



MANY SIGNS, ONE VISION, ONE COMMUNITY

THE NEWSLETTER OF "47" THE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Introduction

Hello, "47" family!

Welcome to the second issue of this year's *Many Signs, One Vision, One Community*, our school newsletter! In this issue, you can find information about our Homecoming celebration and other school events, a comic relief page, students of the month and student work, and a staff highlight of Paul Templeton. We hope this information proves useful and interesting to you as we approach the winter break.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please reach out to us directly at the email address below. We look forward to seeing you for our next issue in the new year!

With our warmest regards,

"47" Communications Committee

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Homecoming

NOVEMBER 24, 2021

Homecoming, a longstanding tradition at “47”, returned this year, albeit in a modified way. We had games and activities in small groups. Our usual alumni panel was hosted on Google Meet: we had more than a dozen graduates—from as far back as the class of 2015—answer questions about life after high school. Alumni played against the current seniors in a football game streamed to classrooms for underclassmen to watch. We were also able to share a meal.





Native American Heritage Month

NOVEMBER 2021

November is Native American Heritage month! It is also known as American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage month. It is a time to celebrate the unique tribes, cultures, traditions, histories, and contributions of Native People. It is also incredibly important to educate and spread awareness on the history of oppression and mistreatment, some of which continues to current day.

It was a long process to gain recognition of this month. In the early 1900s, proponents of establishing a holiday included Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, and Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian. Each increased awareness, spread knowledge, and gained support for such a day in their own way. Some states and organizations have declared other days or weeks as a day for the First Americans or an American Indian Day, but many were not widely recognized. November was designated as Native American Heritage month starting in 1990 and proclamations have been made most years since.

Sources: <https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/> and <https://www.ncai.org/initiatives/native-american-heritage-month>

The link below is an interactive map that shows the original inhabitants of the land we are currently living on:

- Whose land am I on? → <https://native-land.ca/>

Transgender Awareness Week

NOVEMBER 13-19, 2021

Each year between November 13 and 19th, people and organizations around the world recognize Trans Awareness Week, to celebrate transgender and gender non-conforming people and address the issues and challenges the community faces. During this week, people share stories, educate their communities, and advocate for trans lives. The week leads up to Transgender Day of Remembrance, on November 20th, which honors transgender people who have lost their lives in acts of anti-transgender violence and was first observed in 1999. Transgender awareness week was established in response to killings, imprisonments, and discrimination of transgender people, but also is a week for celebration and education. People host parties and events, screen films that highlight trans actors or are made by trans creators, attend art shows, and host panels that are open to the public. One way to celebrate transgender awareness is to watch the documentary DISCLOSURE on Netflix, which explores the history of trans representation.

Marvel Movie Screening: Eternals



NOVEMBER 2, 2021

A new Marvel movie, *Eternals*, which recently hit theaters, stars the first Deaf superhero, Makkari, played by actress Lauren Ridloff. Ridloff, incidentally, used to teach kindergarten at P.S. 347, the Lower School with which we share our building! Her husband Douglas Ridloff, who used to teach at our school, trained all the actors in ASL and helped come up with some of the original signs for the movie. On November 2nd, there was a special early pre-screening with open captions to which our school was invited, and which students and staff attended.

Costume Contest Winners

OCTOBER 29, 2021



Amelia Rosado '23 as "Girl from WWII that would dance with the soldiers"



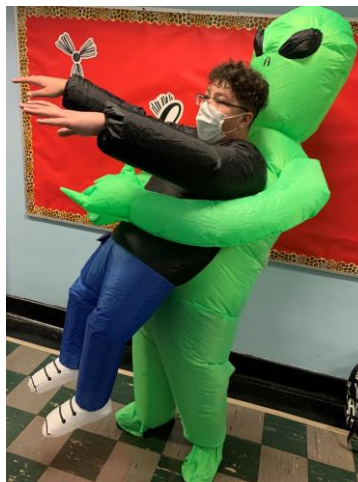
Briana Toledo '25 as "Winifred (the witch with the red wig) from Hocus Pocus"



Janiyah Simpson '23 as "Jack Skellington"



Shanell Duran '25 as "Galaxy Skeleton"



Rolando Noel Toledo '25 as "Kid getting taken by an alien"



Lyana Garcia '23 as "Plague Doctor"

Students of the Month

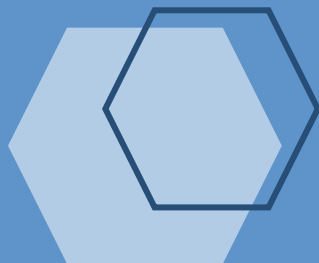
Congratulations to our September and October Students of the Month!

