



ALWAYS AHEAD OF THE CURVE

751M hopes all our families enjoyed the holidays and winter break. We are excited to begin the new year with greater opportunities for our students and families.

Last year ended with our 2nd annual *Coffee and Paint with the principal* at MSCD. Ms. Stillwagon led parents and staff in this wellness class - to create a winter themed painting just in time for the holidays. The group shared their artwork, laughs, treats and gifts for parents.

As we begin a new year, please keep in mind that parental involvement is vital for your child's success. Please try to make every effort to participate in workshops [they are designed to provide families with helpful resources]. Review and sign all assigned homework [read the homework policy on the back of this

newsletter]. Join your child on a school trip when able! Reach out to teachers for updates and to staff with any concerns or help you made need. Take advantage of school resources – they are designed with you and your child in mind.

MSCD is, and will remain, “Always Ahead of the Curve.”

Please check out our website for news, updates, school events and other opportunities for parental and family engagement and involvement at www.imscd.org

Have a great 2018!

Sincerely,
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HIGHLIGHT IN JANUARY...

**January 18, 2018
10am at MSCD**

Recently, public meetings were held in all five boroughs to address busing problems. Ms. Corine Dickens [parent of a student at MSCD] attended the Manhattan meeting and was so impressed she asked if the Chair, Mr. Caponera, would be willing to come to MSCD and discuss the busing & safety issues with other parents at 751M.

Please come and share your ideas, concerns and hopes for busing and safety.

School Calendar

Dates | Events

January 10 | Hunter College tour

January 15 | Martin Luther King Day

January 18 | Coffee with Principal and speaker Chairman on Busing and Safety

January 26 | Parent workshop: Transition & OPWDD

January 30 | Spring term begins for High School students

Curriculum | Academic Rigor

- **Theme:** Science, Technology, and Innovation
- **Text:** *Maus* by Art Spiegelman
- **Educational Trips:**
 - Holocaust Museum
- **Culminating Project:**
 - Create a journal and keep a running record, assuming the life of a World War II Jew/German – assign a number to identify students.

INSTRUCTION



MSCD believes completing homework assignments dramatically increases the power of main campus classroom and CBVI offsite learning experiences.

PURPOSE OF HOMEWORK

- **Reinforce** what was taught in class
- **Prepare** students for the next class
- **Evaluate** students' understanding of the work
- **Learn** to become responsible for one's learning

HOMEWORK POLICY

- Students receive homework every night.
- Homework reviewed & signed by parent/guardian every night.



Cheydy Greer (paraprofessional)
is providing homework assistance
to any student who needs help.

Monday – Friday

7 - 8am

at MSCD

- Students & parents can access daily homework online via homework blog: <https://sites.google.com/site/mscdstudentsspot/>
- Students earn 1 point each on PBIS if homework is submitted on time (1/2 point if late).
- All missed homework must be turned in at the following class meeting.
- Homework grade is 10% of a student's overall grade.
- Homework assignments reflect differentiated classroom instruction.
- Students are provided timely feedback regarding work assigned.

Contact Yvonne Cortes if you need help accessing the blog
or need printed copies of homework assignments.



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