



MANY SIGNS, ONE VISION, ONE COMMUNITY

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Introduction

Hello, "47" family!

Welcome to the first issue of this year's *Many Signs, One Vision, One Community*, our school newsletter—and welcome back to school! In this issue, you can find information about Hispanic Heritage Month and Deaf Awareness Month, a comic relief page, student-written haikus, and a staff highlight of Gerald France. We hope this information proves useful and interesting to you.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please reach out to us directly at the email address below. We will see you for our next volume in a few weeks!

With our warmest regards,

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Hispanic Heritage Month

SEPTEMBER 15TH–OCTOBER 15TH, 2021

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month everyone! The celebratory month starts on September 15th each year because the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua all celebrate their independence on that day. The 30-days also includes Mexico's Independence Day (September 16th), Chile's Independence Day (September 18th), and Dia de la Raza or Columbus Day (October 12th).

Source: <https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/>

There are events around NYC. Feel free to check these out (safely)!

- Hispanic Day Parade 2021: Sunday, October 10th along 5th Avenue from 44th St to 77th St in Manhattan
- Art Exhibit by Katherine Miranda: through October 10th, Wave Hill (<https://www.wavehill.org/calendar/katherine-miranda>)

Deaf Awareness Month

SEPTEMBER 2021

It's Deaf Awareness Month! As the American Sign Language and English Secondary School, we take pride in shining a light on the staff members and students that are a part of the Deaf community and creating comradery between both communities by working together to support one another. Deaf Awareness Month was celebrated for the first time in 1951—70 years ago!—and the goal was to create annual events to increase awareness of and advocacy for D/deaf and Hard-of-Hearing people.

On top of Deaf Awareness Month, International Week of the Deaf is *also* in September! This year, it was the week of September 20th– 26th. IWD was first celebrated in 1958, also to increase awareness and advocacy, but on an international level. Each day of IWD has a different topic that is focused on and various events based on the topic. This year's schedule was:

Monday → Cherishing Deaf History

Tuesday → Sustainable Deaf Leadership

Wednesday → Sign Language for All Deaf Learners

Thursday → We Sign for Human Rights!

Friday → Intersectional Deaf Communities

Saturday → Deaf Culture and Arts

Sunday → Human Rights in the Times of Crisis

To support the Deaf community and learn more about the National Association of the Deaf, you can visit [NAD.org!](https://www.nad.org/)

Comic Relief

THAT DEAF GUY

Matt and Kay Daigle, by permission of the artists

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SOME JOKES

How do you follow Will Smith in the snow?

You follow the fresh prints.

What do you call a fish wearing a bowtie?

Sofishticated.

Did you hear about the Italian chef who died?

He pasta-way.

