



PARENT NEWSLETTER

Newtown High School.
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mark your Calendar

- March 4** - PSAT/SAT Day
- March 12** - 5:30 pm - ELL Workshop for Parents
- March 18** - Report Cards distributed
- March 19** - 5:00 to 7:30 pm - Parent Teacher Conferences
- March 20** - 12:48 PM - 2:48 PM - Parent Teacher Conferences
- March 31** - NYC School Surveys due
- April 2** - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Spring College Fair

ACADEMIC SUPPORT & CREDIT RECOVERY

The Saturday Academy: offers free tutoring in different subjects: English, Math, Science and Social Studies. It will be open on March 7, 14, 21 & 28. April 4 & 25. May 2, 9, 16 & 30 and June 6 & 13.

The Extended Day Program: offers tutoring in Global Studies, English, Math, Physical Education, Science and US History. Monday to Thursday, from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. For more tutoring opportunities, the students can speak to their teachers or their guidance counselors in Room 137.

NEWTOWN PARENTS ASSOCIATION (PTA)



Students do better when their parents are involved. That is a good reason join the PTA!
The next meeting of the Parents Association will be on March 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the school library Room 131.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

- March 19** from 5:00 to 7:30 PM
- March 20** from 12:48 to 2:48 PM

A parent teacher conference is a short meeting between you and your child's teacher to talk about your child's academic performance and experience at school.

Here are some questions that may help you have a productive conversation with the teacher:

- What does my child do well, and what does my child struggle with? Can you give me examples?
- Does my child participate in class discussions and group activities?
- Does my child turn in homework and projects on time?
- Is my child doing well on tests?
- How many times has my child been absent / cut or been late to your class?
- If my child needs extra support, are there programs or services in the school that could also help my child?
- What can I do at home to support my child?

Learn more about the requirements for a high school diploma at www.schools.nyc.gov/graduationrequirements

2020 NYC SCHOOL SURVEY:



DUE ON MARCH 31, 2020

-VERY IMPORTANT-

Each year, all families, teachers, and students in grades 6-12 take the NYC School Survey to share feedback about their schools. Survey feedback can help improve your child's learning environment. The NYC School Survey has been sent home in a green envelope. Please, fill out the survey and return your completed survey using the prepaid envelope included. Your child can give the completed survey back to his gym or health teacher for extra credit in gym. Parents can also take the survey online by visiting NYCSchoolSurvey.org. Use the eight-digit survey access code at the bottom of your paper survey to login. If you do not have your survey materials, you can look up your survey access code on the survey login page or call 1-877-819-2363 for assistance. The last day to complete and send the NYC School Survey is March 31, 2020.

SYEP - SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

(SYEP) is a 6-week summer experience that allows students to develop work-readiness skills while earning money. This summer, Newtown High School has reserved spots for students between the ages of 14-19, on a **first-come, first-served** (to be enrolled) basis. However, space is very limited! To find out more about SYEP and to pick up an application, please have your child go to Room 363 or contact the SYEP School-Based Coordinator, Allyssa Marcos at (917) 821-4025 or by e-mail at amarcos@qchnyc.org

NYC SCHOOLS ACCOUNT (NYCSA)

It's a web-based application from the Department of Education that lets parents see the child's academic and biographic information online. The application is translated into nine languages. There are two ways parents can create a NYC Schools Account. They can, either, visit the school to receive a temporary password or they can request the Account Creation Code to be sent home with the child.

PUPILPATH: it's another tool for Newtown HS parents to follow their kids' progress online. To get access to NYCSA or PupilPath, please contact Ms. Zapata, Parent Coordinator, at # 718-595-8483 / gzapata3@schools.nyc.gov



Newtown High School offers English classes for parents, **free**, on Saturdays, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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