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## **SI Community Charter School Hosts Events allowing families to Visit school and meet faculty and staff**

### **Open House, March 10<sup>th</sup> and TAKE A PEEK, week of March 7th**

75 new students will be accepted this fall and current students move on to 1st and 2nd grade  
*Applications are being accepted at Staten Island's newest Charter School*

**February, 2011**...Staten Island Community Charter School (SICCS) is welcoming prospective students and their families to some events that will give them an opportunity to learn more about the school and the professionals and parent leaders who run it.

#### **The two events giving the community these opportunities are:**

**Week of March 7, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.:** TAKE A PEEK! Make an appointment first, by calling 347-857-6981, to schedule a visit. Stop in and take a peek into the school's classrooms, where SICCS students are busy learning.

**March 10, 2011, 6:30 p.m.:** OPEN HOUSE! Meet SICCS Parent Team leaders, school leaders and teachers.

**PLEASE NOTE THESE SCHOOL LOTTERY DATES:**

April 1, 2011, 5 p.m.: To be considered eligible for the SICCS school lottery (at which applications will be chosen impartially for enrollment in September), your application must be received at the SICCS school office no later than 5 p.m. on April 1, 2011.

Parents interested in applying for admission to kindergarten, first and second grade for the 2011-12 school year at Staten Island Community Charter School have three ways to do it. They can apply at the school on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 309 St. Paul's Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10304-2232. They can download an application from the Web at [statenislandcommunitycharterschool.wordpress.com](http://statenislandcommunitycharterschool.wordpress.com). Or they can call the school at 347-857-6984 and have an application mailed to their home.

April 14, 2011, 6:30 p.m.: The SICCS school lottery will be held in the school cafeteria. All are welcome, but attendance is not required and will have no bearing on whether your child's application is or is not chosen.

For more information, please contact the school office at 347-857-6981.

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### **Background on the Staten Island Community Charter School:**

SICCS is a public charter school to which any age-eligible NYC resident may apply. There are no entrance requirements, tuition fees or exams. Preference is given to children living in Community School District 31 (Staten Island).

Having opened in September 2010, SICCS is one of three NYC Charter Schools on Staten Island. Publicly funded, and privately run, SICCS, as its Board President Lorna Harris relates, "works under the principle that with the right support, adequate time and greater opportunities for learning, every child can succeed." This thinking is in keeping with what has been a city-wide trend that has made charter schools popular with those parents seeking smaller class sizes and more custom curriculum in an overcrowded public school system.

One SICCS parent, who resides in New Brighton, expressed his satisfaction with the school by saying, "I didn't expect to see so much progress, so quickly."

Staten Island Community Charter School opened in September, 2010 with 100 students --- 75 in kindergarten and 25 in first grade. The school will expand by one grade per year until it reaches its target capacity serving 450 students in grades k to 8.

The school uses the [Resolving Conflict Creatively Program](#) (RCCP), also known as the Peaceable School model, that incorporates the teaching of social responsibility into all areas of learning.

Even before receiving its charter from New York State in 2009, SICCS won the support and encouragement of cultural organizations such as the [Staten Island Children's Museum](#); [Historic Richmond Town](#); [Sandy Ground Historical Society](#); the Staten Island Museum, with which it has already established a collaborative relationship; and Lincoln Center Institute, which will provide SICCS teachers with training in arts instruction.

SICCS students attend school each day from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. As a public school, SICCS observes the Department of Education calendar, which provides for a minimum of 180 days of instruction throughout the school year.

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