



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 fourth and second-to-last issue of this year's *Many Signs, One Vision, One Community*, our school newsletter! In this issue, you'll find a celebration of our championship-winning Stunt team, pictures of recent field trips, students of the month, a showcase of student work, a staff highlight of ELA teacher Gabrielle Johnson, and both study tips for and a schedule of Regents exams. We hope all of this content proves interesting and useful to you as we approach the end of the year.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please reach out to us directly at the email address below. We're also looking for student contributions, so if you want to see your art, writing, or other work in the next issue, send it to us via email! We look forward to seeing you all for our next issue.

With our warmest regards,

"47" Communications Committee

Ms. Hadley, Ms. Helton, Mx. Howard, Ms. Megan, Ms. Schaeffer, and Ms. Zaken
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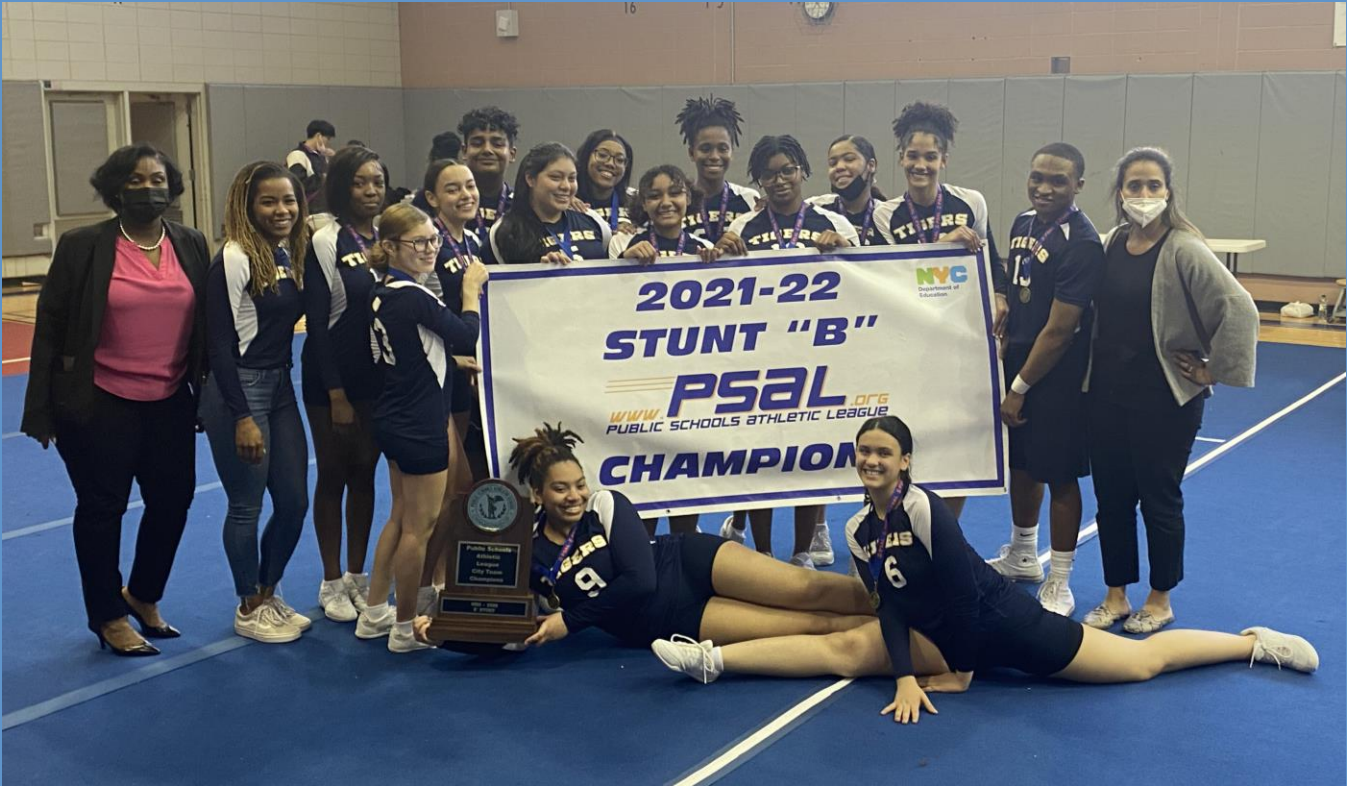
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Recent Developments

STUNT TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

The "47" Stunt team competed in their first games of the year on Saturday, March 26, 2022, and won their championship final on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan. Ms. Helton coached this year, and there were many new faces on the team. Congratulations on your success!



