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Parent Engagement Plan 2019-2020

**Parent Engagement Initiatives 2019-2020**

Family and community involvement fosters partnerships among schools, family and community groups, and individuals. These partnerships result in sharing and maximizing resources. In addition, they help children and youth develop healthy behaviors and promote healthy families.

Schools, parents, and the community should work together to promote the health, well-being, and learning of all students. When schools actively involve parents and engage community resources, they are able to respond more effectively to the health-related needs of students.

Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education are more likely to:

- Adapt well to school
- Attend school more regularly
- Complete homework more consistently
- Earn higher grades and test scores
- Graduate and go on to college
- Have better social skills
- Show improved behavior
- Have better relationships with their parents
- Have higher self-esteem

Additionally, linking community activities to the classroom

- Improves school-related behaviors
- Positively impacts academic achievement
- Reduces school suspension rates

The faculty at Halsey JHS 157 reviewed the 2018-2019 NYC School Survey results. After carefully reviewing the results, we have determined we will aim to see an increase in the following areas:

- Stronger Enrichment Programs
  - We will create and implement a number of leadership/educational/recreational clubs and after-school programs for our students to participate in. We have implemented the following activities so far for school year 2019-2020:
    - Math Team & Math Club
    - Debate Team & Debate Club
    - Robotics Team
    - Show Choir
    - Select Chorus
    - Choral HS Audition Prep
    - Visual Arts HS Audition Prep
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Study Skills
    - Intergenerational Choir
    - Jazz Band
    - Band Buddies
    - Podcast Club
    - STEM Talk
    - Creative Writing
    - Halsey Dance Company
    - Conservation Club
    - Health & Fitness Club
    - Competitive Varsity Basketball – Girls and Boys
    - Girls Volleyball
    - Flag Football
    - Halsey Halloween Spectacular
    - Cheerleader Team
    - Future in Medicine Club
    - Mouse Squad
    - Green Team/Garden Beautification Project

- Hackathons
  - Respect for All Club
  - Readers Theater Club
  - Family Fitness Evenings
  - Chess Club (Coming Soon)
  - Cooking Club (Coming Soon)
  
- Better Communication With Parents
  - Using up to date technology we have been able to communicate with our families with social media, mass e-mails, mailings, letters in backpacks, robo-calls, and through Pupil Path.
    - A weekly Parent Coordinator Update goes out every Friday and informs the families of our students about important information from Halsey JHS 157. The e-mails also include information from the Division of Family & Community Engagement.
    - Our website and Social Media pages have been updated and will constantly keep parents informed.
      - **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/jhs157halsey>
      - **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Halsey157pa/?ref=bookmarks>
      - **Website:** <http://www.halsey157.org>
    - Halsey has utilized the School Messenger website to send Robo-calls to our parents.
    - Parents and Teachers are encouraged to communicate with each other using the Pupil Path system.
  
- Building Strong Family-Community Ties
  - Partnership with Queens Community House – a Settlement House located in Forest Hills that provide skill building programs for at-risk youth.
  - Partnership with City Harvest – Food Drive (Over 600 pounds of food donated)

- Partnership with Leukemia and Lymphoma Society – Pennies for Patients (Over \$7,000 raised for LLS and finished as the 5<sup>th</sup> highest fundraising school in NYC)
- Partnership with Salvation Army – Coat Drive – Collected over 300 gently worn and clean coats for the needy.
- Partnership with St. Jude Math-a-Thon

## **September**

September 5: First Day of School. Welcome New Parents and Students

September 5: Distribution of MYStudent Registration Letters

September 18: Pupil Path Workshop – Facilitator – Rafael Blanco – 6PM

September 18: PTA Meeting – 7PM

September 19: Back to School Night & Parent Engagement Workshop Series

- **Workshops to be announced**

September 20: Parent Pointers Handout - Communicating With the School Year Round

September 27: PTA Lemon Ice King of Corona Fund Raiser – All Lunch Periods

## **October**

October 1: Parent Pointers Handout – Providing Homework Help

October 16: Parent Engagement Workshop – Social Media/Internet Security 6PM

October 16: PTA Meeting 7PM

October 21: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picture Day – Run by PTA & Parent Volunteers

October 23: Silly Sock Day – (Part of the Socktober Fundraiser)

October 28: 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Picture Day – Run by PTA & Parent Volunteers

October 29: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance – Parents welcome to volunteer

October 29: Parent Pointers Handout – Helping Students Get Organized

October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Spirit Day Costume Contest – PTA/Parent Facilitated

## **November**

November 2: Parent Engagement Trip – Museum of Natural History

November 4: Food Drive w/ City Harvest (Ends Nov. 30)

