June 12: Living Environment Regents – PM (813, 814)
- June 13: Algebra I Regents - PM (801, 807, 809, 813, 814)
- June 14: Earth Science Regents (801 and 807)
- June 18: Spanish Proficiency Written - AM (801, 807, 813, 814)

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Events**

- June 5: Awards Ceremony (5:00 PM)
- June 6: Graduation Rehearsal at Kupferberg Center, Queens College (8:30 to 10:30 AM)
- June 18: Graduation Ceremony at Kupferberg Center, Queens College (12:30 PM)
- June 19: Senior Boat Trip (Only those students who meet Chancellor's Promotion Requirements and who have satisfactory conduct and attendance records will be permitted to attend.)
- June 24: Class 819 – Trip to the zoo

**Other Events and Information (Note – 3 Special Events on May 8<sup>th</sup>)**

- May 1 – May 2: NYS Math Assessment (All grades and classes)
- May 7, 9, 10 – NYSESLAT Written (English Language Learners)
- May 8: Career Day!
- May 8: PTA Meeting and Executive Board Elections (6:00) P.M. **This is an important meeting!** Parents who wish to be candidates for the PTA Executive Board positions - President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary - should come to school between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> to complete and submit nomination forms. See Ms. Shirley Bryant, Parent Coordinator, in Room 123 to obtain form.
- May 8: Parent Teacher Conferences (4:30 to 7:30 PM)
- May 15: SLT Meeting (3:40 PM)
- May 17: Spring Arts Festival (7:00 PM)
- May 28: Memorial Day – School Closed
- June 7: Anniversary Day – School Closed for students
- June 11: Clerical day – School Closed for students
- June 15: Eid al Fitr – School Closed
- June 26: Last Day of School

**Great News!**

Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math Teams participated in the Pi5NY tournament on April 28<sup>th</sup> and did a great job. CONGRATULATIONS to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team, who won 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE in the citywide event! Special thanks to Ms. Zhang, Math Team advisor.

**Summer School Information**

Letters will be sent home in June to parents/guardians of students who do not meet the Chancellor's Promotion Requirements and must attend summer school. Further information regarding the location, dates and hours of summer school will be forthcoming.

I look forward to seeing you on May 8<sup>th</sup> for Parent Teacher Conferences and at our **Spring Arts Festival on May 17<sup>th</sup>!**

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman  
Principal