2021–2022 Stunt Team: (standing, from left) Thadia Louis (PSAL Sports Coordinator), Ms. Jessica Helton (Coach), Amariah Emanuel Tyler '23, Treasure Rosario '22, Katherine Vargas Rodriguez '22, Santiago Montealegre '25, Jarely Fajardo-Altamirano '22, Jamirah Hamilton '22, Yamileth Galan '22, Avianna Daniels '22, Nicole Harper '22, Amy Jimenez '23, Leslie Lorenzo Rodriguez '22, Thomas Eison '22, Ms. Vianny Vallejo (Assistant Principal); (on ground, from left) Tania Smiley '22, Isangy Hernandez '24



MODEL UN FIELD TRIP

March 14-15, 2022

"47" students attended the international GCMUN Conference where they got to step into leadership positions and debate topics such as gender equality, conflict resolution, and cyber security. Students also had the opportunity to meet Martin Luther King III and attend his keynote address.



GUEST SPEAKER

March 17, 2022

To culminate Global History students' study of Unresolved Global Conflict (1914-1945) grandchildren of Holocaust survivors came to "47" to act as a living link and speak of their grandparents' experiences during the Holocaust. Students had the opportunity to root their understanding of history in the stories of others, and further their understanding by asking the speakers questions.



DEAFLYMPICS ATHLETE INTERVIEW

May 9, 2022

Two players from the women's USA Deaf basketball team took time from their busy schedules in Brazil during the Deaflympics to interview with some of our ASL students. The students practiced their questions beforehand and asked them in ASL during the interview. A few days later, the USA women's basketball team won gold!

Although it is 2022, these games were supposed to be played in the summer of 2021, so it is still listed as the 2021 Deaflympics. There were 71 countries from around the world competing in these games, with a total of 2,349 athletes! The games officially began with an [Opening Ceremony](#) on May 1st and officially ended with a [Closing Ceremony](#) on May 15th. The summer games have a lengthy list of sports! Individual sports included: Athletics (Track & Field), Badminton, Cycling (Mountain Biking & Road), Golf, Judo, Karate, Orienteering, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, and Wrestling (Freestyle, and Greco-Roman). Team sports included: Basketball, Football (Soccer), Handball, Volleyball (Indoor & Beach), and Bowling. USA won a total of 55 medals: 20 gold, 11 silver, and 24 bronze! To see the winners of each sport and how they medaled, [click here](#).



ADELPHI COLLEGE TRIP

May 17, 2022

A group of 35 sophomores and juniors, with four teachers chaperoning, were welcomed to Adelphi University in Garden City, New York, where they had a private information session and campus tour in sunny weather.