SEPTEMBER 2021

Ana Abreu Ortiz	Sirandy Garcia	Rachael Paidá Narvaz
Roxana Arevalo	Isabella Gimenez	Samantha Perez
Marina Baric	E-Lin Gross	Adia Rhodes Garcia
Kenneth Burney	Nicole Harper	Mariyah Shomo
Jancarlos Cabral	Kris Haynes	Janiyah Simpson
Heav Dunham	Isangy Hernandez	Yandiel Sojo Noel
Shanell Duran (two classes)	Ameenah Horne	Yanitza Sojo Noel
Thomas Eison	Dimitri Howell	Anderson Tamayo
Amariah Enmanuel Tyler	Arisbeth Lezama (two classes)	Alissa Vargas
Leo Enriquez	Amelia Mendez	
Jarely Fajardo-Altamirano	Memory Muchanyerei	

OCTOBER 2021

Jibril Abdulai	Viktoria Kiss	Ashley Santes
Katie Armenta (two classes)	Nicole Leal	Alanis Santiago
Darren Cruz	Leslie Lorenzo Rodriguez	Janiyah (Jay) Simpson
Thomas Eison	Jamison Martinez	Brianna Toledo
Emely Galeana	Marcos Matamoros (two classes)	Nializ Torres
Isabella Gimenez	Santiago Montealegre	Alissa Vargas
Max Gomez	Joshua Nunez	Justin Ventura
Jada Grimes	Enmanuel Ogando	Rodney Wilson
Isangy Hernandez	Ashley Quijano	Nanci Zanes
Catherine Hernandez	Jayra Rosario	



Comic Relief

THAT DEAF GUY

Matt and Kay Daigle, with the permission of the artists

THAT DEAF GUY



SOME JOKES

Why can't you trust an atom?

Because they make up everything.

Why don't ants get sick?

They have anty-bodies.

What does a clock do when it's hungry?

It goes back four seconds.

Student Contributions

PERSONAL FAVICONS FROM COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENTS

Students in Mx. Howard’s Computer Science Principles classes created 16×16 works of pixel art to represent themselves using binary (base-2) or hexadecimal (base-16) numbers and the RGB color system. Below is a sampling of their work.



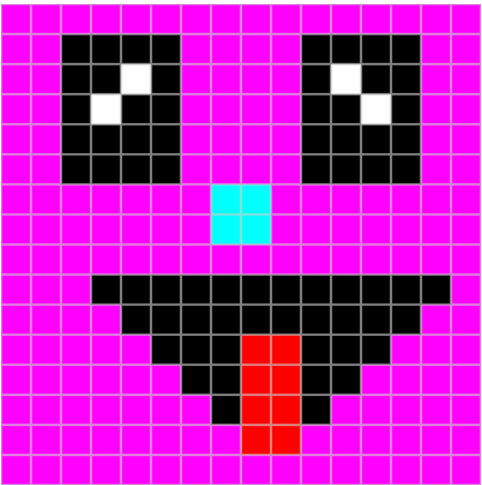
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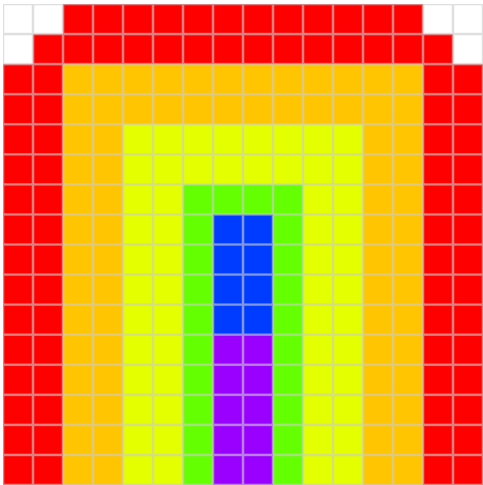
Diana Contreras '24



