

# PS9 - News at 9

WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2018

## **Backpacks & Binoculars Afterschool Adventures Coming to PS9!**

We are happy to announce that PS9 will host a 4th school-based afterschool program beginning Wednesday, January 2, 2019! Please see the attached program information and sample schedule. Look for the B&B staff as they flyer at arrival and dismissal times in the upcoming weeks.

## **Breakfast with the Principal: “Celebrating the Festivals of Lights!”**

Join Ms. D’Avilar, Ms. Velazquez and Ms. Wallace-Anderson for a celebratory breakfast in honor of the many holidays that our school community observes at this time of the year!

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: The “Book Hive” Library

Please contact Ms. Jacob at [cderrell@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:cderrell@schools.nyc.gov) or (718) 638-3260X 1090 if you have questions.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

## **Class Parent Meeting Tomorrow**

Class parents and others may join us for our monthly class parent meeting tomorrow, December 6 at 8:30a.m. in the school’s staff lounge. This is not a mandatory meeting!

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## Coat Drive

Our annual coat drive will be held in conjunction with New York Cares. We will collect new or gently used, CLEAN COATS ONLY (we do not have the capacity to collect other winter items that NY Cares does not collect), until Friday, December 14. The collection box will be located in the school's main lobby.

## Games 4 Gear (G4G) & LIU Basketball 2018-19

The next Games 4 Gear game will be on Sunday, December 9, the women's game with New Jersey Institute of Technology.

To view Games 4 Gear game schedule visit:

<http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/news/2018/11/liu-basketball-games-4-gear-program/>

Please note: All games, with the exception of Friday December 21, 12:00noon, will be played at the Steinberg Wellness Center located at 161 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201. December 21 will be played at Barclay's center.

Contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob, our Parent Coordinator at 718.638.3260 X1090 or [cderrell@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:cderrell@schools.nyc.gov) to get free game tickets!

## Happy Hanukkah

We wish a joyful celebration of this festival of lights to our Jewish families! Enjoy!

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## Kindergarten Application: Apply by Monday January 14!

Each pre-k student at PS9 must have an application completed in order to get a seat in PS9's, or any other, Kindergarten program!

If you live in New York City and your child was born in 2014, apply to kindergarten by January 14, 2019.

Submit your child's application one of three ways:

1. Online with MySchools(Open external link), <https://www.myschools.nyc/en/>

2. In person at a Family Welcome Center

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/family-welcome-centers>

3. By phone at 718-935-2009

Learn more on our Kindergarten page: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/kindergarten>

Kindergarten Directories were delivered to all pre-k classrooms in October. You may also view the directory online at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Elementary/Resources/default.htm>

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## Middle School Application: Deadline Extended to December 14 & Application Assistance

The 2019 middle school application has been extended to Friday, December 14. We still have over 40 families at PS9 who have not started an application yet. We are now calling families directly.

Our Guidance Counselor, Ms. Shaw-Taylor will hold her last evening office hours to assist with applications tomorrow, Thursday, December 6, 3:20-6:00p.m. If you need help please contact Charmaine Derrell-Jacob at [cderrel@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:cderrel@schools.nyc.gov), or

Need help? Contact our Guidance Counselor, Ms. Shaw-Taylor at [KShaw@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:KShaw@schools.nyc.gov) or 718.638.3260 X 2022

In your child's personalized online application, you will be able to see and explore every middle school program that they are eligible to apply for and, if they get an offer, to attend. From these options, you can add up to 12 middle school programs to your child's application. Add the programs that interest you and your child the most and rank them in your true order of preference in the application.

- Consider adding the programs where your child has an admissions priority or guarantee, such as their zoned school(s) or continuing school. You do not have to place any of these programs as your first choice to keep your priority.
- Make an appointment to talk to your child's school counselor. Discuss your child's middle school application choices and how you plan to rank them.

You will be able to apply in English, Spanish, Chinese, Bengali, Russian, Arabic, Urdu, Haitian Creole, Korean, or French. Read more at:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/middle-school>

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## The Nutcracker Ballet Presentation

PS9's Nutcracker Ballet presentation is Friday December 14, 2018 at John Jay H.S. Campus on 7th Ave in Park Slope.

- Students arrive at John Jay dressed in attire: 5:30pm.
- Showtime 7:00pm; doors open at 6:30pm.
- Admission \$5.00 at the door (no ticket pre-sale)

## PTO Movie Night: Meet the Robinsons!

Join our PTO for their movie night fundraiser this Friday, December 7, at 6:00 pm in the auditorium. The feature film is *Meet the Robinsons*. Admission: \$5 per person, with refreshments for sale.

## PTO Pancakes & Portraits

Pancakes and Portraits is back for a second year. Our breakfast community event returns Saturday, December 8th starting at 9am. For a \$5 donation, all you can eat pancakes, coffee and other breakfast items will be served. We will have crafts for the kids to do.

