



GEORGE J. RYAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Ryan's Words of the Week (WOW) are:

4/15 – 4/19: quantify/embed

5/1 – 5/3: collaborate/structure

MTSS Cross-curricular Vocabulary Words for April::

- **6th Grade:** inequality, subsequent, reflect, transmit, enhance
- **7th Grade:** contribute affect, participate, focus, task
- **8th Grade:** evoke, frequency, correlation, beneficial, fabricate



UPCOMING EVENTS

4/12: Report Card distribution via NYCSA

TESTING DATES

ELA: April 11 - 12

Math: May 7 - 8

Science: Grade 8 ONLY - May 15

Regents Exam Dates:

June 4: Algebra 1

June 14: Living Environment

June 20: Earth Science

June 21: Geometry

AFTER SCHOOL

Robotics

Tuesday/Wednesday 2:40 - 5:00PM

ELA/ENL/Math Enrichments

Tuesday/Wednesday 2:40 - 3:40PM

Roadrunners/Yearbook

Wednesdays 2:40 - 3:40PM

FELLAS/Board Gaming/Yearbook

Cosmetology/Natural History/E-Sports

Thursdays 2:40 - 3:40PM

Wednesday/Saturday Parent Workshops

Urban Gardening & Hydroponics

ENL Parent Partnership Meeting

Session 3	March 27th (before 4/15 - testing)	Understanding the NYSESLAT and State Tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of ELA exam / who is exempt / accommodations • Overview of Math exam / accommodations • Overview of NYSESLAT / Levels • Summer Rising deadline & Application process (May is too late!) • Ask parents to bring in recipes for cookbook or ideas for Cultural Map in next session (send reminders) • Davis / Hydroponics?
Session 4	April 17th	Culture Celebration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents sort into language groups at one of two stations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cookbook - compile book of recipes to share with the parent partnership community (and put on Ryan website)? Parents can take on roles (type up, find pictures (or take at home), design, edit, finalize. Collect interest in Session 2 to see if anyone can take this on. If not, the students could compile and design. ◦ Cultural Map of Queens / NYC - parents at this station will list important cultural spots (temples, specialty stores, community centers, restaurants, etc.), collect addresses, websites, and phone numbers, and place on a hyperlinked map (Quinn will check with staff to see if anyone knows the best platform to do this on. If it is too difficult/cumbersome, a list sorted by borough/neighborhood could be made. Post on Ryan Website) • Reminders of important dates coming up • Davis / Hydroponics?
Session 5	May 29th	End of Year Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Continuing language development over the summer • Read, speak, watch, listen in English • Continuing parent partnerships over the summer - maintain network for next year! • Sign up to be a mentor parent for the next SY • Davis / Hydroponics?

RYAN'S PARENT COORDINATOR:

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FROM CHANCELLOR BANKS

What are we reading?

Since we announced NYC Reads last spring, I've thought a lot about building a culture of reading in our schools and across the five boroughs. How do we make literacy a citywide, all-hands-on-deck effort?

To encourage families to practice reading skills at home, we've partnered with PBS to create dozens of short videos that feature NYCPS educators modeling science of reading strategies, such as how to blend letter sounds. Parents, I encourage you to check out [these videos](#)—and if you want to take it one step further, sign up to become a [reading ambassador](#) in your school community. We already have 1,200 parents participating! As an ambassador, you'll learn the fundamentals of the science of reading through virtual trainings offered in multiple languages. Interested parent coordinators and other family-facing staff can [enroll](#) as well.

Supporting our Students who observe Ramadan: March 10, 2024 – April 9, 2024
Starting on March 10th, families in our community will begin celebrating Ramadan. For some students, this may include abstaining from food and drink during daytime hours.

Please be mindful of students and families who practice this precept and communicate ways we can work together to engage students in learning while continuing being sensitive to needs that may arise. These accommodations should be considered in a collaboration between students, families, parents and even your Parent Associations.

More resources can be found [here](#) from the NYCDOE WE TEACH library about Ramadan and linked [here](#) is a NY Times article about student experiences during Ramadan.



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SENIOR DUES & TRIP INFO

8th Grade Parents: Senior Dues and Senior Trip Information

In order to provide our students with a meaningful senior year and memorable graduation ceremony, certain expenses must be covered.