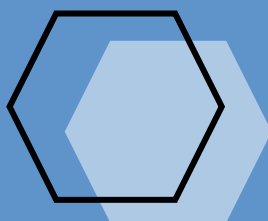
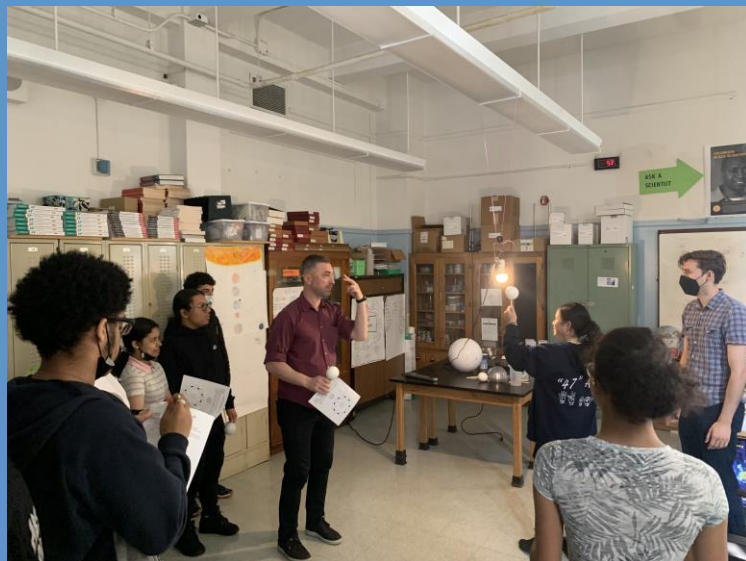
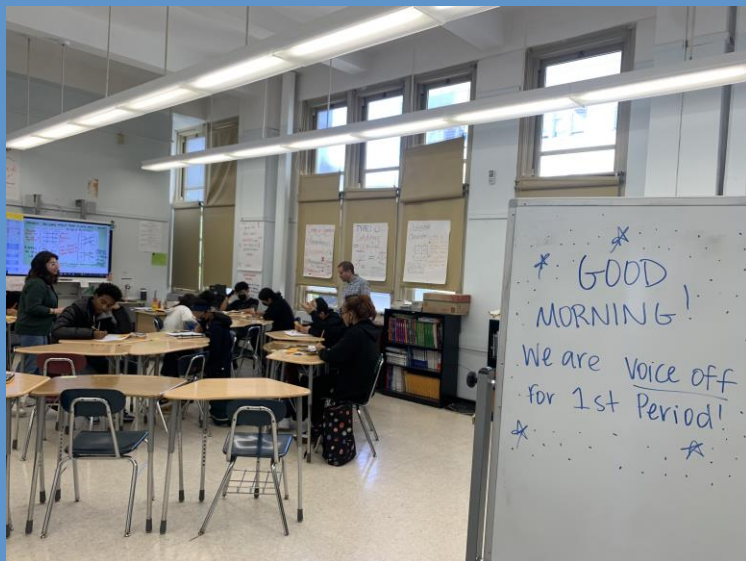




VOICE-OFF DAY

May 18, 2022

On May 18, during first period, students and staff participated in our first voice-off day of the year. Everyone committed to stay voice-off to help practice ASL and Deaf cultural norms across disciplines. Voice-off days continued on May 25, and will continue for the remainder of the school year.





WICKED FIELD TRIP

May 18, 2022

Also on May 18, a small group of students attended a special performance of *Wicked* on Broadway with sign-language interpretation. The trip gave students a chance to practice their receptive and expressive skills in ASL.

UNITED NATIONS FIELD TRIP

May 19, 2022

On May 19, 9th grade students in Mr. Gold's AP Human Geography class visited the United Nations Headquarters on the East River in Manhattan.

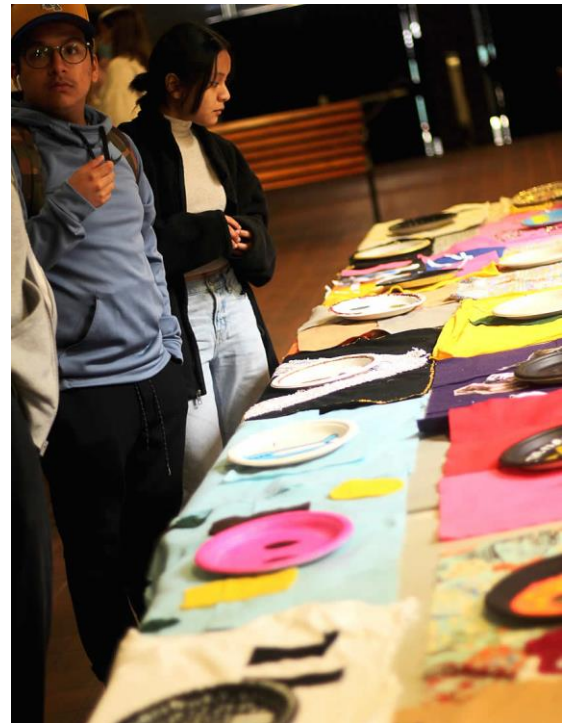




DINNER PARTY

May 19, 2022

Students in Creative Art class created dinner party place settings inspired by Judy Chicago's "The Dinner Party", which is on display at the Brooklyn Museum. Students created a dinner party place setting that represents an individual they would like to sit down and have dinner with. A wide range of people were celebrated, from Ruth Bader Ginsberg to Hispanic music artists like Rauw Alejandro.