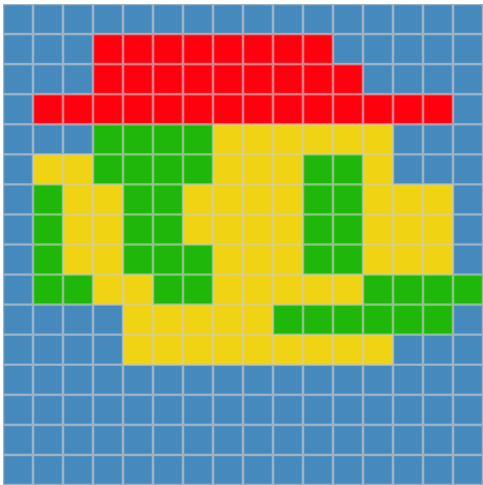
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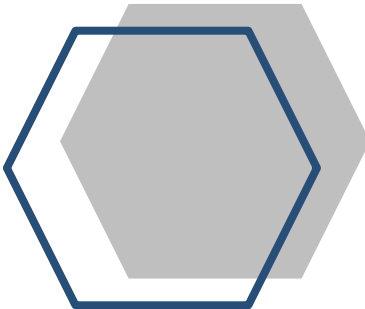
Cristal Alardo '24

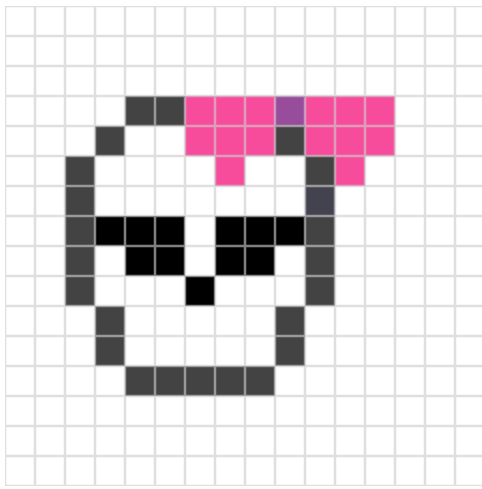


Essence Hall '24

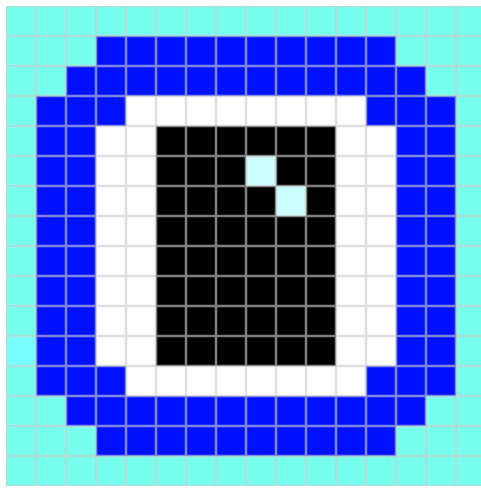


Justin Peralta '24

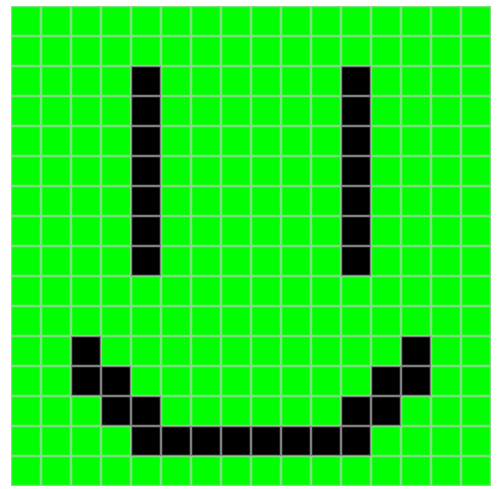




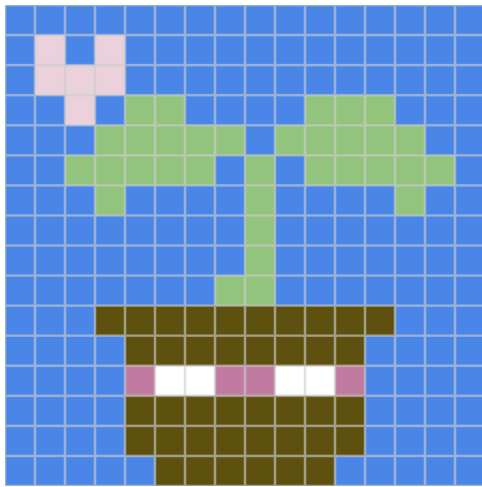
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Rachael Paidá Narvaz '24