November 4: Parent Pointers Handout – Emphasizing the Importance of Reading

November 7: Parent Teacher Conferences

November 20: PTA Meeting – 7PM

November 21: Parent Pointers Handout – Modeling Good Citizenship

November 26: Screenagers Movie for Students and Parents

November 27: Screenagers Activities Continued

## **December**

December 2: Picture Day – Make Up Date PTA run

December 2: Toy Drive (Ends December 17<sup>th</sup>)

December 2: Parent Pointers Handout – Listening to Your Children

December 18: Parent Engagement Workshop – Bullying & Cyberbullying 6PM

December 18: PTA Meeting 7PM

December 19: Winter Chorus Concert

## **January**

January 2: Coat Drive (Ends January 31<sup>st</sup>)

January 2: Parent Pointers Handout – Emphasizing the Importance of Reading 2

January 8: SLT Meeting 7:15AM

January 15: Parent Engagement Workshop – Queens Community House Presentation

January 15: PTA Meeting 7PM

January 16: Winter Band Concert 7PM

January 18: MLK Jr. Math Competition at Halsey 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

January 25: Parent Pointers Handout – Teaching Responsibility

## **February**

February 1st: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Fundraiser (Ends February 28)

February 8: Parent Pointers Handout – Setting Goals

February 12: SLT Meeting 7:15AM

February 26: Parent Engagement Workshop – Supporting Our Children's Stress

February 26: PTA Meeting 7PM

February 28: Parent Pointers Handout – Promoting Understanding in Math

## **March**

March 7: Parent Engagement Trip: Museum of the City of New York (Tentative)

March 8: Parent Pointers Handout – Sparking Science Interest

March 11: SLT Meeting 7:15AM

March 18: Parent Engagement Workshop – Homework Tips & Test Taking Strategies

March 18: PTA Meeting 7PM

March 25: Report Card Distribution

March 29: Parent Pointers Handout – Dealing with Sadness

## **April**

April 1: Parent Pointers Handout – Encouraging Children to Read

April 4: Parent Engagement Trip: Bronx Zoo (BOOKED)

April 8: SLT Meeting 7:15AM

April 22: Parent Engagement Workshop – Homework Tips & Test Taking Strategies 2

April 22: PTA Meeting 7PM

April 30: Parent Pointers Handout – Be Safe Online

## **May**

May 3: Parent Pointers Handout – Keeping Your Children Safe

May 13: SLT Meeting 7:15AM

May 14: Spring Band Concert 7:00PM

May 18: Parent Engagement Trip: Queens County Farm

May 20: Parent Engagement Workshop – Queens Community House – Summer Youth Employment Workshop

May 20: PTA Meeting 7PM

May 25: Parent Engagement Trip: Queens County Farm (Tentative)

May 31: Parent Pointers Handout – Focusing on the Importance of Learning

## **June**

June 7: Parent Pointers Handout – Starting a Conversation

June 10: SLT Meeting 7:15AM

June 17: Parent Engagement Workshop – Engaging Youth in summer

June 17: PTA Meeting 7PM

June 21: Parent Pointers Handout – Following Current Events

## **Parent Teachers Association**

PTA Executive Board for school year 2018-2019

Co-Presidents: Katarina Jokic & Vicky Barshai

Vice President: Michelle Kiliski

Recording Secretary: Cynthia Cohen  
Treasurer: Raquel Hagen

All PTA meetings will take place on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Here is the PTA meeting schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.

September 18

October 16

November 20

December 18

January 15

February 26

March 18

April 22

May 20

June 17

Please try to attend as many PTA meetings as possible. We will be counting on a lot of you to be involved and make this the best experience possible for all our Halsey students. You can contact the PTA at [HalseyPTA@gmail.com](mailto:HalseyPTA@gmail.com) and **JOIN THE HALSEY PTA FACEBOOK PAGE** at <https://www.facebook.com/Halsey157pa/>

### **PTA Fundraisers**

September 18 & 19 2019 – Lemon Ice King of Corona Sale – All Lunch Periods

September 27 2019 – Lemon Ice King of Corona Sale – All Lunch Periods

October 7 2019 – Panera

October 21 & October 28 2019 – Picture Day (Retake Day – December 2)

November 12 2019 – Shake Shack

December (Dates To Be Determined) Candy Cane Sale – All Lunch Periods

February (Dates To Be Determined) Chocolate Lollipop Sale – All Lunch Periods



## All Year - PTA School Spirit Wear

The PTA is raising money for the school. You can purchase water bottles, sweatshirts, t-shirts, pull over hoodies, zip up hoodies, and more. Please see the Parent Coordinator or contact the PTA at their e-mail address listed above for more information.

### **How can you get involved?**

If you are interested in being involved with our Parent Engagement Initiative please contact the Parent Coordinator, Mike Zevon, in his office (Ext. 1004) or via e-mail at [MZevon@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:MZevon@schools.nyc.gov).