Study Tips

Adapted from "Top 10 Study Tips for High School Students Preparing for College" by Kate Barrington, Public School Review

1. Create a study schedule.

Set aside time every day to devote to your studies so you can get your work done and still have time for enjoyment. It's always better to study a little each day than to cram in the last few hours before a test.

2. Seek help when you don't understand something.

Your teachers and other students are a resource you should take advantage of to make sure you understand the material completely.

3. Try a study group.

In some cases, study groups can actually detract from your studies if you spend more time socializing than studying, but they are a wonderful resource when used properly. Find a group of students in the same classes as you and suggest a study group. When it comes to assignments, you can divide and conquer or you can work through them together.

4. Make flashcards.

If you have a lot of material to remember—especially if it's small facts like names or dates—flashcards are a wonderful study tool. The act of writing everything out is valuable in and of itself, but the flashcards will also help you to solidify your understanding of the material.

5. Change it up from time to time.

Rather than spending four hours studying for a single class, try dividing up your academic workload and alternate between subjects. If you change things up from time to time, you'll be less bored, which means you'll focus more on the material and retain more of it in the long run.

6. Use your notes wisely.

Don't just take notes and forget about them – review them several times to really solidify your understanding and memory of the material!

7. Highlight and rewrite your notes.

In addition to reviewing your notes after taking them, you may also want to highlight them as you review. Highlight important concepts and facts so you can easily focus on those areas when you go back through to study. You may even find that rewriting your notes is helpful for remembering the material!

8. Get enough sleep!

This may not seem like a study tip, but a great deal of research shows that getting a good night's rest is imperative for strong academic performance. If you follow the study tips above, you'll get your work done with plenty of time to get a full night of sleep. In the morning you'll be more alert and focused and ready for class.



Students of the Month

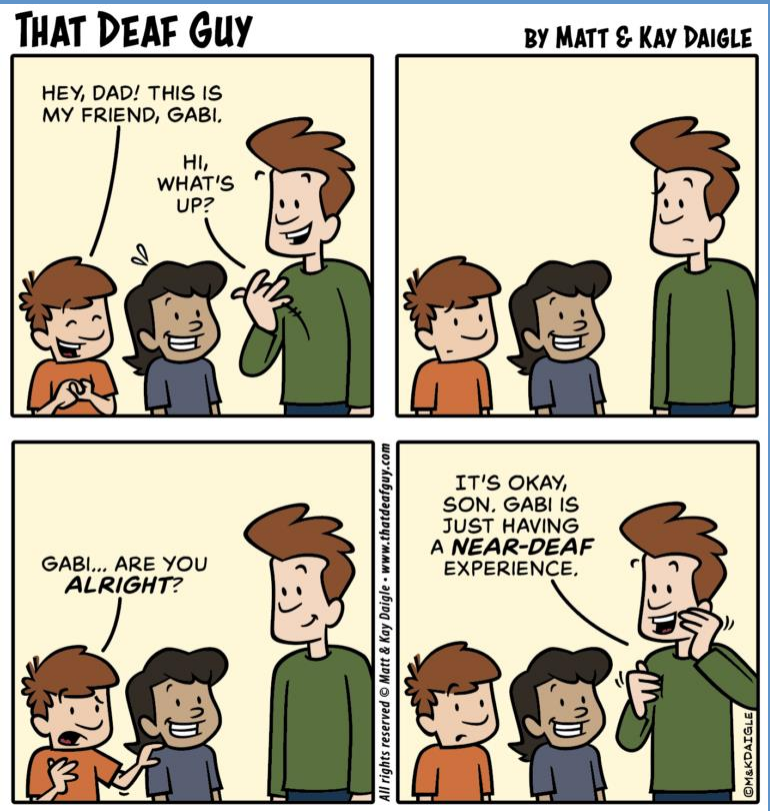
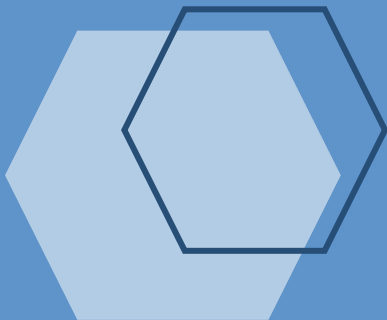
Congratulations to our April Students of the Month!