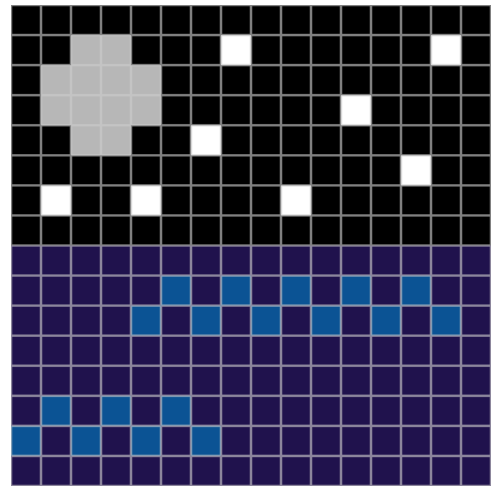
Sandy Delossantos '24



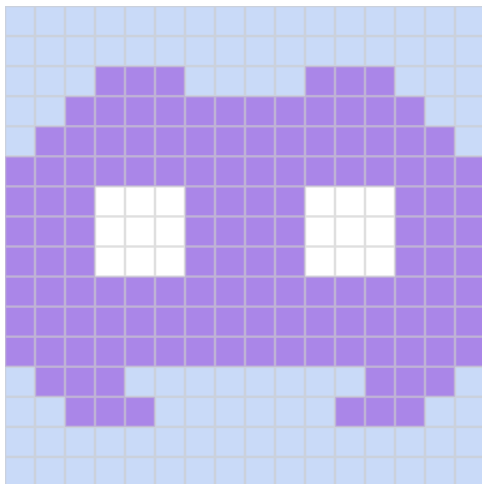
Miguel Reyes '24



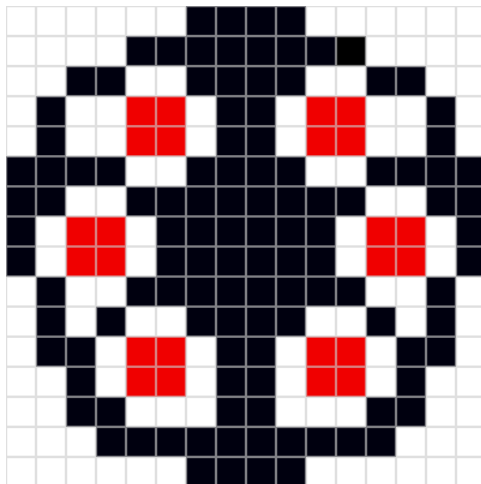
Robert Sabando '24



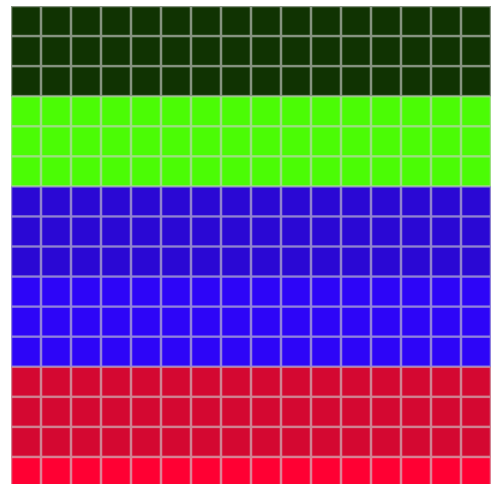
Sherlly Piedra '24



Naomi Rivas '24



Ronald Arevalo '24



Yanitza Sojo Noel '24





Amy Hernandez '23



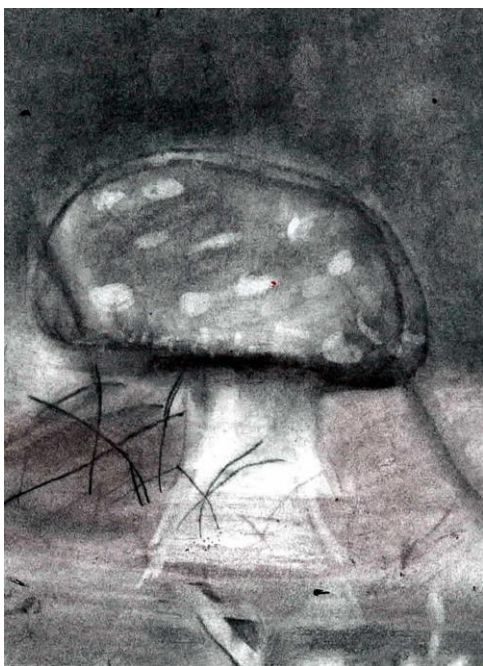
Angela Gao '22



Ashley Santes '22



