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Message from the Parent Coordinator

Hurricane Sandy hit the tri State area on Monday, October 29 and we are still reeling from its effects. Many of us have lost property and incurred damage to our homes. The effects of this storm were devastating. Since many of our families did not have access to the internet as a result of the storm, below is a brief rundown of what transpired. All of this information was posted on the website. Please check the school website [Http://www.hphsnyc.org](http://www.hphsnyc.org) for updates or changes in the school calendar. *See the Chancellor's letter on page 3 regarding date changes to the February mid winter break.*

The Parent Retreat which was scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd was cancelled because of the storm but will be rescheduled at a later date. The SAT exam was cancelled 11/10 but students were able to take it on 11/17 & 11/18. Saturday tutoring has resumed.

It has become evident as a result of the storm, that the only families we were able to reach to communicate information was through the Pupil Path account. It is vital that you open a Pupil Path account so that you can view transcripts and receive updates with important information regarding your child's education. You can open a Pupil Path account with your child's Guidance Counselor. See the back page of this Newsletter for a list of Guidance Counselors and their telephone numbers.

LIBRARY UPDATE

The official ribbon cutting ceremony to open our state-of-the art Library took place on Friday, October 26. City Councilwoman, Rosie Mendez, was here to do the honors.

Important Dates

Friday, November 30	Report Cards Distributed
Monday, December 3	Warmth Coat Drive Begins
Wednesday, December 5	SLT Meeting 5:00 pm (Library)
Tuesday, December 11	Tutoring
Wednesday, December 12	PTA Meeting 6:00 pm (Library)
	Pot Luck Dinner*
Friday, December 14	Ballroom Dancing Presentation (9:00 am—10:51 am)
Monday, December 24 -	Winter Recess
Tuesday, January 1	
Wednesday, January 2	All students return to school

* All parents are encouraged to participate in our Holiday Pot Luck Dinner. I encourage you to bring a food item that you have cooked or purchased that represents your culture to share with our Parent Community. This has always been a fun event and a great way for all of us to get to know each other better. Please join us and bring a food item that you traditionally share for the holidays with your family and share it with us!

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SATURDAY TUTORING

Tutoring is available every Saturday from 9am—1 pm. in the following subjects: English, Social Studies, Math, Living Environment and Chemistry. Students should contact their Guidance Counselor or teacher for more information.

In order to make up the instructional time lost due to Hurricane Sandy, the Chancellor announced that all schools will hold full-day sessions from Wednesday, February 20, through Friday, February 22, which were previously scheduled as part of mid-winter recess. See letter below:



Dear Families,

As you know, Hurricane Sandy resulted in the loss of instructional school days. To ensure that students have the opportunity to make up the learning time they missed due to the storm, they will need to make up these days later in the year:

All schools will hold full-day sessions from Wednesday, February 20, through Friday, February 22. These days were previously scheduled as part of mid-winter recess. Elementary schools, intermediate/junior high schools, and D75 schools will hold full-day sessions on Tuesday, June 4, which was previously scheduled as a shortened clerical day for these schools.

Please note these changes as you determine your plans for these dates. Additional information on the impact of Hurricane Sandy is available in an FAQ for families on the DOE website ,<http://schools.nyc.gov>.

Please contact your school's principal or parent coordinator with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Walcott

From the College Office

**Johnson & Wales University will be
visiting our school on Monday, 12/7**

**Tutoring- every 2nd, 3rd & 4th
Tuesday of every month from
1:00—2:21 pm & 3:06-3:51pm.
Specific schedules are posted**

**Please be sure to return your blue
emergency cards completed and
signed. This is the only way we
know where to contact you in case
of an emergency.**



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We are working with School Safety to make entering and exiting the building safer for our students & staff. Because of this, we changed the traffic patterns from the 1st floor to the basement. This may cause an inconvenience for students & staff but we feel safety is paramount. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at

RGentil@schools.nyc.gov

GUIDANCE NEWS!

The Guidance Department has created a program to help students pass their classes. It is called PPAS. It is designed to allow students to recover potential points during 1st & 2nd marking periods.

- Students can complete packets of work at home in their subject area if they received a grade of 55 or 60.
- Students can attend 3 one hour sessions after school over a 3 week period.
- Students can earn up to 15 points for 1st & 2nd marking period if packets are completed within a 3 week period and 3 tutorial sessions are completed.

Please see your Guidance Counselor for more information.



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