Ana Abreu Ortiz '23	Emely Galeana '23	Treasure Rosario '22
Madison Benjamin '23	Sirandy Garcia '24	Franchesca Sanchez '23
Itzel Bravo '24	Isabella Gimenez '23	Mariah Shomo '24
Marcos Calel Alvarez '25	Mark Hazel '23	J. Simpson '23
Asia Canada '25	Anthony Hinton '24	Teciya Tomlinson '22
Ainesey Colon '24	Amy Jimenez '25	Alissa Vargas '22
Dayana Consuegra '25	Noah Linares '25	Skye Williams '23
Darren Cruz '23	Joel Manzano '25	Sani Worrell '22
Ariadna Cruz Manila '25	Atlas Miceli '25	Jeffrey Zamudio '24
Roberto Dos Santos Carneiro '25	Jessica Paulinomartinez '23	
Amariah Emanuel Tyler '23	Natalie Quintero '23	

Comic Relief

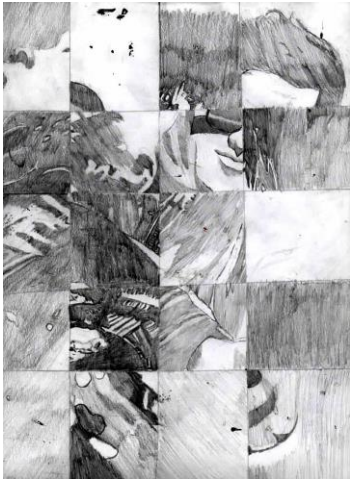
THAT DEAF GUY

Matt and Kay Daigle, with the permission of the artists



Student Contributions

ART FROM MULTIMEDIA ART STUDENTS



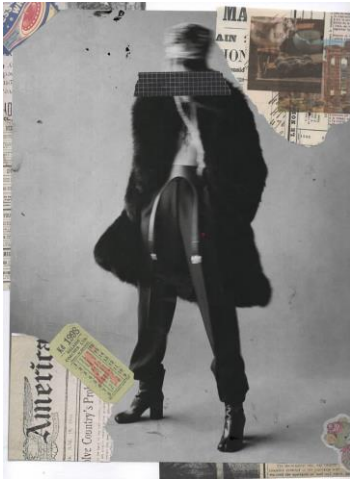
Anderson Tamayo '22



Ashley Quijano '22



Chelsea Gomez '22



Emely Galeana '23



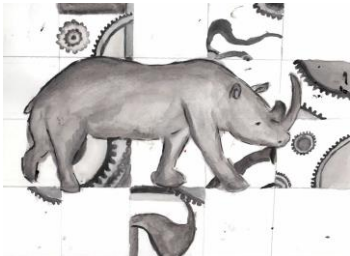
