

## **March 2018 Parent Newsletter**

High School for Health Professions & Human Services

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### **Principal's Message to Parents/Guardians:**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

By now the horrific incident at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas School in Parkland, Florida, is something that you have heard about. Unfortunately, as a result of that tragedy, we have seen an increase in school lockdowns in New Jersey, Connecticut and here in New York City. These kinds of events are truly every parent, every school, and every educator's worst nightmare. As a parent and educator, I feel deeply for the Parkland community and for all the schools that have had some scares recently. At the same time that we are praying for those affected by the recent violence, we are ever mindful that tragic events can happen anywhere at any time and I know that and preparation is key.

Here at HPHS, our focus has always been that instruction and our students' well-being are our first priorities and that the safety of all is Always a part of everything we do. Students' welfare and safety in and outside the classroom are two areas which I take very seriously. To that end, know that we remain vigilant in ensuring everyone's continued safety every part of each day.

Part of that safety involves systems, procedures, and preparedness known as our General Response Protocols. Know that we have had several practice lockdown drills already this year and that in the next few weeks we will conduct more safety drills to ensure that we are prepared for any situation. I want to ensure you that we have an open door policy throughout the school for students that want to discuss their thoughts with us and also provided guidance and support to students struggling with feelings. Over the past two weeks I have personally had some very powerful conversations with our students over these troubling times.

As Principal, many of you have heard me say, "I am honored that you have trusted me to educate your children." On a personal note, know that the incidents in our country and the recent scares here in Manhattan weigh on me and the staff heavily. Just know that because of that great weight and our profound sense of service, we will continue to work tirelessly every day to ensure that everyone is safe.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Gentile

Principal

 <p><b>SYEP opens-</b> Summer Hiring Sessions- Sign up in B10 to apply to Summer Youth Employment and other summer jobs!  <b>Sophomore skills begins-</b> Saturday tutoring (FULL)  <b>FAFSA/TAP workshops for seniors all month.</b>  <b>Accenture Women's Panel</b> at HPHS 3:30 on 4/28- sign up in B10- Women's empowerment!  <b>IN SCHOOL SAT DAY- March 21</b>  <b>Young Women's Leadership Group:</b> Meet's Wednesdays at 3:30 - sign up in B10 to celebrate Women's History Month  <b>Young Men's Leadership Group-</b> Meet's Tuesdays at 3:30pm, Sign up in B10 to gain career skills this month!  <b>Let's Get Ready</b> for Juniors continues M</p>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> NYUJHD Trip #3	<b>2</b> SYEP info session 3:30, Lib	<b>3</b> Sophomore Skills + Junior College Prep
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> LGR	<b>6</b> Learned Lunch- B10 3, 4, 5 pd YMLG	<b>7</b> YWLG LGR	<b>8</b> NYUJHD Session 6 PTC eve	<b>9</b> SYEP workshop	<b>10</b> Sophomore Skills + Junior College Prep
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Tabling in café LGR	<b>13</b> YMLG	<b>14</b> YWLG PTA LGR	<b>15</b> NYUJHD- Nasdaq Trip 2-4	<b>16</b> SYEP app due <i>End MP 1</i>	<b>17</b> Sophomore Skills + Junior College Prep
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> LGR	<b>20</b> YMLG	<b>21</b> PSAT/SAT in School Day LGR YWLG	<b>22</b> NYUJHD Trip #4	<b>23</b> Summer Hiring- You got the job! Now what?	<b>24</b> Sophomore Skills + Junior College Prep
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> PPT Mtg	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Accenture Women's Panel- YWLG	<b>29</b> NYUJHD Session 9	<b>30</b> <i>Good Friday Ceston</i>	<b>31</b> Spring Break

## March

Parent-Teacher Conferences March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

PTA Meeting March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Presentation by Tania Mattos on DACA

Take SAT at School March 21<sup>st</sup>

SLT Meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm

Report Card Distribution March 23

All Surveys due March 23

HPHS Drama Club Presents HUMANS Being at 5 pm in Auditorium \$2

Spring Recess begins March 30<sup>th</sup> Classes resume April 9<sup>th</sup>

HPHS Drama club  
PRESENTS  
**HUMANS BEING**



A PLAY ABOUT THE MOMENTS WE ARE  
CHALLENGED...  
AND HOW WE RISE ABOVE THEM.

CREATED AND PERFORMED by THE HPHS DRAMA  
CLUB

**PERFORMANCES:**  
**March 22 and 23**  
**5:00 pm in the Auditorium**



Students and Teachers Survey are also very important!

Mr. Russo's Art Class celebrating diversity through sculptures.





Celebrating Diversity Photography by Mr. Lieberman

March is Women's History Month

