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School in the Square

A newsletter for families of new students

April 8, 2025



We are thrilled to welcome all newly accepted students to School in the Square! In this newsletter for families, we offer ways to help you complete the registration

process and learn more about the exceptional teaching, learning and community-building happening every day across our four campuses from PreK to high school.

Welcome!

Dear Families, Thank you for applying to School in the Square for your children! We are delighted to be a trusted partner in your children's education and look forward to working with you this spring to show you how we are transforming education in the communities we serve.

As an anchor community member in northern Manhattan with PreK, elementary, middle and high school campuses in Washington Heights and Inwood, **our core commitment to each child here is to empower literate, culturally competent thinkers and skilled learners who understand their self-agency and their responsibility to engage actively in their school and home communities.**

We can't wait to introduce you to the exceptional faculty, staff and leadership who are dedicated to ensuring that **your children are known, seen, heard and encouraged to be their best and most accomplished selves.** The best way to get to know us is through on-campus opportunities so you can experience our “relationships first” community culture and learn more about how we deliver successful daily learning experiences.

We hope you will join us for the Welcome Events we have planned this spring across our four campuses, designed to engage with you about our program experiences and resources and help answer your questions! These are distinct from Open Houses you may have attended previously and we encourage you to attend. **If you have not already RSVP'd to our Welcome Events, please use the links here in this newsletter, below, to do so!** Thank you, again, for working with

us on behalf of your children to get to know the School in the Square community! --
The School in the Square Enrollment Team



Attend These Campus Welcome Events!

Our campus leaders and selected faculty want to make sure your questions are answered through informal info sessions about our campus programs, student and family resources and community culture!

Tuesday, April 8 4-5pm, Welcome Event, School in the Square Middle (Grades 6-8), 120 Wadsworth Avenue, NY, NY 10033

[RSVP here](#)

Wednesday, April 23 5-6:30pm, Welcome Event, School in the Square Bilingual Elementary (Grades 1-5), 108 Cooper Street, NY, NY 10034

[RSVP here](#)

Wednesday, April 30 5:30-7pm, Welcome Event School in the Square

High (Grades 9-10), 12 Sherman Avenue, NY, NY 10040

[RSVP here](#)

Thursday, May 1 5-6:30pm Welcome Event, School in the Square Bilingual Early

Childhood (PreK & K), 37 Park Terrace East, NY, NY 10034

[RSVP here](#)

Campus Highlights



Early Childhood Center

Our PreK students are excited to become young paleontologists and excavators as they study fossils and dinosaurs in their spring science unit! They will take nature walks to visit the neighborhood marsh and examine a log's life in Isham Hill as they explore the passage of time in nature through the decomposition of trees to soil.

Science learning is hands-on and action-packed with rich bilingual vocabulary at the ECC!



Elementary School

In theater class, 2nd graders have been exploring acting without words through pantomime and mime. They studied famous early film actors and created their own silent films, developing plots, writing screenplay slides, rehearsing and filming!

These activities complemented their recent literacy unit exploring folktales from cultures around the world. They read and discussed the stories and showed their understanding by writing about the key messages and how characters encountered and addressed problems that arose.



Middle School

Fresh off of their powerful, student-led parent-teacher conferences to evaluate their learning progress, 8th graders are continuing to focus on literacy and math skills as they prepare for the April and May state exams. After classes dismiss, Middle Schoolers are enjoying free after school programming and spring team sports -- softball, baseball and soccer!



High School

Leadership opportunities happen daily for our high school students, in the classrooms, through Student Council, clubs, sports teams, and volunteering, including at our monthly Food Pantry for our families. Recently a parent shared, “My son had a conversation about his volunteer experience with the pantry. [As] he shared with me, he had real empathy and compassion.



It's so extraordinary that the school is teaching that.”

We are here to prepare students as learners and also as community members – to facilitate how they examine our world at a global to local level, to develop and practice civic responsibility and positive participation in their communities.

Photo Gallery

Top to bottom: Two teachers with two elementary school students who earned recognition for modeling "Principled" attributes of successful learners, one of several International Baccalaureate Learner Profiles highlighted each month at the elementary school campus; 9th grade Student Council officers at the high school

campus; PreK students on a neighborhood walk; Middle and High School students who researched and presented an extensive oral history project.





Did You Know? It's easy for families to get to School in the Square campus locations!

- We work with DOE - OPT for school bus and metrocard eligibility.
- Specific to Upper Manhattan/ K-6 unless designated via IEP
- Eligibility for bus program/metrocard program

Metro (OMNY) trains and buses that stop near our campuses:

Early Childhood Center at 37 Park Terrace East:

- **Trains:** A at 207th (or 1 Train at 215th or 207th Street)
- **Buses:** BX7, M100, BX12

Elementary School at 108 Cooper Street:

- **Trains:** A at 207th (or 1 Train at 215th or 207th Street)
- **Buses:** BX7, M100, BX12

Middle School at 120 Wadsworth Avenue:

- **Trains:** A at 181 or 175th (or 1 Train 181)
- **Buses:** BX7, M100, BX11, BX13, BX36, BX3, BX35

High School at 12 Sherman Avenue:

- **Trains:** A at 190th (or 1 Train at 191st or Dyckman St)
- **Buses:** BX7, M100

School Bus and/or Metro Card Eligibility:

Students entering Kindergarten, 1st grade, or 2nd grade are eligible for the public school bus or a metro (OMNY) card if they live 0.5 miles or more from

the school. For more information, visit: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/transportation/bus-eligibility>

- NOTE: Pre-K is not eligible for bus transportation unless there is an IEP

Students entering Grade 3 through Grade 6 are eligible for the public school bus or a metro (OMNY) card if they live 1.0 miles or more from the school. For more information, visit: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/transportation/bus-eligibility>

Students entering Grades 7 through 12 are eligible ONLY for a metro (OMNY) card.

Bus stops near our campuses:

- Broadway & W 144th St - *Arrival 7:25 - Departure 4:15*
- Broadway & W 158th St - *Arrival 7:35 - Departure 4:10*
- St Nicholas Av & W 175th St - *Arrival 7:40 - Departure 4:00*
- St Nicholas Av & W 180th St - *Arrival 7:45 - Departure 3:50*
- Nagle Av & Thayer St - *Arrival 7:55 - Departure 3:42*

Faculty in the Spotlight



School in the Square Teachers Shine!

We appreciate every one of our teachers from PreK to high school! For example, Mr. LaRose, 6th Grade History teacher, is an amazing ambassador for 6th Grade joy and culture. Shout out to him for thoughtfully curating events and activities for 6th graders to engage and enthusiastically embrace their learning!

We're a local employer, too

One of the many ways School in the Square helps support our community is by employing many individuals with an array of skills and professional experience whose children attend the school or have attended in the past. If you or others you know have skills and experience that match our openings, we encourage you to get in touch!

Explore our website to learn more about [Joining our Team](#), and to see [current position openings](#) for the 2025-2026 school year.



Here for you: Enrollment Team

Questions? Let us help!

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