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# Parents' Newsletter

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- March 7** - Parent-Teacher Conferences - Evening - 5:00 PM—7:30 PM
- March 8** - Parent Teacher Conferences – Afternoon - 12:48 PM—2:48 PM
- March 20** - Report Cards distributed to students
- March 21** – ELL Orientation – 5:00 pm
- March 21** -PTA Meeting—7:00 PM in the library
- March 27**- SAT / PSAT Day

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Thursday, March 7, 2019 (5:00—7:30 PM)  
 Friday, March 8, 2019 (12:48—2:48 PM)



The Parent-Teacher Conference is a special time for parents and teachers to share information about the student.

### Below are questions parents might want to ask teachers

- How many times has my child been absent / late to your class?
- Does my child participate in class activities and discussions?
- Does he/she do the homework assignments on time?

How does he/she do on class tests?

-What determines the grade my child gets in this class?

How do you support my child when he/she needs extra help?

-How can I help at home?

### Tips for parents

- Consider bringing your child with you to join the conversation.
- Describe the best way for the teacher or school personnel to communicate with you (e.g., a note in your child's book bag, a voicemail, an e-mail, etc.).
- If you cannot attend the conference, please contact the teachers / guidance counselors or send them a note to schedule an appointment.

Learn more information about parent - teacher conferences at [www.schools.nyc.gov/PTC](http://www.schools.nyc.gov/PTC)

## FREE ENGLISH CLASSES FOR PARENTS:

ESL (English as a Second Language) classes for parents are offered free on Saturdays at Newtown High School from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Pre-registration is not required. Classes will meet on March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30. April 6 & 13. May 4, 11 & 18 and June 1, 8 & 15. For more information, please contact: Griselda Zapata, Parent Coordinator, at 718-595-8483

## ACADEMIC INTERVENTION PROGRAMS: FREE

**Extended Day Program:** The school offers after school tutoring in English, Global Studies, Gym, Math, Music, Science & US History to all students from Monday to Thursday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

**Saturday Academy**—Tutoring is offered to all students on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Breakfast, lunch and transportation provided! Students can take tutoring in English as a Second Language (ESL), Science and Math. Classes will meet on the following dates: March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30. April 6, & 13. May 4, 11 & 18 and June 1, 8 & 15. The Extended Day and Saturday Academy Tutoring Schedule are available in the Guidance Office, Room 137.

## SAT / PSAT SCHOOL DAY – March 27

NYC high schools are offering the SAT, (Scholastic Aptitude Test) at no cost during the school day, on March 27<sup>st</sup> to all the students in grade 11. The SAT is a test needed for admission into a four year college. The same day, (March 27) students in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, will take the PSAT (preliminary SAT) The PSAT is a practice for the SAT. Learn more about SAT /PSAT at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

## NYC 2019 SCHOOL SURVEY:

Due on or before **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**



Every year, the DOE invites parents/guardians, teachers, and students in grades 6-12 to take the NYC School Survey. The survey helps families understand what members of the community think about the learning environment. It also helps schools create plans for the future. It is very important that parents, students and staff complete and submit this survey by April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Find out more about the NYC School Survey at [www.nycschoolssurvey.org](http://www.nycschoolssurvey.org). If you lost the survey you can call 1-87819-2363.

**If you have any questions or concerns about Newtown H.S., your child's education, or to request a password to access Pupil Path / NYC Schools Account. Please contact the Parent Coordinator, Griselda Zapata, at 718-595-8483. E-mail [gzapata3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:gzapata3@schools.nyc.gov)**

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