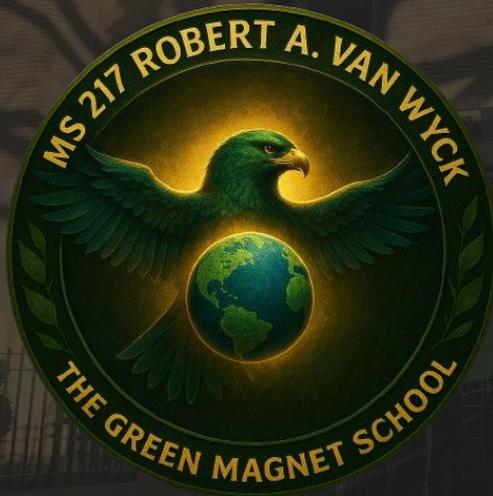


# Welcome to MS 217Q!

Robert A. Van Wyck Middle School 217  
The Green Magnet School for Career  
Exploration in the Arts, Sciences and  
Government through Multimedia Technology



# Why Should You Choose MS 217Q?

Please check this video out!!

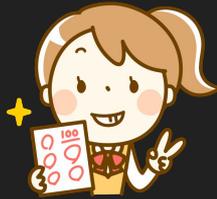
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# THINGS TO KNOW....WE ARE...

- ❖ **A Community School that has a strong foundation supported by the YMCA of Greater NY**
- ❖ **A community that includes families from over 40 nations**
- ❖ **A community where our students and staff members are multilingual and multicultural, allowing us to celebrate incredible differences.**
- ❖ **A community where teachers provide rigorous instruction in all core subjects.**
- ❖ **A community where families appreciate our parent education classes and the school's communication efforts, including many opportunities for parent/**

# A Different Place to Learn



Our school adopts a **Mastery-based system** for assessing students. This is an **innovative system for assessing learners that promotes deeper learning**. The idea behind this grading concept is to structure our courses in a way that allows learners the time and flexibility to focus on mastering a standard or a skill, rather than achieving a certain number or letter grade. Learners are offered more than one opportunity to master a standard

# What's happening at MS 217?

## Technology Based School

Every student has access to their own laptops and other devices.



## Career Connected Learning

Students learn to develop self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills to deal with everyday challenges through career connected curriculum.



## Green Magnet Educating Sustainability

Students learn to take action in their local and global communities. We have a pollinators' garden and an organic vegetable garden.



# The Main Classes For a 6th Grader at M.S.217 are:

ELA

MATHEMATICS

SCIENCE

SOCIAL STUDIES

COMPUTER SCIENCE

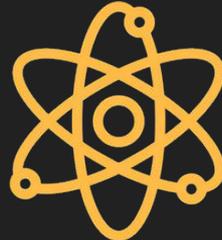
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SUSTAINABILITY

THE ARTS

FINANCIAL LITERACY

W.I.N.



# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- ELA through Project Based Learning Opportunities
- Math three year Algebra I Regents
- Science three year Biology Regents
- Social Studies connections to the Arts, Project Based Learning, US History Regents
- Varying Arts Opportunities
- Advanced Honors Classes



# Student Support PRACTICES



- ❑ WIN - What I Need
- ❑ Legacy Pins
- ❑ Restorative circles help to build community and discuss important social and emotional topics
- ❑ Social and Emotional Learning educates students on empathy and compassion.
- ❑ House Teams-Assistant Principal, Dean, and Guidance

# AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS



**QCH - Queens Community House**

**YMCA Activities**

**Academic Support**



**YMCA OF  
GREATER NEW YORK**



# CLUBS, TEAMS AND MORE!



<b>Cooking Club</b>	<b>Peer Mediators</b>	<b>Men of Strength</b>	<b>Beautiful Me</b>
<b>Flag Football</b>	<b>3D Printing</b>	<b>Gardening</b>	<b>Anime Club</b>
<b>Cheerleading</b>	<b>Soccer</b>	<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Student Government</b>
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>Forensics</b>
<b>Table Tennis</b>	<b>Martial Arts</b>	<b>Sewing</b>	<b>Robotics</b>
<b>Guitar</b>	<b>Chess</b>	<b>Musical Theater</b>	<b>Girls Who Code</b>



# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

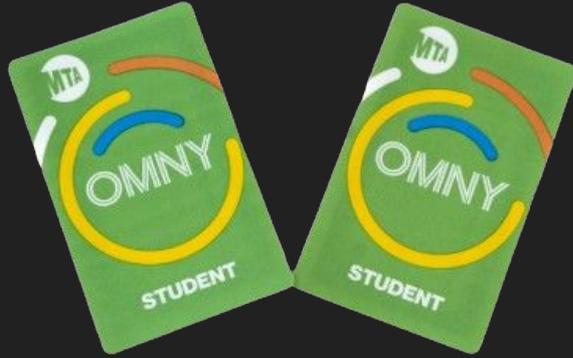


**GET  
TICKETS  
NOW!**

- Musical Theatre Production
  - Spirit Week
  - Holiday Dances
  - Community Service
  - Academy and Class Trips
  - Winter and Spring Concerts
- Multicultural Musical Assemblies
- Arista Achievement Programs
- Peer Tutoring, Peer Mentoring, Peer Mediation
  - Camping Trips
  - School Carnivals



# TRANSPORTATION



Students will receive a full fare student OMNY Card based on the distance between their home and school.

Yellow bus service is **ONLY** provided to those students who receive special transportation per their IEP. **Parents can opt to pay for bus transportation.**

Many students walk to school with family or friends.





School logo embroidery by **Needleheads**  
**Custom Embroidery (718) 850-4252**  
Or order **ONLINE** at

# UNIFORMS

## Acceptable Uniform Tops

Navy blue or grey collared shirts with or without the school logo.

MS217 sweatshirt or a plain navy blue/gray

sweatshirt or sweat jacket.

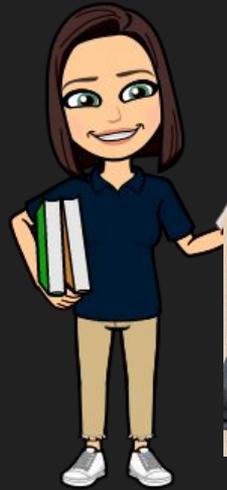


## Acceptable Uniform Bottoms

Navy Blue or Khaki pants are accepted without logos or writing of any kind

Navy Blue, Grey and Black sweatpants are permitted without logos or writing of any kind

Navy blue sweats (with school logo) are part of the gym uniform and accepted



# Cell Phone Policy and Expectations



- Students are **NOT** permitted to have their cell phone on or out at any time
- Students place phones in **YONDER** pouches
- Pouches are locked for the duration of the day



Phone Off

Learning On

**WHEN CLASSROOMS ARE CELL PHONE FREE,**  
Students have more freedom to:

- Build relationships
- Improve their wellbeing
- Learn and grow

# NYCSA

## What is a NYC Schools Account?

NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) is a DOE application that lets you access important information about your child on any device. The website is accessible in nine languages.

## Why is the NYC Schools Account important?

The NYC Schools Account allows you to view your child's grades, report cards, attendance history, test scores, transportation information, IEP information, submit COVID consent forms, track your child's progress to graduation, and more!

It is important that all parents have access to their account when coming to MS217. If you already have an account when 6th grade begins your account will update and reflect your child's grade. If you do not have a account please speak to your child's 5th grade Guidance Counselor or Parent Coordinator to help you create one.

The screenshot shows the NYC Schools Account website. At the top left is the NYC Department of Education logo. At the top right is the text "NYC Schools Account". Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: HOME, ACADEMICS, ATTENDANCE, SCHEDULE, HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION, and DETAILS. Below the navigation bar is a welcome message and a "Messages" notification. A green banner contains two announcements: "Apply this month to become a member of your local Community Education Council (CEC)" and "Voting is open now for CEC Members (Community Education Council)". Below the banner is a grid of 12 service tiles, each with an icon and a label: Grades, Assessments, Reading Level, Promotion Tracker, Graduation Tracker, Student Documents, IEP, Attendance, Schedule, Health, Transportation, and Guardians. At the bottom of the grid are two more tiles: Enrollment and Student.

# Gmail & Google Classroom



- All students will be required to use their DOE gmail accounts
- Google classroom is where most assignments and announcements will be posted by teachers.
- All parents and students must join google classroom; the code will be given by the teachers.
- Students are expected to access google classroom and gmail regularly
- Parents are expected to access google every day for student assignments and grades

# People to Know

In addition to your teachers, each house has some important people you should know:

**Principal:** Ms. Teutschman

## Assistant Principals

Ms. Justiniano

Ms. Ioannou

Ms. Kozuch

Mr. Johnson

Ms. Aguirre

## Deans

Mr. Vega

Mr. Bernardin

Mr. Paulin

Mr. Golden

## Guidance Counselors

Ms. Salmon-Wallace

Ms. Ulloa

Mr. Olivares

Ms. Fernandez

Parent Coordinator: Mr. Sosa

STH Community Coordinator: Ms. Lozano

# Thank You!

We hope to see you as a member of our MS 217  
Community next year!!

Check out more information on our school website

[vanwyck.enschool.org](http://vanwyck.enschool.org)

