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Warrior February 2026 Bulletin

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2025 - 2026
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Things to do in New York during the February Month:

Winter's Edge Program: This quarterly event allows you to name a living artwork. Typically around Valentine's Day, it's a fun and unique way to engage with the art's exhibits (Reading: *Winter's Edge*).

New York Festival of the Arts (NYFA): The annual NYFA is a major event, featuring a variety of performances and exhibits. The show runs from mid-February and showcases the creative talents of various artists (Reading: *NYFA*).

Art and Cultural Events: The public garden and cultural center offers beautiful winter landscapes and indoor exhibits. It's a great place to enjoy nature and art in the winter months.

Historical and Educational Sites: Visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, or take a guided tour of the New York City Museum. The museum offers special exhibitions and events. Check their schedule for unique art installations and cultural programs.

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Respect for All Week in Our Schools!

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Anti-Bullying/Cyberbullying
Respect for Diversity, Disability, Religion, Acceptance and Racial Diversity
Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation, LGBTQ Pride and Acceptance
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Financial Literacy Tip
Needs vs. Wants - Tip: Understand the difference between needs and wants. Activity: Make a list of things you need and things you want, and prioritize saving for needs first.

SCHOOL HOURS
7:50AM-2:20PM

FEBRUARY READING TIP

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FAMILY FEBRUARY 2026

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Dear Warrior Parents and Families,

As we come to the close of the 2025 school year, I want to pause and reflect on the incredible journey we have shared together. These past few months has been marked by growth, resilience, and a collective commitment to ensuring the success and well-being of every one of our scholars. In the spirit of reflection and action, I am proud to celebrate several highlights that truly exemplify the strength of our Warrior community:

Celebrating Our 8th Grade Guidance Counselor

We are thrilled to recognize our 8th grade guidance counselor for achieving an outstanding milestone, 100% submission of high school applications for our graduating class. This accomplishment ensures that every 8th grader is positioned for the next chapter of their academic journey by receiving an acceptance to one of the NYC Public School High School of their choice.

Commending Our School Community

I would also like to commend our entire school community for the positive feedback we received during our recent district walk. This acknowledgment reflects the hard work, collaboration, and dedication of our staff, students, and families. We are excited to build on this momentum as we continue to grow together.

Highlighting Our Attendance Success

A special celebration goes out to our scholars and families for maintaining a strong 92% attendance rate. We are especially proud of the classes that achieved 100% attendance—your consistency and commitment make a difference every single day.

Celebrating Student Growth

Most importantly, we celebrate our students. From academic gains to personal growth, perseverance, and showing up each day ready to learn—our scholars continue to shine. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly proud of you.

As we look ahead to the months from January through June and beyond, let us carry forward this spirit of reflection, celebration, and action. Together, we will continue to support, uplift, and challenge one another as we strive for even greater achievements. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey and for everything you do to support our scholars. We are grateful for you today and every day.

With gratitude and pride,

Dr. Liza Ortiz
Principal

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Important Dates

- February 3 (Tue)
 - D8 DLT meeting @ 8:30am
 - 5th/8th Grade Science Draft DBLT Meeting
- February 4 (Wed)
 - Picture Day
- February 5 (Thu)
 - Stress Management Elevate Workshop @ 3:00pm
- February 6 (Fri)
 - Dress Down Day
 - Flag Football Intramural Begin
- February 9 (Mon)
 - Respect for All Week
 - SIMULATION EXAMS this week
 - D8 Parent Workshop: Faculty
- February 10 (Tue)
 - D8 Special Education Parent Series: Creating Town Hall Workshop @ 3:30pm
- February 11 (Wed)
 - 8th Grade Simulation Exams continue
- February 12 (Thu)
 - Town Hall Meeting @ 3:30pm
 - PA Meeting @ 12:30pm
- February 13 (Fri)
 - Varied Motivational Workshops
 - Club Day
- February 16- February 20 (Mon- Fri)
 - Mid Winter Recess
- February 23 (Mon)
 - Students and Staff Return to School
- February 24 (Tue)
 - DBLT Meeting @ 8:30am
 - 5th/8th Grade Science
- February 25 (Wed)
 - Women's History Month Kickoff Event
 - Mighty Milers
- February 26 (Thu)
 - D8 Science Expo

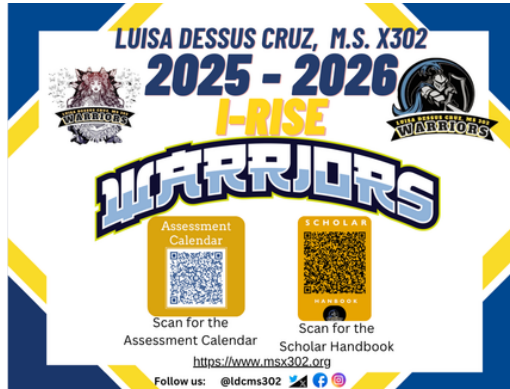


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Tyler Merritt presents a message of love and acceptance that will resonate with young readers and offer a starting point for conversations about racial equality between parent or caregiver and child.

