



# Parents' Newsletter

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- April 5** – Annual Poetry Contest – 8:50 am to 2:40 pm
- April 11**—College Fair in Newtown HS Library— 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Parents are invited!
- April 11** – Workshop for parents and students: How to Pay for College – 5:30 pm to 6:30 PM
- April 11**—Parents' Association Meeting (PTA)-7:00 PM
- April 19 to the 26** – Spring Recess

Foreign Language Department:

**ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST— APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Foreign Language Department will hold its annual **Poetry Contest** in the school library on **April 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:50 am to 2:40 pm**. The participants will recite their poems in Spanish, Chinese, French and Italian. The following is the schedule...

- Periods 2, 3 and 4 - **Spanish**
- Periods 5 and 6 - **Chinese**
- Period 7 – **French**
- Period 8– **Italian**

**Parents are invited.** For more information, please contact the Foreign Language Department at 718-595-8445.

College and Career:

**COLLEGE FAIR – APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>**

The college office will sponsor a College Fair on Thursday, **April 11**, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, in Newtown High School Library. Representatives from The State University of New York (SUNY) & the City University of New York (CUNY) & private colleges will participate in our college fair. This is a good opportunity for students and parents to get information about colleges. **Parents are invited.** For more information, please visit the College Office Rm.136 or call the parent coordinator (718-595-8483).

**NEW YORK STATE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE ACHIEVEMENT TEST: (NYSESLAT)**

All students in grades 9 through 12, who receive English as a Second Language (ESL) services, take the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) every year to determine how well they are learning English.

The NYSESLAT test will be administered between **April 18** and **May 17**- Individual schools select date(s).

The NYSESLAT test is very important because it measures student progress in developing English language proficiency and the results will be used to determine continued entitlement to Bilingual/English as a Second Language (ESL) services. For more information about the NYSESLAT, please visit Room 255, call 718-595-8550 or visit the Department of education website at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/learning/testing/tests-for-english-language-learners>

**\*Students absent on the day of their test should contact the ESL Department (Room 255).**

**FREE ENGLISH CLASSES FOR PARENTS:** are offered on Saturdays at Newtown High School from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The dates for this month are April 6 and 13. For more information, please contact the parent coordinator, Griselda Zapata, at 718-595-8483.

**2019 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM:**

The New York City Department of Youth & Community Development offers a Summer Youth Employment Program (S.Y.E.P) for local youth between the ages of 14 to 24. To apply you must be: between the ages of 14 and 24, a current resident of one of the five boroughs of NYC and legally authorized to work in the United States.

Applications for S.Y.E.P. are available now.

The **DEADLINE** for submitting your application is **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

To apply, please visit [www.nyc.gov/SYEP](http://www.nyc.gov/SYEP) or call DYCD connect at 1-800-246-4646

**PARENT WORKSHOPS SPRING 2019**

Presented by Ms. Maribel Ortiz, SPARK Counselor  
 Place: Newtown High School Library, Room 131

Each week Ms. Ortiz will speak about different ways a parent can stay connected to his/her teenager through problem solving techniques, reflective listening, learning to give them independence and more. The following are the topics:

- 1. Relating to your Teen** – Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 am to 9:30 am
- 2. Strengthening your Family Bonds** - Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 9:30 am
- 3. Getting your Teen Involved** – Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 9:30 am
- 4. Active Listening** - Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 am to 9:30 am
- 5. Supervising without Invading** - Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Everyone is welcome! Snacks will be provided.

For more information, please contact Griselda Zapata, Parent Coordinator, Room 137, 718-595-8483

**ACADEMIC INTERVENTION PROGRAMS:**

**Saturday Academy**—free tutoring offered to students on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Breakfast, lunch and transportation are provided! Students can take tutoring in English, English as a Second Language (ESL), Math and Science. The Saturday Academy will be open this month on April 6 & 13. For more information, please contact Ms. Thompson, A.P. Math, in Room 341.

**Extended Day Program** – Newtown offers extra academic support to all the students from Monday to Thursday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

**Tutoring**— offered daily. Students, who are having difficulties with a subject, are encouraged to speak with their teacher, visit an academic department or go to the guidance office to obtain a tutoring schedule.

**Any questions about your child's education, or to request a password to Pupil Path or NYC Schools Account , to follow your child's progress online, please contact the parent coordinator, Griselda Zapata, Room 137, Tel. # 718-595-8483 / e-mail: [gzapata3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:gzapata3@schools.nyc.gov)**

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