



**Manhattan Business
Academy
Parent Newsletter**



Dear parents,

Happy New Year! As we welcome 2024, we're excited to embark on a fresh journey filled with learning and growth at Manhattan Business Academy. January is a month of new beginnings, and we are thrilled to share with you the various activities and opportunities planned for our students. Let's start this year with enthusiasm and a shared vision for our students' success.

What is happening at MBA this month?

January is always busy for MBA. We only have three weeks left of the semester and a busy schedule with mandated exams (MAP Growth for 9th and 10th grade, a mid-year ELA writing performance task for all grades.) We also have two college trips coming up for our 10th graders visiting CUNY schools, a reward Ice Skating trip for students showing strong achievements in citizenship, a trip to the Statue of Liberty for 11th graders and the January Regents exam.

In January, **all 11th grade students** are taking the ELA Regents exam. Besides them, the only students reporting are students who failed an exam in the past and need a passing score to graduate. If your child is in 10th, 11th or 12th grade and owes an exam, they will receive an invitation in early January. 9th graders do not have any January exams so they will be off during the entirety of Regents week, which is Tuesday January 23rd to Monday January 29th.

The schedule of exams for Regents week is available [here](#).

What are your children learning this month?

- In January, students in Global studies will be completing their unit pertaining to ancient China, focusing on geography, religions, and dynasties. Students will then begin a unit on ancient Greece and their geography, religion, and society.
- In Earth Science, students will be continuing work around "Apparent Motions of Celestial Objects." This includes the apparent Sun's path as seen from various latitudes, moon phases and the moon's effect on eclipses and tides.
- In English, students are continuing to explore the novel, "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian." We are analyzing key elements such as theme, character development, and conflict types through reading, writing, and discussion.
- In Algebra I, we are exploring linear patterns and linear functions. We are identifying rates of change and intercepts of linear functions. We are comparing linear functions and exploring wage inequality in the United States. In Pre-AP Algebra, we are exploring systems of equations and finding solutions to systems of linear and nonlinear functions.

Important Dates this month:

- Monday, January 8th: MAP Growth exam for 10th Graders

- Tuesday, January 9th: Ice Skating trip (only students with 65 PBIS points)
- Wednesday, January 10th: Mid-Year Writing ELA Performance Test (Grades 9-12)
- Thursday, January 11th: Statue of Liberty trip for 11th graders
- Monday, January 15th: Martin Luther King Day (Schools Closed)
- Tuesday, January 16th: 10th Grade College Trips and MAP Growth exam for 9th Graders
- Thursday, January 18th: 10th Grade College Trips
- Tuesday, January 23rd to Monday January 29th: Regents Week - Only students scheduled to take exams are reporting to school

Other information:

Our online gradebook is JupiterEd, accessible at www.jupitered.com/

On Jupiter, you will be able to stay on top of your child's progress in real time for all of their classes. If you are unfamiliar with logging in on JupiterEd, click on "Parent" and enter your child's OSIS ID number and temporary password you received in your email. If you do not know the temporary password, please click on "Help Me Login"

Alternatively, for more support with login information, please reach out to our wonderful Parent Coordinator, Elianne Jimenez at ejimenez@mbanyc.org

Sincerely,
Karen Polsonetti
Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KR' followed by a stylized flourish.