The following items represent the most significant of these:

- Senior Yearbook (Full color yearbook)
- Graduation Ceremony Programs
- Graduation Medals and Awards
- Cost of Graduation Cap, Gown, and Tassel
- Graduation Day Stage Decorations
- Senior T-shirt, Key Chain, and Diploma Case

Cost of Dues: The total amount of the Senior Dues for each member of the Class of the Year 2023-2024 has been set at **\$115.00**.

THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON PAYMENT OF DUES!!!

Payment of Dues: smoothusa.com/jhs216q-grad

Graduation Ceremony Date and Location To be Announced

Note:

- Senior dues does not cover the cost of the Senior Prom or Trip
- If your child has to go to Summer School, your child will not be allowed to participate in the graduation exercises. There will be a graduation held at the completion of Summer School. There are No Refunds.
- Senior dues are to be paid in full prior to any payments toward our Senior trip.
- All graduates are expected to wear the cap, gown, and tassel provided by Smooth. There are no itemized purchases allowed.

The Senior Trip for the Graduating Class of 2024 will be at Lake Compounce Amusement Park, located in Bristol, Connecticut. Lake Compounce Amusement Park is New England's top family theme park. This all day excursion will take place on Friday, May 31, 2024. We will depart from Ryan Middle School 216Q at approximately 7:30 AM and return to school at approximately 7:00 PM.

The price for the trip is \$115.00 and includes:

- Transportation (via deluxe motor coach)
- Park admission (which includes all rides and attractions except the Water Park)
- Picnic lunch at the Lakeside Pavilion (all you can eat Hot Dogs/ Hamburgers/Veggie burgers potato chips/ice cream/soda)
- Free unlimited drinks
- Senior Trip Shirt, which will be worn to identify students and to show our school spirit

Please Note:

*** Senior Dues must be paid before we can accept payment for the Senior Trip. ***

- Students will be assigned to and supervised by Ryan teachers/staff.
- There are a limited number of seats. We advise that you pay for your seat earlier than later.
- If bus seats are filled and you have submitted payment prior to the due date, you will be placed on a waiting list in time-stamped order. Your seat is not guaranteed and funding may be reimbursed, if there are no more seats available.



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Deadline to pay for the Senior Trip will be Friday, May 3, 2024. NO EXTENSIONS!

- Payment deadline dictated by Amazing Destinations.
- There will be no refunds for students, who decide not to attend the trip.
- Only students who turn in a completed Student Consent Form will be allowed to go on the trip.

Method of Payment:

- Only a Postal Money Order, made payable to George J. Ryan Middle School 216Q, will be accepted. Please enclose the Money Order and 'Tear-off' in an envelope.
- Print your child's name and class on the back of the envelope and on the Money Order. Cash or personal checks will not be accepted. Please note that each student will be responsible for the receipt generated by the Money Order.
- Only students who turn in a completed Student Consent Form will be allowed to go on the trip. Ms. Susanne and Ms. Mary Jo will collect all envelopes (payment and consent form), during the lunch periods in the main office.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Senior dues, please contact me as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Mr. Roberts, AP

NYC TEENSPACE FREE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM

The DOE is helping to promote a new program offered by the NYC Health Department for NYC teens. **NYC Teenspace**, powered by **Talkspace** offers NYC teens ages 13–17 virtual therapy with a licensed therapist, at no cost. Teens can be connected to a licensed therapist for ongoing support and/or can access online mental health exercises to complete on their own. Teens can sign up for this program on their own by following these **steps**. Note that teens do not need to be experiencing mental health symptoms to participate and can discuss their thoughts and feelings about their day-to-day life with a Talkspace therapist. More information can be accessed through the **school staff FAQ** and the **parents and guardians FAQ**.

Additionally note there will be informational webinars via Zoom to learn more about this program:

- **Parents and Teens:** The webinar for parents and teens will be from **7:00–7:45 p.m. on December 5**. Interested participants may **register** through the day of the webinar. Note that translated written materials will be available soon after the webinar.



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JOIN OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH GOOGLE CLASSROOM!