Andres Fuentes '22



Cynthia Aparicio '22



Franchesca Maceo Rosis '22



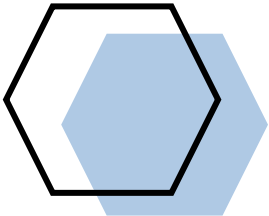
Devonay Burgess '23



Angela Gao '22



Franchesca Sanchez '23





Jamirah Hamilton '22



Madison Gomez '23



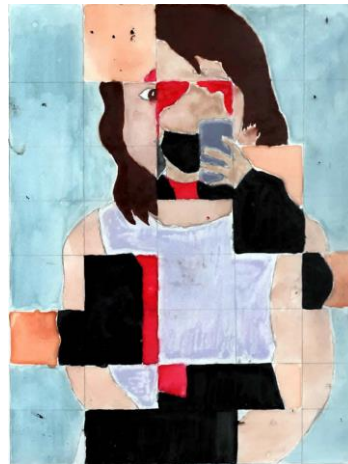
Marina Baric '22



Jenske Moise '23



Maria Iza '22



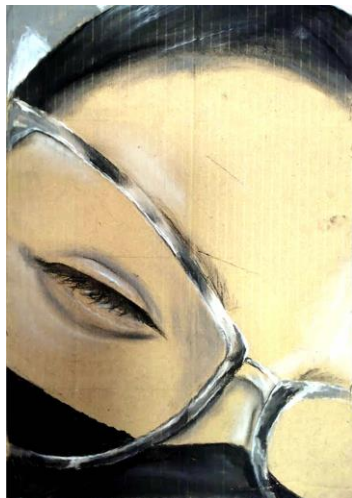
Max Woronowicz '22



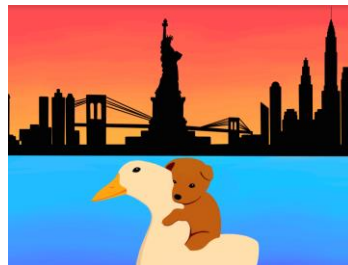
Mati Torres '24



Katherine Vargas '22



Marina Baric '22



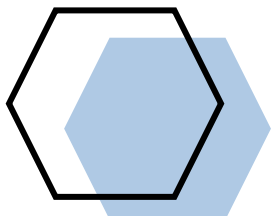
Melanie Marin '22



Nanci Zanes '24

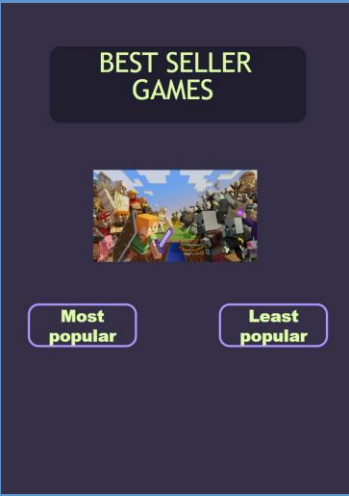


Richard Masaquiza Puin '22

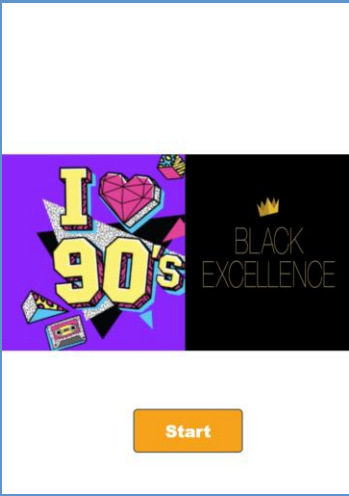


COMPUTER SCIENCE HACKATHON

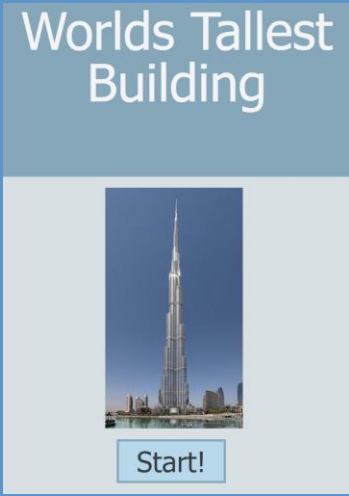
In this “Hackathon” project, students were tasked with using common programming structures to make use of an external data set, by processing that data set in some way. Here are some of their results! Click a preview to open the app.



