



Building Strength by Working Together



Save the dates:

- Board of Trustees Meeting: **Dec 11th 4pm**
- PTO Holiday Photos: **Dec 11th 2:45pm in the cafeteria**
- Progress Reports Distributed: **Dec 14th**
- Interim Assessments for Grades 3-8: **Dec 17th, 18th & 19th**
- Middle School Spanish Fiesta: **Dec 20th last 2 periods of the day**
- 12:15 dismissal for Winter Break: **Friday Dec 21st**
- No School for Winter Break: **Dec 24-Jan 2nd**
- School Re-Opens: **Jan 3rd**

**We wish you
peace,
happiness, and
health this
holiday
season!**

*Greetings from
the Lady Liberty
Academy staff
and
administration.*



The Season of Peace

Martin Luther King Jr's words are instructive as we take time to reflect on our school climate, assess the positive steps that we have taken as a community, and embrace the message of this holiday season.

While we have grown in structure and focus in many areas, we continue to work with some students who continue to make poor choices in their conduct and interactions with others.

Many of the poor choices result because of play fighting or touching interactions with peers that lead to more serious consequences.

Please help us to enforce our expectation that kicking, biting, inappropriate touching, play fighting, wrestling, roughhousing, and fighting will not be tolerated in our school

"True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

community.

Your support in this area will help us to maintain a peaceful learning environment. It will also help to teach your children to care about the relationships that they develop with their peers, and the reputations that they are creating for themselves.

We need to help our children understand that it is not fair or just for them to hurt others with bullying, unkind words or actions. Let's all work together to ensure that we uphold the promise of justice in all that we say and do, and keep the message of peace and goodwill in this coming month alive and sustaining.

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be distributed at the end of next week. If you do not see one for your child, please ask your child for it or contact your child's teacher.

Progress reports are an important way to communicate to you and your child about academic performance, conduct, and attendance. Please make sure you take time to sit with your child and discuss the highs and the lows. Create a plan together to make sure that the highs stay high and the lows are turned around! Don't wait until the next report card comes out to address warning signs of failure or poor performance. If you are concerned and/or your child's teachers have indicated their concern, please make an appointment for a conference and continue to closely watch your child's homework and study habits.

Home Work

Please ensure that your child completes his/ her **Homework** EVERY night. You should expect homework or study assignments to be given by your child's teacher EVERY night. Completing homework is a routine event that not only helps your child to reinforce and practice the content and skills that have been taught during the day, but it helps to train him/her to be a serious student and develop high expectations for being prepared for classes the next day. Please ask your children to show you their completed homework and check that their papers have been completed fully and neatly.

A Homework Survey will be distributed this week. Please take some time to complete the survey and give us feedback about how you feel our homework policy is working and how we can best help you to support your children completing their homework.



PTO News

by Ms K. White

PTO Officers

President - Ms. Janene Reed

Vice President - Mr. Charles Lindsey

Secretary - VACANT POSITION

Treasurer - Ms. Shaunda Owens-Chavers

PTO Coordinator - Ms. Kienast White

The PTO has a vacant spot for the Secretary's position. If you or anyone you know is interested, please stop by the main office and see Ms. Reed.

The PTO encourages every parent to uphold the school's uniform policy. The uniform policy is as follow:
Boys/Girls - Gray pants, sky blue polo shirt w/ school logo, grey belt, and black shoes
*Note the only time that the gray pants should not be worn is if the student has gym. The gym uniform is as follow:
Boys/Girls - Blue sweat pants and/or sweat shirt with school logo or grey t-shirt with school logo and sneakers.
Students out of uniform will receive detention.

Welcome to New Staff

We welcome the following new staff members to our community:

Mrs. Guthrie: 5th & 6th grade math teacher

Ms Aarons: 4th grade teacher

Ms Knoepffler: 1st grade teacher

Ms Mishra: Basic Skills math teacher

Ms Grubin-Cappel: K-5 Social Worker

Thank you to all parents and family members who have contributed to making our new staff members' transition into our school community smooth and effective.

High School Placement by Mr. Silver

High School Applications

The high school application is more than just another form to fill out! It is an opportunity for your child to present his/her case for acceptance at a school of choice. Therefore, it is crucial that each application is treated seriously, and that it reflects your own high standards. Encourage your son/daughter to be:

On time – meet the application deadlines.

Thorough – no short answer question or section should be left unanswered.

Persuasive – make sure that each answer is thoughtful and interesting, and presents the student in the best possible light.

Neat – draft and revise before writing the final copy of the application in your best penmanship. Then proofread carefully to check for errors; scratch outs are not acceptable!

Parents, you play such an important role in this process! You can set a strong example by following these guidelines, being involved in what your child is writing, and completing the parent section of the application with supportive and detailed answers.

High School Placement Deadlines

Please note the following upcoming High School Entrance Test and application dates:

12/1: Technology High Admissions Testing at NJIT (7:45am)

11/30: University High School of the Humanities Applications due to Mr. Silver

12/14: Science Park High School Applications due to Mr. Silver

12/14: Arts High School Applications due to Mr. Silver

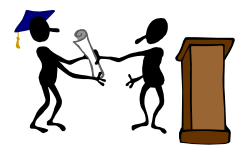
12/15: Last chance to receive a St. Benedict's Prep application/attend Open House. Interviews by appointment only.

12/20: St. Benedict's Prep applications due to Mr. Silver

Saturdays in January: Magnet High School Testing and Arts High auditions.

Please help your children prepare for their tests by ensuring that they:

- get a good night's rest the evening before the test
- eat a nutritious breakfast on the morning of the tests
- arrive at the test site on time
- bring at least two number 2 pencils and a calculator



Thank you for your support and we wish you luck as you proceed through the application and testing steps of the high school placement process. Please contact Mr. Silver at 973-623-9005 ex 1242 with any questions.

Suggestions, comments, questions:

please contact Mrs. Thomas

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