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# Newsletter for Parents

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## Dates to Remember

- October 1** - SAT Test
- October 3 - 4** - Rosh Hashanah (School closed)
- October 10** - Columbus Day (School closed)
- October 12**-Yom Kippur (school closed)
- October 13** – Financial Aid Night
- October 17** - Open House (for incoming 2017 students) from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- October 20** - College Fair for Seniors & Parents (School Library) from 9:43 AM to 12:00 PM
- October 20** - ELL Orientation: 5:30 PM
- October 20** - PTA Meeting: 7:00 P.M. in Newtown HS Library.
- October 26** - Report Cards distributed to students
- November 17- Parent-Teacher Conferences- Evening—** (5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- November 18 - Parent-Teacher Conferences- Afternoon** (12:48 p.m. - 2:48 p.m.)

## English Language Learner (ELL) Workshop for Parents—October 20 @ 5:30 pm

Newtown High School's Department of English as a Second Language invites all parents of students who are **new arrivals** to New York City Schools to an orientation on Thursday, October 20 at 5:30 PM in the school library. The presenters will speak to parents about...school programs, graduation requirements and helping your child succeed in school. Parents may bring any question or concerns they have. Information will be given in English, Spanish and Chinese. For more information or to confirm your attendance, please contact Ms. Zapata, Room 137 tel. # 718-595-8483.

## Saturday Academy / Extended Day Classes / Credit Recovery / Tutoring

Newtown HS offers many services to support students. The school has a Saturday Academy Program and an Extended Day Program. These programs provide basic skills intervention, credit recovery and Regents exams preparation. The Saturday Academy will be in session during this month on October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. Classes are held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Extended Day Program offers students who are falling behind; the opportunity to get credits needed to graduate. The classes are offered from Monday to Thursday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. For more information about Saturday Academy or the Extended Day Program, students should visit the Guidance Office, Room 137.

## City Year

City Year is an education-focused nonprofit organization that partners with Newtown High School to provide additional homework help and tutoring to our students. **City Year** after-school program is open to all students. The program will be held from Monday to Thursday from 3:45 pm to 5:15 pm in Rooms 345 and 347. For more information students and parents may visit Room 239, or call 595-8483 ext. 2390.

## Free English Classes for Parents

Newtown high School offers free English classes to the adults in the family on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. No preregistration required. For more information, please call Griselda Zapata, Parent Coordinator at 718-595-8483.

## Parents Association (PA) Meeting: 10/20/2016

Newtown High School Parents Association meets the third Thursday of every month. Parents are invited to join the parents' association. Our next PA meeting will be on Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 PM in the school's library, Room 131. All parents are invited!

## Follow Your Child's Progress Online:

<https://pupilpath.skedula.com> an online system, Newtown High School has in place that enables the school staff to provide information about students' progress to parents.

<http://schools.nyc.gov/myaccount> provides families with academic information about their children, including scores on state and periodic assessments.

Please contact the parent coordinator or the guidance counselor to obtain a password to access these programs. To get access to these programs you must be the child's parents or legal guardian and provide ID. For additional information on obtaining a photo ID, visit <http://www.nyc.gov/idnyc>

## School ID and Program Cards must be carried at all times!

## School Meals: Your Child May Be Eligible to Receive Free Lunch

The application for School Meals should be filled out and returned to the school every year. Eligibility for free school meals is based on monthly gross income and the household size. Full-price lunch is now \$1.75. To complete a lunch application online go to [www.ApplyForLunch.com](http://www.ApplyForLunch.com). Online applications are processed within 24 hours. If a paper application is preferred, your child can get one in Room 149. Please fill it out immediately and submit it to Room 149.

## College and Career Preparation:

### Financial Aid Night for Parents and Students: 10/13/2016

Mr. Canela, College Advisor will have two Financial Aid Presentations on **Thursday October 13, 2016**— one in English and one in Spanish—the **presentation in English, will be at 5:30 PM** and in **Spanish, it will be at 7:00 PM**. Both presentations will be held in Newtown's Library and they are intended to assist families, whose children are planning to go to college, find ways to pay their college education. For more information visit the College Office, Room 136 or call (718)595-8490.

### College Fair: 10/20/2016

On Thursday, October 20, from 9:45 AM to 12:00 PM, Newtown High School will be holding its semi-annual College Fair in the school library. Representatives from The City University of New York (CUNY), The State University of New York (SUNY) and some private universities will be participating in the fair. Mr. Canela –College Advisor will also be available to answer questions. Students and parents are invited! For more information, please visit the College Office, Room 136, or call 718-595-8490 / 8491.

**Any questions about Newtown H.S., or your child's education, please contact the parent coordinator, Griselda Zapata, in Room 137, Tel # 718-595-8483 or e-mail: [gzapata3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:gzapata3@schools.nyc.gov). Copies of this newsletter are available in Room 137. You can also visit our website: [www.newtownhighschool.org](http://www.newtownhighschool.org)**

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