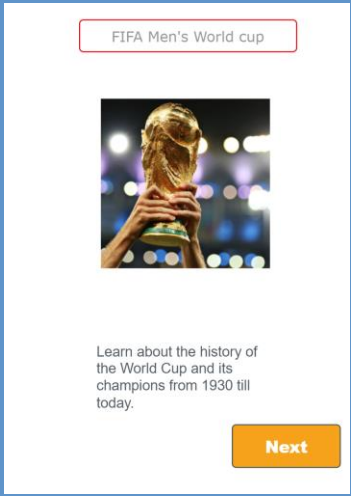
Alex Hernandez '24



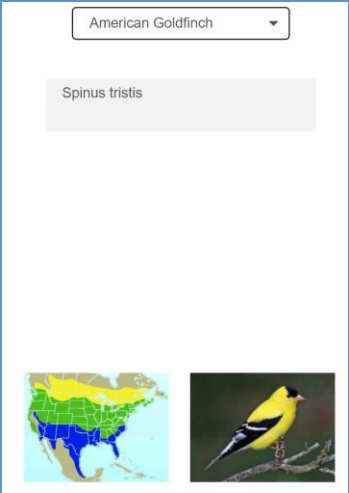
Essence Hall '24



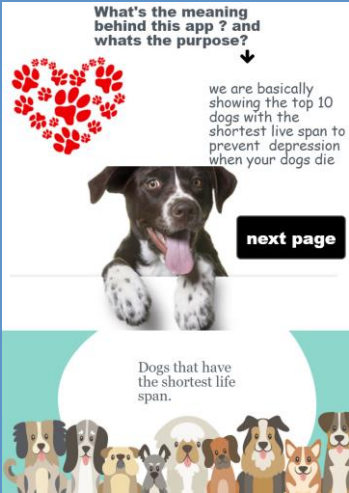
Justin Peralta '24



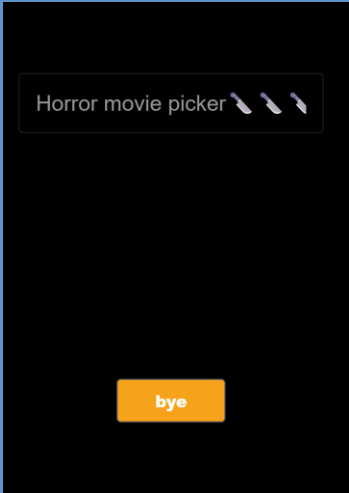
Ronald Arevalo '24



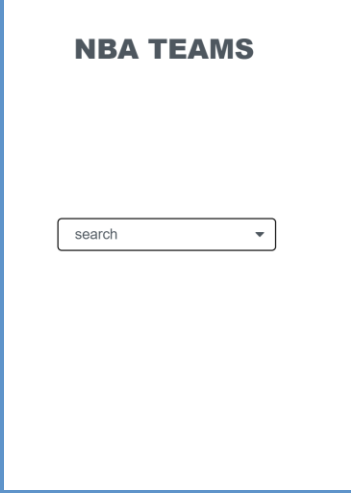
Christopher Cordero '24



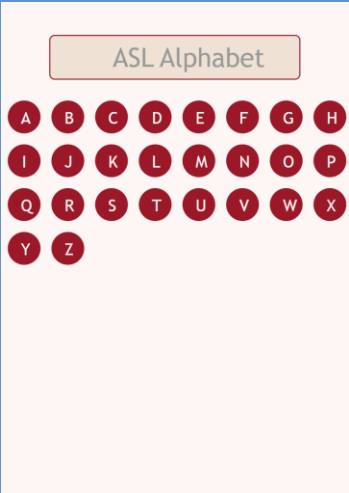
Jancarlos Cabral '24



Nadia Hidalgo '24



Windel Rodriguez '24



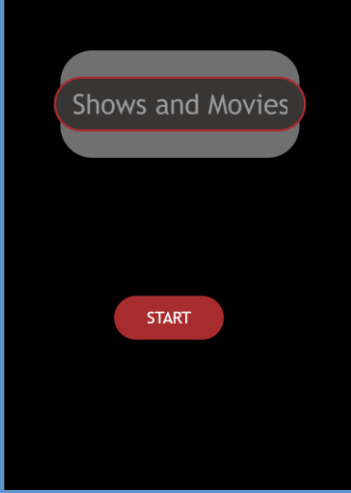
Diana Contreras '24 & Melissa Ramirez-Diaz '24



Jayra Rosario '24



Naomi Rivas '24



Sherlly Piedra '24 & Mariyah Shomo '24

Click or tap on an app preview to open it!

