

# PS9-News at 9

WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2019

## **Dinner with the Principal: “Reading at the Helm of it All”**

Join Principal D’Avilar and PS9 teachers, for a Reading workshop that will provide parents with first-hand information about the New York State ELA test. Students are scheduled to take the test April 2-4. The workshop is geared towards 3rd, 4th and 5th grade families, and will be held on Thursday, January 31 at 6 p.m. in the school library. Childcare will be provided for a donation.

Please RSVP at: <http://www.ps9brooklyn.org/news/2019/01/dinner-with-the-principal-january-31-2019/>

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

Hey LIU Blackbirds basketball fans, Games for Gear (G4G) provides free tickets to PS9 families for each of 21 Blackbirds men’s & women’s games. Not only will you/your family get to watch GREAT college basketball, we will award \$500 for athletic equipment to the top six programs by attendance. By participating in G4G your families get a unique opportunity to watch some of the best college basketball in New York City.

LIU men's & women's dates are now available to you and your families through our Games 4 Gear program. To view Games 4 Gear game schedule visit:

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

Please note: All remaining games will be played at the Steinberg Wellness Center located at 161 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201.

Please 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!

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## NY International Children's Film Festival Fundraiser

The NY International Children's Film Festival is coming up February 22-March 17, and the PS9 PTO is partnering with the festival to raise money for our school.

The festival offers stunning and unique films created by international artists for children ages 3-18. PS9's PTO will earn \$3 for every ticket sold. It's a great opportunity to coordinate with classmates for a community day out!

To buy tickets and raise money for our school:

1. Go to <http://nyicff.org/tickets/>
2. Select our school ("PS9 Teunis Bergen") from the "Select My School" Menu (IMPORTANT!!!!)
3. Purchase tickets

Questions? Email Carolyn Cryer at [ccryer@wesleyan.edu](mailto:ccryer@wesleyan.edu)

Film Festival flyers have been backpacked with students today.

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## Pre-Kindergarten Admissions Guide 2019

A limited number of Pre-Kindergarten guides are available in our school's main office.

The pre-k application process will be open in early February and the deadline to submit an application is March 15, 2019.

### Who Can Apply to Pre-K?

Every family of a four-year-old in New York City can apply to pre-K. Children born in 2015 will begin pre-K in September 2019. Your child must be a current New York City resident to apply.

All of the following students are welcome to apply to pre-K:

- Current 3-K students at public district schools, Pre-K Centers, and NYC Early Education Centers (NYCEECs)
- Current students in three-year-old programs at charter schools, private schools, parochial schools, or other preschools
- Students with disabilities
- Students with accessibility needs
- Students learning English
- Students in temporary housing
- LGBTQ and gender nonconforming students
- Students who are new to NYC public schools—if you move to NYC during the school year, visit the New Students page to learn how to enroll.

Find out more at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/pre-k>

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## PTO Nominating Committee Needed for 2019-20 Elections

At last night's meeting our PTO announced the beginning of the Nominations process for 2019-20 elections. If you would like to be a part of the election committee (not running for PTO office) then please contact Raul Rothblatt at [rrothblatt@gmail.com](mailto:rrothblatt@gmail.com), or Krystal Linton at [ms.linton24@yahoo.com](mailto:ms.linton24@yahoo.com).

## Remind Text Message Service Interruption for Verizon Wireless Customers

Unfortunately, we have gotten the news below from our school's free text message service Remind. We are beginning to investigate other services that are free and/or easy to use the way Remind has worked for us the last 4.5 years; please let us know if you have ideas. We're sorry for the inconvenience that this will cause. We will now have to depend on our Email list serve, PTO group lists, Class Parent posts and school website to keep families updated when quick turnover is necessary.

Texting service ending for Verizon customers

Because of a new Verizon fee, we'll be forced to end text notifications on January 28 for Verizon Wireless customers who use our free service, including teachers at your organization. Please note that schools and districts with a Remind plan will not be affected by the Verizon service disruption.

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## S.T.E.A.M. Night

Join us for a night a night of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math at Family STEAM Night on Tuesday, January 29th, 5:30-7:30p.m. Come refresh your coding, building and formula-mixing skills as our Science, Technology, Art, Physical Education. Math teachers provide hands-on fun for the entire family! This event will be held in the school's cafeteria and gymnasium.

## Wellness Committee Meeting

The Wellness Committee invites parents/families/teachers to join our next meeting on Tuesday January 29th at 8:30 a.m. in the Teacher's Lounge to discuss all topics regarding our childrens' wellness: exercise, mental health, food. Bring ideas along!

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## In Our Community

A Community Conversation on the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT)

Thursday, January 24, 2019

6-8p.m.

Brooklyn Public Library, Dweck Auditorium

10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY 11238

To RSVP or for more information on this or any other concern, please contact:

Assemblymember Simon at [simonj@nyassembly.gov](mailto:simonj@nyassembly.gov) or 718-246-4889

Assemblymember Mosley at [mosleyw@nyassembly.gov](mailto:mosleyw@nyassembly.gov) or 718-596-0100

Summer Program Resource Fair 2019

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

6-8p.m.

Brooklyn Borough Hall, Community Room

209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

For more information, contact Elena Romero at 917-554-3765 or [elena12673@yahoo.com](mailto:elena12673@yahoo.com)

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### Breakaway Hoops Summer and Holiday Camps

To celebrate our 5th anniversary we are offering 50% off Summer camp until 2/5. We also offer monthly payment plans as well.

#### CAMP SCHEDULE

WEEK 1-(6/17-6/21) SHOOTING CAMP @ CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 2- (6/24-6/28) CORE SKILLS CAMP @ CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 3- (7/1-7/3) (NO CAMP 7/4, 7/5) TRIPLE THREAT CAMP @ CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 4-(7/8-7/12) NBA PLAYER CAMP @ CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 5-(7/15-7/19) NBA PLAYER CAMP @ CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 6-(7/22-7/26) SHOOTING CAMP @ CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 7-(7/29-8/2) NBA PLAYER CAMP @CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 8-(8/5-8/9) NBA PLAYER CAMP @CITY COLLEGE

WEEK 9-(8/12-8/16) SHOOTING CAMP @ DEMPSEY CENTER

WEEK 10-(8/19-8/23) CORE SKILLS CAMP @ DEMPSEY CENTER

Register Here for Summer Camp and Savings: [www.breakawayhoops.com](http://www.breakawayhoops.com)

If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Breakaway Hoops. Our main number is 646-776-2021.

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## In Our Community

The Brooklyn Adult Learning Center within the Department of Education serve adults 21 years of age and older and all classes are taught by NYS Certified Teachers. Please share the attached flyer with your parents/guardians and community members as we are currently registering students for the following classes:

### Tuition-Free Class Offerings:

Adult Basic Education – (Pre-TASC formerly known as GED)

English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)

Nursing Assistant (NA)

EKG and Phlebotomy

A+ Certification

Network +

Digital Technology

Microsoft Office Suite

High School Equivalency (TASC)

Computer Literacy

Brooklyn Adult Learning Center - School 8  
New York City Department of Education  
District 79 Alternative Schools and Programs  
475 Nostrand Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
Office: (718) 638-2635 x2190  
BB: (917) 805-7325  
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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>