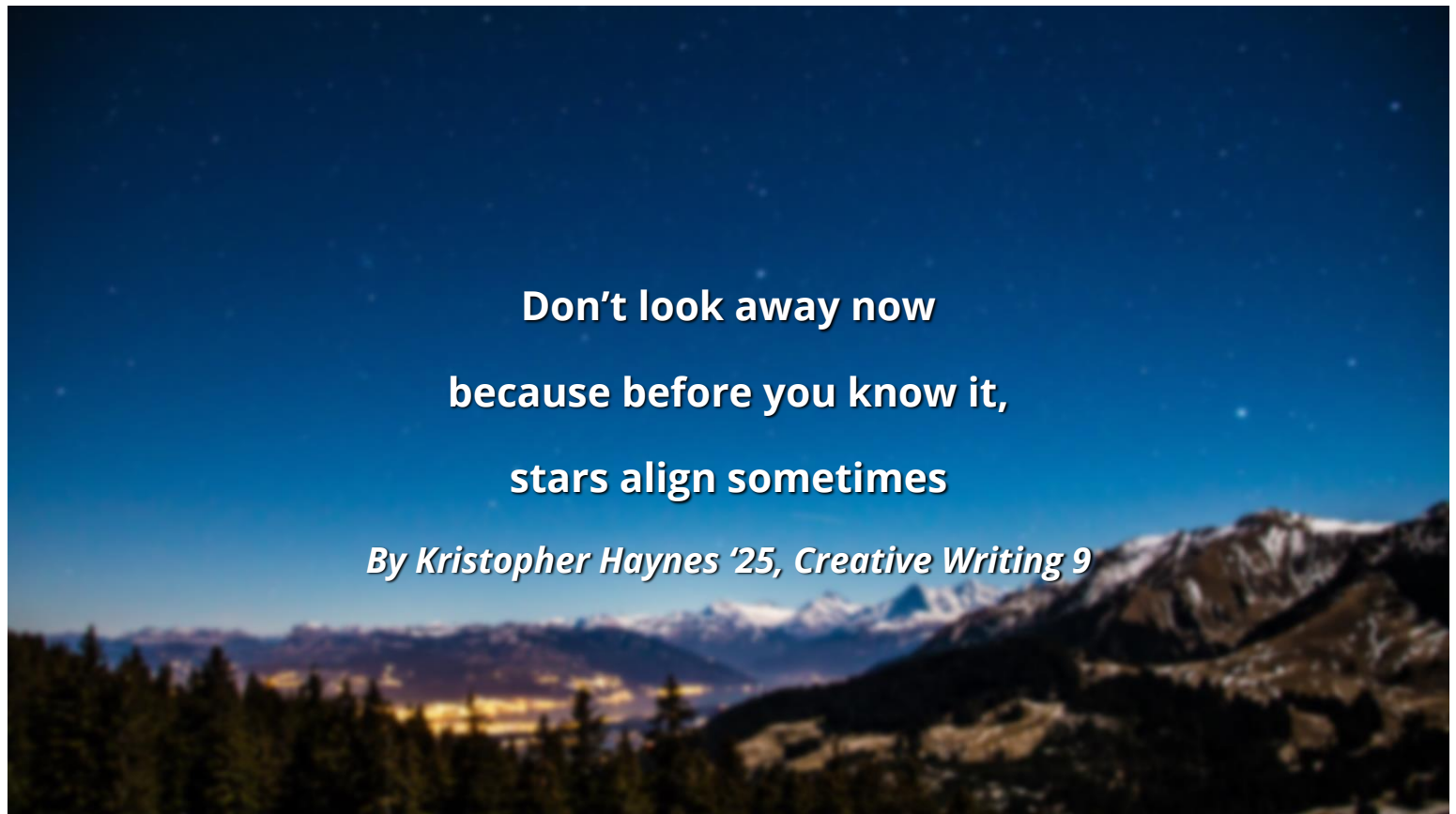
Student Contributions

HAIKU POEMS WRITTEN IN CREATIVE WRITING, PERIOD 4



**Walk past stores, humming
Next door with the fresh sweet smell
Of baked goods next door.**

By Amy Nicole Jimenez '25, Creative Writing 9



**Don't look away now
because before you know it,
stars align sometimes**

By Kristopher Haynes '25, Creative Writing 9

Staff Highlight

SEPTEMBER: MR. GERALD FRANCE, MATH TEACHER

Q1: *Describe yourself in a hashtag.*

#MrProfessional

Q2: *What is your favorite time of day?*

Early morning

Q3: *What is your dream place to visit?*

Dream continent: Antarctica

Q4: *What is the biggest surprise you have had?*

Being named Outstanding Educator in NYC in 2012

Q5: *Do you prefer vintage or new?*

Vintage, of course! I'm old school.

Q6: *If you could win an Olympic medal for any sport, real or fake, what would it be?*

I would win the gold medal for Donut Eating

Q7: *If you could make a documentary, what would it be about?*

Students that struggled with math and how they learned to love it.

Q8: *If you could choose someone to play you in a movie, who would you choose?*

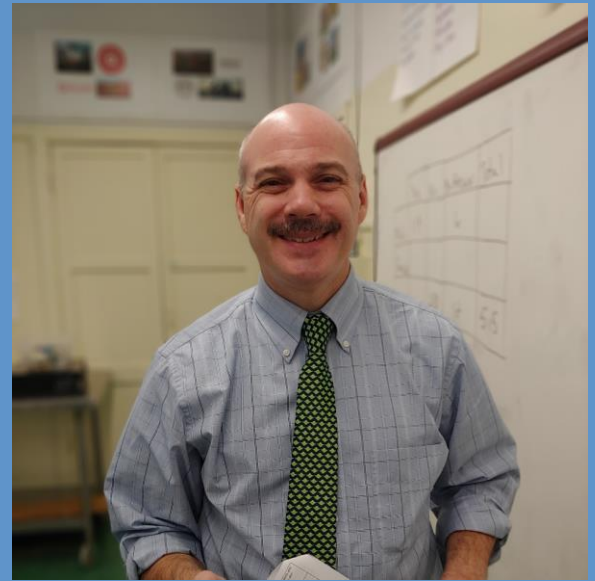
Bruce Willis (we go to the same barber)

Q9: *What is one thing that you enjoyed when you were younger that kids today don't get to do?*

Playing board games with family and friends

Q10: *What is the best advice you have ever gotten?*

Save as much money as you can now, so you will have plenty of money later on when you need it.



Important Announcements

CLUBS STARTING SOON!

Wednesday Clubs 3:00–4:00 pm		Thursday Clubs 3:00–4:00 pm (except Knitting Club)	
Anime Club	Room 312	Board Games Club	Room 407
Art Club	Room 306	Knitting (7:30–8:20 am)	Library
ASL Club (Room 418)	Room 418	Model UN	Room 406/408
Basketball	Gymnasium	Performing Arts Club	Auditorium
Crochet Club	Room 410	Running	Gymnasium
Hydroponics/Indoor Gardening	Room 316	Yoga and Meditation	Room 501
National Honor Society	Library		
Student Book Club	Room 315		
Student Government	Room 406/408		
Yearbook Club (both Wednesday and Thursday) – Library/Cafeteria			

Tutoring is available with many teachers during lunch, and before or after school **by appointment** with the following teachers: Ms. Blackburn, Ms. Hadley, Mx. Howard, Ms. McGrory, and Ms. Volpe. Reach out to them directly to set something up!

CHECK YOUR GRADES USING PUPIL PATH

Visit <https://pupilpath.skedula.com/>. Trouble signing in? Ask your advisor!

Calendar of Important Dates

For more information, check out the [New York City Schools calendar](#) and [our school calendar](#).

ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY/INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY | SCHOOLS CLOSED

Monday, October 11th, 2021

END OF MARKING PERIOD 1

Thursday, October 21st, 2021

ELECTION DAY | FULLY REMOTE, ASYNCHRONOUS INSTRUCTION

Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021

VETERANS DAY | SCHOOLS CLOSED

Thursday, November 11th, 2021

THANKSGIVING | SCHOOLS CLOSED

Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th, 2021