Anderson Tamayo '22



Arianna Oliveri '24



Nializ Torres '24



Andres Fuentes '22



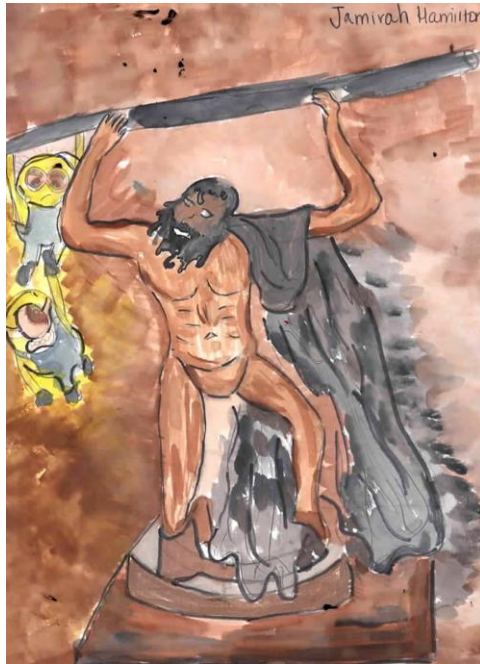
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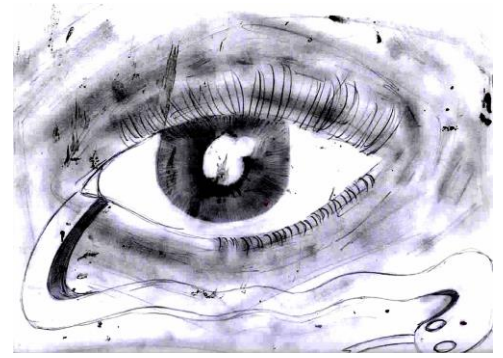
Caleb Gadsden '22



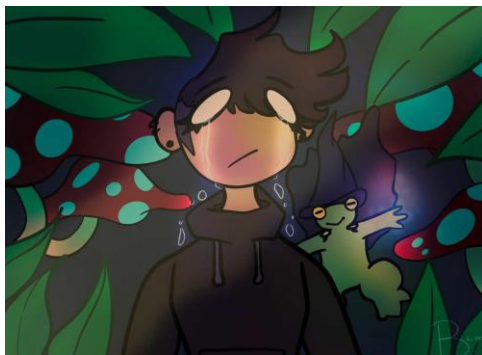
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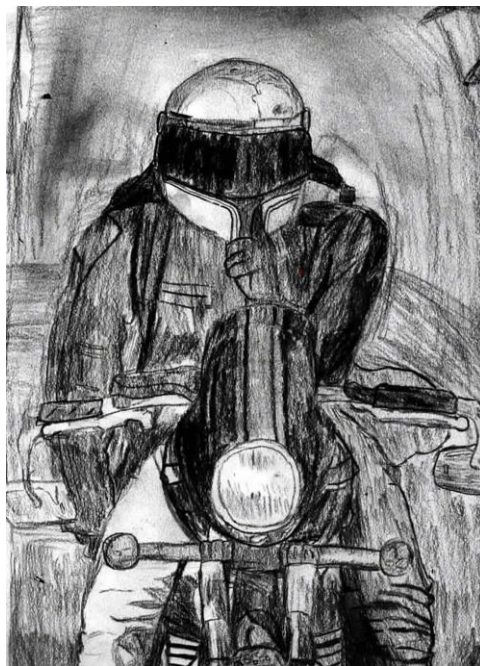
Jamirah Hamilton '22



