



Bronx Lighthouse Charter School

Lower Academy Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Over the past few weeks, we have talked about ways that it is important to keep in communication with your scholar's teacher so that you are informed of your scholar's progress. In this week's packet, you will also find the appointment cards for parent teacher conferences. Conferences will be held on November 17th and 18th. Parent teacher conferences are a terrific time to ask questions of your scholar's teacher in order to see the growth that we expect this year.

Here are some important questions to ask your scholar's teacher at Parent Teacher Conferences:

1. What skills and knowledge will my scholar be expected to master this year?

- What will my scholar learn this year in key subjects like math, science, Social Studies, and English?
- What kind of projects and assignments have you planned that will help my scholar meet higher academic standards?

2. How do you know my scholar has mastered the information?

- How do you assess my scholar's progress?
- How are grades determined in your classroom?

3. What can I do to stay more involved in my scholar's academic progress?

- What can I do at home to support what is happening in the classroom?
- How can I know on a daily basis what homework has been assigned?
- How can I support teachers' efforts in implementing higher academic standards?

4. How do you accommodate differences in learning?

- What if my scholar is struggling and falls behind, or is a fast learner and is bored?
- Are summer school, tutoring, or other programs available for scholars who need more help?

Shine On!

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