



## Newark Boys Chorus School

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# NBCS Weekly Newsletter

## Academic Director's Notes

Newark Boys Chorus School welcomes our families back from the winter break, holidays and festivities. We hope that each of you spent some time with your relatives, had plenty of laughter and took a moment to reflect on those things that are most important to you.

As we get back to our business at hand, we remember that the development of the boys at Newark Boys Chorus School is our first priority. ..."The adult must recognize that he and she must take second place, endeavor all they can to understand the child, and to support and help him in the development of his life. This should be the aim of mother, father, teacher...". We strive to ensure that the boys are at the center of everything we do.

In the coming days and months, we must continue to assist our boys on their path of learning and discovery. We should establish good routines, habits and order within the lives of our boys. This will ensure that the child understands that we are paying close attention to their needs and are not distracted by the demands of our social and professional lives. This is the basis for establishing a set of expectations for our children and ultimately it helps them feel safe and secure.

## This Week's Lunch

Monday- NO SCHOOL

Tuesday- Pb& J, fruit snack, Granola bar, juice

Wednesday- Chicken nuggets & corn, fruit, popcorn, juice

Thursday- Chef Boyardee, Rice krispie, fruit snack, juice

Friday- PIZZA

**Students are not required to participate in the weekly NBCS lunch program & are encouraged to continue bringing lunch from home.**



**Social Studies**-Happy New Year! I am excited for 2017 and I hope our young men are refreshed, recharged, and ready for new challenges. Students in grade 8 will continue to craft their research questions and create research proposals. 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be looking at complexities of a pre-Civil War United States. Grade 6 students will be learning about life in the Colonial US. Students in grades 4/5 will be exploring the Ancient Egyptian Civilization.

**Language Arts**- The boys were welcomed back with a New Year's Toast to Change in Ms.G's class. A new year is a fresh start and a new chance to achieve the goals that had been bypassed in the first half of the year. Students made resolutions and "toasted" to themselves and each other in hopes of fulfilling their wishes for the year. Back to school means back to work so it wasn't all fun and games! 8<sup>th</sup> graders have a Mapping Maycomb project due February 13<sup>th</sup>. All grades are back on track with Novel Units and grammar notebooks. Cheers to a healthy and happy 2017 for all!

## C.C. Music Notes

As the young men rest up from a really busy holiday season, during which they performed quite admirably, we are reminded that in just two weeks (Sunday, January 15) at Carnegie Hall, they will join another children's chorus (+ orchestra and adult chorus) to perform Karl Jenkins' "Requiem". The boys will have to sing this without music scores, and to that end, I gave them an assignment over the holidays:

Along with the music score which can be found on their i-pads, they were to study /learn the words and music for their portion of the work (Requiem).

**[VERY IMPORTANT: NO STUDENT WILL BE STANDING ON THE STAGE OF CARNEGIE HALL IF HE DOES NOT KNOW THE MUSIC ... I will be checking progress regularly, including the 1st day of their return to school.]**

**I CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR YOU TO BE ON TOP OF THIS WITH YOUR SON(S), AS WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO DENY STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SING AT THIS ICONIC CONCERT HALL.]**

## A.C. Music Notes

**Mark your calendars! A.C. is participating in a family event at NJ PAC on Saturday. January 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm. It will include workshops and fun activities. Stay tuned for more details.**

## The Academic Staff Says...

**Science**- This week 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are focusing on selecting Science Fair topics as we prepare for the science fair at Drew University in March. All topics must be finalized by Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be using class time to review the criteria for topics and go over the necessary requirements. 5<sup>th</sup> graders have just completed their unit on ecology and were assigned a chapter review which is due on Friday. They were also given their game code 32253 to help them prepare for Monday's test.

**Math**- all math classes are transitioning to using textbooks. There is homework each night for the boys. Just a reminder that a parent may write a note to explain why a homework assignment is not completed, because I will not accept any excuse from a student. If a student does not understand a lesson during class discussions, that student must see me after school for clarification. If a student says, "I can't stay after school." They must see me early in the morning. If the student says, "but I don't get to school early." I say, "I don't accept excuses"

Canvas For Causes

PAINT & SIP



At The Newark Boys Chorus School  
January 6, 2017 7-10pm

**\$30/person**



All Materials Included  
Follow a step-by-step  
painting demonstration in  
a comfortable environment  
and leave with your own  
work of art!  
No experience necessary

1016 Broad Street Newark NJ, 07102

**B.Y.O Drinks & Appetizers**

Ages 21+  
Only

RSVP by Facebook or  
Krystinamcgee@yahoo.com

## Reminders to Students

1. All students must have their iPads in school and charged every day.
2. There is no afterschool help or detention on Mondays
3. Lunch Money is Due **AT BREAK TIME** every day. If money is not given at this time lunch will not be prepared for you.
4. **Science fair topics (6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade) are due on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Potential topic ideas can be placed in the basket in Ms. McGee's room at any time before January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## Reminders to Parents

1. There is no after school care. Please pick up your son(s) immediately following the dismissal bell unless they are scheduled for after school help period with a teacher.
2. **Breakfast is served in the lunchroom daily from 7:40-8:00.** Students must be in school before 8am if they would like to participate.
3. **Lunch money is collected every day at break. See the lunch calendar for the daily menu.**



## This Week's Scheduled Events

### Monday

School Closed- Happy New Year

### Tuesday

FLEX 8<sup>th</sup> Period

### Wednesday

Whole School Assembly- 5<sup>th</sup> period

### Thursday

FLEX 8<sup>th</sup> Period

### Friday

## Upcoming Events

### January 3

School Re-Opens

### January 6

6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair topics due

### January 6

Paint & Sip New Year Celebration

### January 14

AC performs at NJ PAC

### January 15

CC performs at Carnegie Hall

### January 16

MLK Day observed- No School

### March 1

Science Fair Projects Due

### March 18

Science Fair at Drew University



## Shout Outs!

**Welcome** to our newest member of the NBCS family Ajani. We are excited to have you as a part of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.