



63-55 102nd Street, Rego Park, NY 11374

Principal Vincent Suraci

Official School Hours for Students: 8:00 AM - 2:20 PM Monday - Friday

Teacher Learning Teams 2:20-3:40 PM Monday

Parent Engagement 7:45-8:00AM & 2:20-3:00PM Tuesdays

School Vision

To ensure all students are College and Career ready by providing rigorous instruction with access to accelerated learning; a safe, respectful nurturing environment where students are valued, and their achievements are celebrated; and to enhance life-long learning with opportunities for exposure to and creative expression through the Arts.

School Mission

Our school leaders, faculty, and staff, in collaboration with families and members of the community are committed to providing a pathway to equity, access and excellence by meeting the social emotional and academic needs of all our learners. Through a shared process which includes effective school leadership, culturally responsive sustained education, professional growth to enhance expert pedagogy aligned to the instructional leadership framework to foster best practices for teaching and learning and through strong community and parent engagement initiatives, students will be challenged to think critically, problem solve and to apply their learning to the real world.

Instruction and Curriculum

- **Developing Challenging Curriculum for all Students**
 - **Implementing Common Core Standards for College Readiness in all Content Areas- All Students can Achieve with the right support**
 - **Collaborative Team Teaching in Grade 6, 7, 8**
 - **Assessment-based Planning of Instruction in all Content Areas**
 - **Teacher Teams/Common Planning to Meet the Needs of all Learners- Knowing Our Students-Well**
 - **All incoming 6th Grade Students will take pre-algebra and Algebra in the 8th Grade for High School Course and Regents Credit**
 - **JHS 157-100% Pass Rate for Grade 8 Algebra, Living Environment Biology and US History Regents 85% of 8th Grade Students Earn High School Course/Regents Credit Continuous Increase/Student Progress -Reading and Math Scores**
 - **Implementing Hands-on Science Curriculum in our Science LAB**

Instruction and Curriculum

- **Leveled Science/Math/ Social Studies Libraries in every Classroom**
- **Access to Library Resources/Computers/Research Materials**
- **8th grade Success in SHS/Program Acceptance over 220 Seat Offers!**
- **Mobil Laptops/Chromebooks for Student use**
- **New Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)LAB**
- **Enrichment after-school and ALL STARZ program**
- **Winter and Spring Concerts for Chorus and Band/Lincoln Center Performances/Queens Jazz Band Members/NYSMA Competition**
- **School Musical/Jazz Chorus/Halsey harmonizers/Jazz Ensemble**
- **Multi-cultural Celebrations**
- **Software Engineering Program/ MOUSE SQUAD NYC Citation**

Creating a Child-centered Learning Environment where all Students can Learn

- **Setting Standards and Expectations for Student Achievement**
- **Creation of Reflection Room to Enhance Student to Student Communication**
- **Acknowledging Accomplishments: Student Work Displayed and Celebrated**
- ***Halseyite Student of the Month Luncheon with Staff***
- **Honor Roll/Student Most Improved Trips**
- **Bringing Content to Life-Providing Learning Experiences through Trips to Broadway Shows/Museums/Exhibitions/Teaching Partnerships**
- **School Spirit Week (Students Participate in a Planned, Theme-based Week; Demonstrating School Sprit while supporting a positive Learning Environment)**
- **Monthly Assemblies that include Performances by Various Artists**
- **Compassion Matters Initiative- Food/Coat/Toy drive, Respect for All Week Assemblies/Weekly Character Development Program**
- **Planned End of Year Activities-Graduation, Honor Society all Grades**
- **Student Peer Mediation Counselors**
- **After-School Clubs/Teams: Robotics, Debate, Show Choir, Select Chorus, Jazz Band, Ballroom Dancing, Boys/Girls Varsity Basketball, Gingerbread House Challenge (STEM), Girls Volleyball**



Parent Engagement Initiative

- **Trips: Queens County Farm, Statue of Liberty, One World Observatory, USS Intrepid Museum**
- **Weekly Parent Coordinator Newsletter**
- **Monthly Parent Coordinator Workshops**
- **Monthly PTA Meetings & Events**
- **Datacation/PupilPath System-parents informed of their child's progress**
- **Creating and Updating our Halsey Website**

Community Partnerships

- Queens Community House 21st Century Academic/Sports Program
- CHAMPS Program (BB/Football/Volleyball/Dance)
- Midori and Friends Music Academy Jazz Internship
- MOUSE Squad Technology Team
- NYU Shakespearean Theater Group

Grade 6 Transitioning to Middle School

- Facilitating the Transition from Elementary to JHS
 - Geographic Housing to Minimize Student Movement
- Embracing the Arts Initiative
 - Grade 6 Students Select an Elective “Talent” of their Choice (Instrumental/Chorus/Art/Drama/Computers/STEM/Dance)
- Incorporating Technology in the Content Areas
 - Wireless Mobile Labs
 - Utilizing Our Computer Classroom Labs
 - Updating Our Library Media Center
 - Smart Board Technology
 - Podcast Clubs
 - Girls Code Program

Continuing to Provide Educational Opportunities

- Connecting Learning and Student Interests
- Providing Opportunity for HS Course Credit in Grade 8 (Math/Living Environment Biology Regents/ Check Point “A” HS Foreign Language Credit)
- Aligning HS Curriculum for Grade 9 Students (Global Studies/Living Environment/English Language Arts/Math) for Appropriate HS Credit
- Continuing to Develop Partnerships with Community Organizations
- State of the Art Auditorium with Sound and Lighting
- Parent Engagement Opportunities
- Trip to Spain w/ Language Department
- Trip to Washington D.C. (7th Grade)

Past Activities & Student Events!

After-School Activities

- **Cooking Club**
- **Chess Club**
- **Yoga**
- **Robotics Team/Club**
- **Debate Team/Club**
- **Math Team/Club**
- **Hack-a-Thons**
- **Select Choir & Show Choir**
- **Intergenerational Choir**
- **Jazz Band**
- **Ballroom Dancing**
- **Girls Volleyball**
- **Boys & Girls Varsity Basketball**
- **Flag Football**
- **Parkour**
- **Peer Mediation**
- **Gingerbread House Challenge**
- **Green Team Garden Restoration Project**
- **Halloween Spook-tacular Party**

Students Volunteering

- St. Jude Children's Hospital Mathathon-Collected and Donated Over 100K
- Food Drive in collaboration with City Harvest - Collected over 500 pounds of food
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society – Raised \$11,200
- Coat Drive – 7 large bags of clean and gently worn or new coats
- Toy Drive – 9 large bags of new toys for the Hanse Family Foundation
- Peer Tutoring Program

Trips

- **One World Observatory**
- **Midway Theater – “Wonder”**
- **Statue of Liberty**
- **Museum of Natural History**
- **USS Intrepid Air & Space Museum (3 Trips)**
- **Queens County Farm Museum (3 Trips)**
- **Spain Trip w/ Language Department**
- **Washington D.C. – 7th Grade**

Summer Programming

**Summer STEM Drone and STEM
Program**

**Summer Enrichment
Math/Theater/Dance/Music/Program**