Have any errands to run and want to do it kid free? We will have a time-limited drop off service available. In order to serve unlimited pancakes, we need a supply. Please sign up here to show off your Hungry Jack skills today. Sign up to donate fully cooked pancakes and other breakfast items at:

<http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/news/2018/12/pancakes-and-portraits-2nd-annual-event/>

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## Spanish Class for Adults: Parents & Staff!

Bi-weekly Spanish for Adults continues tomorrow, Thursday, December 6, 5:30-7:00p.m. (school library.) All are welcome.

## Student Performances for December

The Nutcracker Ballet: Friday, December 14 @ 7:00p.m. (John Jay HS Campus –237 7th Ave, Park Slope Brooklyn)

Pre-Kindergarten: Monday, December 17 @ 10:00a.m. (Winter Holiday Festival)

Kindergarten: Monday, December 17 @ 8:45 a.m. (Winter Holiday Festival)

Grade 1: Tuesday, December 18 @ 9:00 a.m. (Winter Holiday Festival)

Grade 2: Monday, December 17 @ 11:00 a.m. (Winter Holiday Festival)

Grade 3: Tuesday, December 18 @ 10:45 a.m. (Winter Holiday Festival)

Grade 4: Wednesday, December 19 @ 9:00 a.m. (Winter Holiday Festival)

Grade 5: Wednesday, December 19 @ 10:45 a.m. (Winter Holiday Festival)

Violin Caroling: Thursday, December 20

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## Toy Drive

As in years past, the PS 9 community is once again participating in two holiday toy drives to collect new and unwrapped toys for homeless NYC school children and for NYC school children living in low-income circumstances.

Please consider contributing a new unwrapped toy or two to these drives by mid-December, and/or please consider making a monetary donation (link below).

Our parent coordinator, Charmaine Derrell-Jacob, is setting up one collection box for both toy drives in the PS 9 lobby. The deadline for both drives is coming up soon, on Wednesday, December 12. (Last-minute toy donations can be accepted until Monday, December 17, but 12/12 is the very-much-preferred deadline.)

More info on these toy drives:

1. The Gift of Giving holiday toy drive includes a student-powered toy wrapping session at PS 9 on December 13 and a gift-giving event at the Dyker Heights Golf Course a few days later. Please drop off a new unwrapped toy in the collection box in the PS 9 lobby.
2. The Coalition for the Homeless holiday toy drive offers a few different ways to contribute:

\*You can drop off a new unwrapped toy in the collection box in the PS 9 lobby or you can make a monetary donation or drop off at the Coalition. Read more at: [www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/donate-toy-drive](http://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/donate-toy-drive)

Thank you very much for your support of these holiday toy drives!

Best,

Claudia (Helen's mom).

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## In Our Community

Annual Holiday Fair & Kid's Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 15th

2:00pm – 7:00pm

Vendors on Site with handcrafted gifts for sale

Duryea Presbyterian Church

362 Sterling Place @ Underhill Avenue

(Undercroft)

Girl Scouts at PS9, Prospect Heights Brooklyn

Calling all girls ages 5-13! Do you want to earn badges, meet new friends, go on exciting trips and partake in great S.T.E.A.M. activities? If so, join our Girl Scout Trooped hosted weekly at PS9.

Opening Celebration Meeting: Sunday, December 9, 1:00pm at PS9

Contact Krystal at [ms.linton24@yahoo.com](mailto:ms.linton24@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend.



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Brooklyn Public Library's Inclusive Services department:

December 3: After School Stories and Read and Play are Back at Saratoga Library!  
December 5: Navigating Your Child's Disability: One-to-One Expert Assistance Is Here!  
December 7: Brooklyn Family Support Services Advisory Council Outreach December 14:  
Parent Member IEP Training December 15: Music for Autism Presents: Boyd Meets Girl

We can provide one-to-one help for you and your child with the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process, early childhood services and programs, transition planning, transportation issues, camps, afterschool, and other community resources.

Se habla español; drop in or call to make an appointment 212.677.4650 ex. 19

For more information call 718.253.4948

For questions about these programs or the services we offer, please contact Zanine Richardson at [zrichardson@bklynlibrary.org](mailto:zrichardson@bklynlibrary.org) or call 718.253.4948.

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## Links:

Fan the PS 9 PTO on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/PS-9-PTA-Brooklyn-NY/152557378100856>

Community Education Council for District 13: <http://cec13.org/>

Community School District 13: 718.634.3284

Notify NYC: <https://a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov/notifynyc/>

NYCDOE: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/home>

NYCDOE Enrollment Division Contact: 718.935.2009 or [ES\\_enrollment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ES_enrollment@schools.nyc.gov)

NYC Government: Call 311 or website: <http://www.nyc.gov>

NYC Office of Emergency Management:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/home/home.shtml>

PS 9 Family Yahoo! Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ps9family>

PS 9 Website: [www.ps9brooklyn.org](http://www.ps9brooklyn.org)

Prospect Heights Patch <http://prospectheights.patch.com/>

School Meals Breakfast & Lunch Menus: <http://www.opt-osfns.org/osfns/default.aspx>