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Queridas familias y padres de la Comunidad Warrior:

Al acercarnos al cierre del año escolar 2025, quiero hacer una pausa para reflexionar sobre el increíble camino que hemos recorrido juntos. Estos últimos meses han estado marcados por el crecimiento, la resiliencia y un compromiso colectivo para garantizar el éxito y el bienestar de cada uno de nuestros estudiantes. Con espíritu de reflexión y acción, me enorgullece celebrar varios logros que ejemplifican verdaderamente la fortaleza de nuestra comunidad Warrior:

Celebrando a nuestra consejera de 8.º grado

Nos complace enormemente reconocer a nuestra consejera de 8.º grado por haber alcanzado un logro extraordinario: el 100 % de las solicitudes a escuelas secundarias fueron completadas y enviadas para nuestra clase graduada. Este logro garantiza que cada estudiante de 8.º grado esté preparado para el próximo capítulo de su trayectoria académica al recibir una aceptación en una de las escuelas secundarias públicas de la Ciudad de Nueva York de su elección.

Reconociendo a nuestra comunidad escolar

También deseo felicitar a toda nuestra comunidad escolar por los comentarios positivos que recibimos durante nuestra reciente visita del distrito. Este reconocimiento refleja el arduo trabajo, la colaboración y la dedicación de nuestro personal, estudiantes y familias. Estamos entusiasmados por seguir construyendo sobre este impulso mientras continuamos creciendo juntos.

Destacando nuestro éxito en la asistencia

Un reconocimiento especial para nuestros estudiantes y familias por mantener una sólida tasa de asistencia del 92 %. Nos sentimos especialmente orgullosos de las clases que lograron 100 % de asistencia—su constancia y compromiso marcan una diferencia todos los días.

Celebrando el crecimiento estudiantil

Y lo más importante, celebramos a nuestros estudiantes. Desde avances académicos hasta crecimiento personal, perseverancia y el compromiso de presentarse cada día listos para aprender—nuestros estudiantes continúan brillando. Sus esfuerzos no pasan desapercibidos y estamos inmensamente orgullosos de ustedes.

Mientras miramos hacia los meses de enero a junio y más allá, sigamos adelante con este espíritu de reflexión, celebración y acción. Juntos, continuaremos apoyándonos, motivándonos y desafiándonos mutuamente mientras aspiramos a logros aún mayores.

Gracias por ser una parte esencial de nuestro camino y por todo lo que hacen para apoyar a nuestros estudiantes. Les estamos agradecidos hoy y siempre.

Con gratitud y orgullo,

Dra. Liza Ortiz

Directora

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Fechas Importantes

3 de febrero (martes): Reunión D8 DLT a las 8:30am

- Reunión de Borrador de Ciencia de 5.º/8.º Grado (DBLT)

4 de febrero (miércoles): Día de Fotos

5 de febrero (jueves)

- Taller de Manejo del Estrés – Elevate a las 3:00pm

6 de febrero (viernes): Día de Vestimenta Libre

- Comienzan los Intramuros de Fútbol Banda

9 de febrero (lunes): Semana de Respeto para Todos

- EXÁMENES DE SIMULACIÓN esta semana
- Taller para Padres D8: Personal Docente

10 de febrero (martes): Serie para Padres de Educación Especial D8: Taller de Ayuntamiento a las 3:30pm

11 de febrero (miércoles): Continúan los Exámenes de Simulación de 8.º Grado
12 de febrero (jueves)

- Reunión del Ayuntamiento a las 3:30pm
- Reunión de la Asociación de Padres a las 12:30pm

13 de febrero (viernes): Talleres Motivacionales Variados

- Día de Clubes

16 al 20 de febrero (lunes a viernes)

- Receso de Mitad de Invierno

23 de febrero (lunes): Regreso de Estudiantes y Personal a la Escuela

24 de febrero (martes)

- Reunión DBLT a las 8:30am
- Ciencia de 5.º/8.º Grado

25 de febrero (miércoles): Evento de Inicio del Mes de la Historia de la Mujer

- Mighty Milers

26 de febrero (jueves): Expo de Ciencia D8