Once you are logged in, you can refer to the **"Classwork"** tab to see/read new and current Ryan information directly from parent coordinator Mr. Davis.

Please start by looking at the overview tab to understand the purpose of this classroom-based partnership. See below to join using the applicable link organized by grade level.

- **Grade 8 Parent Partnership Classroom link:** join here--->
<https://classroom.google.com/c/NTU3MzI1MDAwODEw?cjc=vggro3o>
- **Grade 7 Parent Partnership Classroom link:** join here--->
<https://classroom.google.com/c/NTU3MzI1MTkyMTY2?cjc=7h4h6dv>
- **Grade 6 Parent Partnership Classroom link:** join here--->
<https://classroom.google.com/c/NTU3MzlyMDk1MzU4?cjc=umhl5cg>

REMINDER! USE REMIND!

WE USE REMIND TO SEND UPDATES ABOUT IMPORTANT CLASS INFORMATION.

To sign up for Ryan Grade 6 Parents 2023-24 group - Text 81010 (Code @bcba64)
<https://www.remind.com/join/bcba64>

Ryan Grade 7 Parents: Please send a text to 81010 and in the text box type @ryangrade0
Ryan Grade 8 Parents: Please send a text to 81010 and in the text box type @ryangraded

6 th – 8 th Grade Marking Periods							
Marking Period	# of Days	Start Date	End Date	Progress Report Due*	Progress Report Distribution**	Report Card Marks Due	Report Card Distribution
1	40	09/07/23	11/3/23			11/09/23	11/16/2023
2	45	11/06/23	01/19/24			01/25/24	02/01/2024
3	42	01/22/24	03/26/24			04/08/24	04/12/2024
4 - (8 ^m)	38	04/02/24	6/05/24			06/14/24	06/26/2024
4 - (6 ^m /7 ^m)	41	04/02/24	6/12/24			06/20/24	06/26/2024



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RYAN'S COMMUNICATION TOOLS

Please be reminded that our communication platforms are always available to connect with teachers and receive communication from the school.

Some include:

- Google Classroom Messaging (via your parent invite sent in September to the email you provided)
- Traditional emails to teachers/staff (email addresses are available through the NYC DOE GAMA Platform)
- Ryan's Weekly Parent Newsletter
- Ryan's Monthly calendar
- School Messenger (via text, email or phone)
- Parent coordinator Grade parent engagement (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 3:00 – 3:30pm)
- Ryan's website (ryan216q.org)
- Ryan's Mobile App
- Remind (by grade)

Our partnership is very important. If you experience difficulty with navigating an application or platform, the best support comes from within Ryan. Someone is always here to assist. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

YOU'RE INVITED: TO A ZOOM MEETING!

**Topic: 6th Grade Tuesday
Parent Table Talk**

**Time: 03:00 PM Eastern Time
(US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/93403870660?
pwd=eW5Nd1VFbTI5dUdJWXBn
bFNNVllwdz09](https://zoom.us/j/93403870660?pwd=eW5Nd1VFbTI5dUdJWXBnbFNNVllwdz09)

Meeting ID: 934 0387 0660

Passcode: 695896

**Topic: 7th Grade Wednesday
Parent Table Talk**

**Time: Wednesday 03:00 PM
Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/94693676521?
pwd=ci9teUh1NldoTTNGWk1S
EdyTTNpZz09](https://zoom.us/j/94693676521?pwd=ci9teUh1NldoTTNGWk1SEdyTTNpZz09)

Meeting ID: 946 9367 6521

Passcode: 055622

**Topic: 8th Grade Thursday
Parent Table Talk**

**Time: Thursday 03:00 PM
Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/92755894387?
pwd=a3Y5YXpyWU9WRFlwQjc
5Q3BNbHNxQT09](https://zoom.us/j/92755894387?pwd=a3Y5YXpyWU9WRFlwQjc5Q3BNbHNxQT09)

Meeting ID: 927 5589 4387

Passcode: 777276

Ryan sends our best wishes to all families of Asian and Pacific Island communities who are celebrating the Lunar New Year. We hope that you are able to spend this joyful time with family and friends. We wish you and your loved ones peace, health, and prosperity in the year to come!