



# Rosa International Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you are aware, our nation will inaugurate a new President this coming Friday. Students in our schools have been learning about the electoral process and now will turn their attention to the inauguration. In determining how to best present the inauguration to all our students. We, the three principals of Beck, Carusi and Rosa, have decided to show clips of the inauguration on Monday, January 23rd. We will be using footage of the new President being sworn into office to illustrate how power is transferred.

Grades 6, 7 and 8 Humanities teachers will focus on how power is transferred from one President to another and how the Constitution prescribes power to the executive branch. Our goal is to help students understand how our government functions, and *not* to debate the views of any particular politician or political group.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in this planned educational activity, an alternate assignment will be available. The assignment will focus on the transfer of power during the inaugural process, and not on any particular candidate or their views.

We considered showing students the event live. However, students in our buildings are in various locations at the scheduled time of the inauguration. Having students view the event live on Friday would require our schools to operate on an altered schedule, resulting in a loss of instructional time. Additionally, it would require that students view the speech in large groups, which affords staff less of an opportunity to see that any conversations that follow are appropriate. Showing the inauguration ceremony on Monday allows us to preserve class time and incorporate the video as a supplemental resource during Humanities instruction.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Principal, Beck Middle School

Dr. John J. Cafagna  
Principal, Carusi Middle School

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