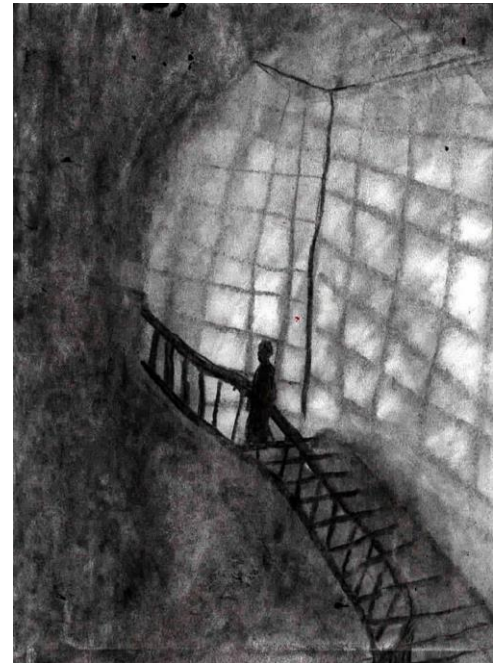
Leslie Lorenzo Rodriguez '22



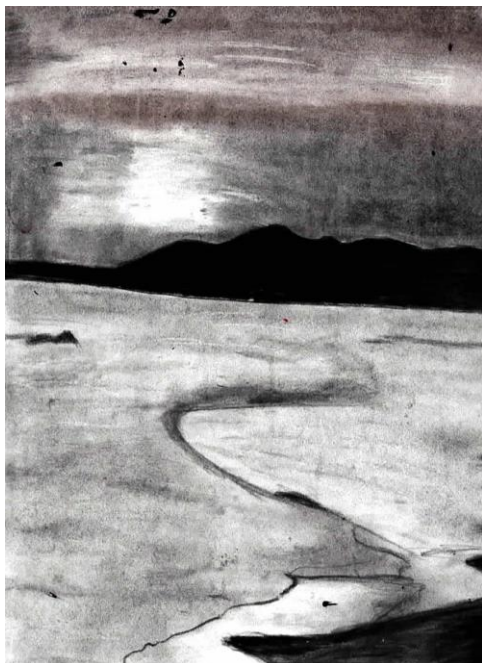
Nializ Torres '24



Jamison Martinez '22



J'din Padilla '22



Evelyn Guzman '22



Madison Gomez '23



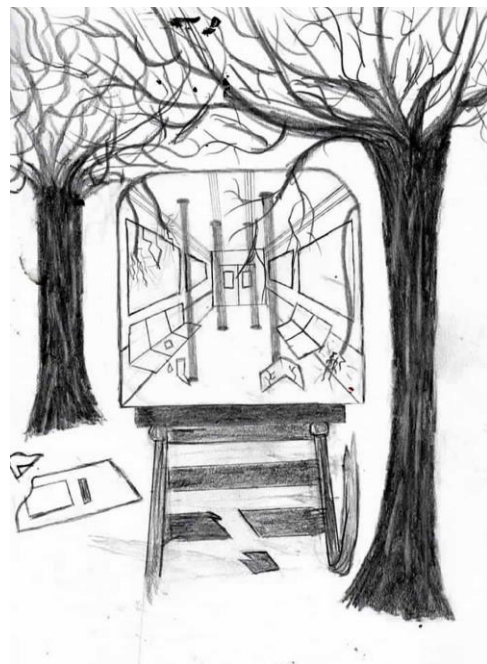
Kimora Cancel '23



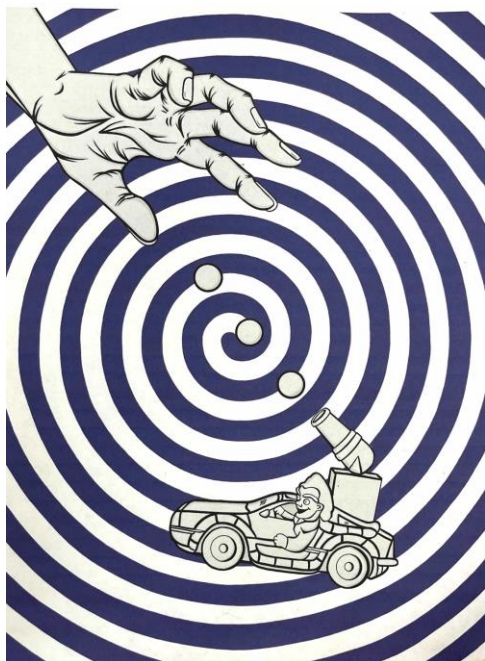
Marina Baric '22



Nanci Zanes Lozada '24



Thalia Dejesus '23



Melanie Marin '22



Nicole Harper '22



Yamileth Galan '22



Nanci Zanes Lozada '24



Richard Masaquiza Puin '22



Raulybel Perez '22

Staff Highlight

NOVEMBER: MR. PAUL TEMPLETON, SCIENCE TEACHER

Q1: *Describe yourself in a hashtag.*

#StopTheSpread has been my life for the past few years

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

3:47 PM, when there's still time to get fresh groceries and cook an interesting dinner.

