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P.S. 19, UPDATE – JANUARY 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians:

1. LUNCH MONEY COLLECTION FOR JANUARY

Lunch Menu for January is attached

******4 EASY STEPS TO ENROLL******

- 1 – Go to www.myLunchMoney.com & click on “Enroll Now.”**
- 2 – Create an account for yourself & your children (you will need the student’s school, grade, birth date & student ID#.**
- 3 – Provide credit or debit card information**
- 4 – Select the automatic pre-payment option, if desired.**

There are 20 school days in January

REDUCED PRICE LUNCH (\$.25): \$ 5.00

FULL PRICE LUNCH (\$1.50): \$30.00

2. IN-COMING KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION –

The kindergarten admissions process for the 2012-2013 school year will begin in January 2012. Key dates for the admissions process are listed below:

January 9 – March 2	Families submit applications at school
January 10 – March 18	Schools enter applicant data in Student Enrollment Management System (SEMS)
March 19 – March 23	Initial offer letters are distributed
March 26 – April 20	Families accept or decline offers

The kindergarten admissions calendar for families is posted on the Elementary School Admissions Web page. If you have questions about kindergarten admissions, please call (718) 935-2009.

3. DISTRICT 11 – Community Education Council Town Hall Meeting

With Mr. Dennis Walcott, Chancellor

January 31, 2012 – Evander Childs Campus 6:00 pm

4. GIFTED AND TALENTED - Testing will begin January 9, 2012 and will be completed by January 28, 2012 for all students who have pre-registered for the exam. Letters will be sent home regarding each students testing dates.

5. PS 19 WEBSITE

Please be sure to visit our website www.ps19.us.

6. GRAFFITI

Children are not to bring markers of any kind to school in order to protect school property. Please continue to explain the importance of respecting school property as they would their own property at home.

7. THANK YOU –

- ❖ **THANK YOU TO THE BRONX ARTS ENSEMBLE** – We wish to thank the teachers from the Bronx Arts Ensemble who worked so hard on teaching the children the songs. The children’s holiday performance was wonderful and, of course, enjoyed by all!
- ❖ **THANK YOU TO THE PS 19’s STUDENT UNION** for organizing and collecting socks for the P.O.T.S. program. The students, families and staff did a wonderful job in supporting this organization.
- ❖ **HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA AND BOUTIQUE**
We would like to thank all the parents who volunteered their time and effort to make our Holiday Extravaganza and Boutique a great success.

8. **STORM DAY PROCEDURES (SCHOOL CLOSING AND DELAYED SCHOOL OPENINGS)**

The Chancellor will make the citywide decision to close or delay the opening of schools during stormy weather after consultation with the Mayor’s Office of Emergency Management, the Weather Bureau, the City Sanitation Department, and the City Transit Authority. The citywide decision will be made as early as possible prior to 6 a.m. on the affected day.

The office of Public Information will notify the wire services and radio and television stations as soon as possible prior to 6 a.m. School staff and parents should be advised to listen to information broadcasted by news radio stations, such as **WINS (1010 AM), and WCBS (880 AM) and the following television stations: WCBS (Channel 2), WNBC (Channel 4), WNYW (Fox Channel 5), WABC (Channel 7) and NY 1 (Channel 1 on cable television). PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL AS WE NEED THE LINE FOR EMERGENCIES.**

In all instances, when the Chancellor’s decision is made to close or delay opening school, the Office of Pupil Transportation will advise the bus companies.

For purposes of attendance award programs, student attendance cards may include a reference to the delayed school opening due to weather conditions.

On delayed opening days, it is expected that the regular dismissal time will be adhered to. In the event that a storm intensifies during the school day, the Chancellor will notify all superintendents and radio and television media and bus services of an earlier dismissal schedule. Principals and staff will remain in school with bused children until buses arrive for dismissal or until a parent or guardian arrives to take the child home. Also, parent notification will be ensured to the greatest extent possible. Parents should advise their children to tell the teacher if no one is at home at the time of an authorized early dismissal.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF THERE IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL, ALL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS WILL BE CANCELLED.

In all cases, parents should discuss contingency plans with their children in case they are released early and parents are not at home to care for them. If possible, parents should make arrangement with a friend, neighbor or relative who is at home during the day.

9. **MORNING ARRIVALS/START OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

The official start for each school day at P.S. 19 is 8:15 a.m. Any child arriving after 8:15 a.m. is **late.** Students must be at their assigned assembly location by 8:15 a.m. We ask that all parents/guardians adhere to this policy. Lateness disrupts class activities and results in class work being missed. It is important that we teach our children the value of being responsible and prompt.

10. 43 MINUTE EXTENDED DAY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

The 43-minute sessions are mandated by the New York City Department of Education and therefore we must follow the same procedures as during the regular school day for dismissals. Any parent who wishes his/her child **not** to attend the 43 minute session on any particular Tuesday or Thursday must come to school and sign their child out on that day. Dismissal will occur at 3:25 p.m. (on Tuesdays and Thursdays)

11. PARKING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Residents have been complaining about vehicles parking in front of their homes and driveways and leaving motors running for long period of time. Please try to be considerate of others and try to avoid this practice during dismissal times. There is no parking in front of or on either side of the school during school hours. *Please be sure to check the locations and times that the city has designated as “No Parking”.*

12. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We recognize that birthdays are important events in children’s lives. However, our school days and curriculum requirements are very full. Parents of students in grades K-5 who would like to acknowledge their child’s birthday in school may do so only if they make arrangements with the classroom teacher one week in advance. Parents and teachers are asked to adhere to the following guidelines.

- Birthday celebrations must be limited to the last 25 minutes of the day
- Cupcakes or individual cakes/cookies/doughnuts are permitted. Cakes that require cutting are not permitted.
- Juice boxes or water bottles are permitted.
- No more than two (2) family members may come to school for the celebration. Siblings may not be pulled from their class to attend the celebration.
- Goody bags, candy or treats, party favors, balloons, decorations, entertainment and candles are not permitted.
- **Classroom teachers may have additional traditions and/or policies. Your child’s classroom teacher must first approve any birthday celebration in advance.**

Please note that birthday celebrations for our middle school students (Grades 6-8) are **not** permitted in school. The scheduling of classes, curriculum, and promotional requirements are more taxing than that of our elementary school grades

13. MS. ALGARIN’S EIGHTH GRADE CALENDAR

January 12 Catholic School Admission Notices are released
January 31 End of second marking period

A LOOK AHEAD:

Late February: Main Round Public High School Application result letters will be distributed and The Supplementary Round of Public High School applications (for students who were not yet matched to a public high school) will be distributed.

14. DATES TO REMEMBER

1/3	Classes resume
1/4,11,18,25	CCD
1/7	Saturday – Chess Tournament
1/9	Start of Kindergarten registration for 2011-2012
1/16	Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday, school closed
1/23	School Leadership Team meeting from 3:00–5:00 pm
1/25	PTA meeting – 7:00 p.m.
1/31	End of marking period – Grades 6-8