Staff Highlight

MAY: MS. GABRIELLE JOHNSON, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER & COLLEGE ADVISOR

Q1: *Describe yourself in a hashtag.*

#BABYIMASTAR

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

My favorite time of day depends on the day. If it's a workday, my favorite time of day is right after work. That's the time I get to do the things I like. If it's the weekend, my favorite time of day is early morning before the hustle and bustle of the day begins.

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

I have so many places that I would like to visit. One of them is Egypt. I would like to see the pyramids and the Sphinx and the many other wonders of Egypt.

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

The biggest surprise I've had so far is Hanging Loose Press agreeing to publish my poetry.

Q5: *Do you prefer vintage or new?*

I prefer new over vintage. Why go back when you can go forward?

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

I would have loved to win an Olympic gold medal in the women's 4 x 100m relay race. My relay team won a regional gold medal in high school, but an Olympic gold would have been awesome.

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

I would like to see a documentary on New York Public Housing. The history of the housing, the purpose, their heyday and their downfall.

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

I think Fran Lebowitz should play me in a movie. She's cranky and a technophobe like me. I think we sorta look alike. LOL

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

When I was a kid, we played **jacks. It was a cool rainy day or any type of indoor day game to play that kids today don't play. Jacks is not as easy as it looks. It takes a certain level of skill to flip all ten jacks and not drop one. I could never beat my sister. Ugh!**



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

The best advice I ever have gotten comes from my stepmom, "Learn how to ask God for advice and learn how to listen."

Class of 2022 Next Steps

Congratulations to our graduating seniors attending the following colleges and universities:

Alfred University	CUNY York College
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	McDaniel College
Coastal Carolina University	Mount Holyoke College
CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College	New York University
CUNY Brooklyn College	Pennsylvania State University–Harrisburg
CUNY City College of New York	SUNY Adirondack
CUNY Hostos Community College	SUNY Albany
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice	SUNY Binghamton
CUNY LaGuardia Community College	SUNY Fashion University of Technology
CUNY Lehman College	SUNY Morrisville
CUNY Medgar Evers College	St. John's University
CUNY New York City College of Technology	Trinity Washington University
CUNY Queens College	University of Connecticut
CUNY Queensborough Community College	University of Hartford

Important Announcements

LUNCH ACTIVITIES AND TUTORING

Students have access to the choices in [this document](#) during their designated lunch periods. 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](#).

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Monday, June 6, 2022

CHANCELLOR’S DAY | STUDENTS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Thursday, June 9, 2022

FIELD DAY

Monday, June 13, 2022

END OF MARKING PERIOD 3 | LAST DAY TO HAND IN COMPUTERS

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

REGENTS EXAMS | ONLY TEST-TAKING STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, June 15–Friday, June 24, 2022

- English Language ArtsWednesday, June 15, 9:15 am
- Living Environment.....Wednesday, June 15, 1:15 pm
- Algebra IThursday, June 16, 9:15 am
- Global History and Geography II Friday, June 17, 9:15 am
- Physical Setting/Earth Science Friday, June 17, 1:15 pm
- GeometryTuesday, June 21, 9:15 am
- American Sign Language Tuesday, June 21, 1:15 pm
- Algebra IIWednesday, June 22, 9:15 am
- Physical Setting/PhysicsThursday, June 23, 9:15 am

GRADUATION

Thursday, June 23, 2022, 9:30 am

SENIOR DIPLOMA PICKUP

Friday, June 24, 2022, 10:00 am–2:00 pm

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL | REPORT CARD AND SENIOR DIPLOMA PICKUP

Monday, June 27, 2022, 10:00 am–2:00 pm