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

I really want to visit Italy and connect with my grandmother's old village.

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

During quarantine, I found out that my younger sister could make her own jokes and bits and was funny independent of us being there. It was always fun to make her laugh, but she proved to us on FaceTime that she could do the same.

Q5: *Do you prefer vintage or new?*

Every piece of furniture at my apartment is vintage or stooped, I prefer used things that have secret histories!

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

Ultimate disc, the next Olympic sport! Calling it now, 2024.

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

My documentary would be about the history of bagel-making in Gramercy, Manhattan. I would eat the bagels to confirm their deliciousness.

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

Dermot Mulroney has what it takes.

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

Nowadays, video games are immediately data-mined and dumped on the internet. When I used to play, there was more room for unverifiable legends and mysteries to take shape. I mourn that for younger folks and I hope they have places in their lives for their imaginations to not be limited by the immediacy of digital fact retrieval.

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

When I adopted a dog, my sister and her husband told my partner and I to not take care of the dog together when it could be done separately. It's saved us a lot of time and made our dog more well-adjusted to each of us! They were in the throes of parenting so they understood the value of time.



Important Announcements

"47" SENIOR INFO!

Senior families: Couldn't join us for Financial Aid Nights? Complete the FAFSA application at home [here](#).

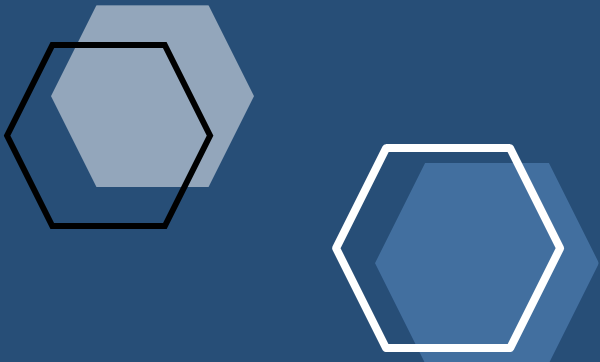
CLUBS HAPPENING NOW!

Wednesday Clubs		Thursday Clubs	
3:00–4:00 pm		3:00–4:00 pm (except Knitting Club)	
Anime Club	Room 312	ASL Club (2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month)	Room 418
Art Club	Room 306	Board Games Club	Room 407
Basketball	Gymnasium	Gender & Sexuality Alliance	Room 402
Crochet Club	Room 410	Knitting (7:30–8:20 am)	Library
Hydroponics/Indoor Gardening	Room 316	Model UN	Room 408
National Honor Society	Library	Performing Arts Club	Auditorium
Student Book Club	Room 315	Yoga and Meditation	Room 501
Student Government	Room 408		
Yearbook Club (both Wednesday and Thursday) – Library/Cafeteria			

Tutoring is also 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! Parents and guardians can also register for an account.



Calendar of Important Dates

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

LAST SCHOOL DAY OF 2021 | WINTER FEST & PAJAMA DAY

Thursday, December 23, 2021

WINTER BREAK | SCHOOLS CLOSED

Friday, December 24 – Friday, December 31, 2021

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR 2022

Monday, January 3, 2022

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY | SCHOOLS CLOSED

Monday, January 17, 2022

SPIRIT DAY | SUPERHERO/VILLAIN DAY

Friday, January 21, 2022

END OF MARKING PERIOD 3

Monday, January 24, 2022

REGENTS WEEK

Tuesday, January 25 – Friday, January 28, 2022

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND

Monday, January 31, 2022

LUNAR NEW YEAR | SCHOOLS CLOSED

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

BEGINNING OF SPRING SEMESTER

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

SPIRIT DAY | JERSEY DAY

Friday, February 11, 2022

