



# MANY SIGNS, ONE VISION, ONE COMMUNITY

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

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### Welcome Message

Happy November! We are looking forward to Family Conferences on Thursday, November 17th. Conferences will be remote again this year for families; you will be able to meet with teachers by phone or on Google Meet. You can sign up using this link: [Sign Up Genius](#). If you need any assistance with signing up for conferences, accessing your child's report card or schedule, or using your [New York City Schools Account](#), please reach out to our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Ortiz by email at [dortiz@47aslhs.net](mailto:dortiz@47aslhs.net) or her Parent Coordinator cell phone at 929.269.3170.

Please note that you will not be able to sign up for Family Conferences after **November 16th**. If you are unable to attend conferences but would like to speak with your child's teachers at another time, please let Ms. Ortiz know and we will make arrangements with you. If you would like to reach out to your child's teachers directly, you can find their email addresses in our [Staff Directory](#).

We are also looking forward to our [Homecoming](#) with students, alumni, and families on Wednesday, November 23rd. See more in [that announcement section](#) below.

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# Recent Developments

## MOMA FIELD TRIP

October 12, 2022

Students visited the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) on October 12, thoroughly exploring the five floors of modern and contemporary artwork. They were greeted upon entrance to Barbara Kruger's challenging exhibition, "Thinking of You. I Mean Me. I Mean You." Students have been focusing a good amount on visual literacy throughout the first month of art classes, and Kruger's work was a great opportunity to experience an artist who mixes visual methodology with hard literature. Another highlight was the photographer Wolfgang Tillman's retrospective/exhibition, "To Look Without Fear." Tillmans' work boldly captures modern reality, in all its strange and dynamic ways. Students really connected with the hyperrealism that the artist's photographs exude, as the artist is often thought of as a progenitor of the Instagram age. MoMA is filled to the brim with inspirational and historical artwork, and this was an amazing opportunity for students to experience this work in person.





## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

October 14, 2022

On Friday, October 14, the whole school gathered in the auditorium to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through Hispanic heritage dances. Led by dance teacher Lara Gerstein and the Performing Arts Club, students from every grade performed Cumbia, Bachata and Salsa choreographies, then invited audience members to dance Merengue and Bachata with them. It was a fun day and we want to thank the performers and student tech crew for working overtime to make this event possible! *Photography by Angel Tigre '23.*





HALLOWEEN DANCE & COSTUME CONTEST

October 28, 2022

Students wore costumes to school and attended the Halloween Dance after school. Check out some of the highlights!

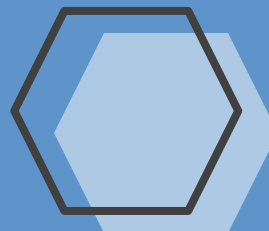




## BROOKLYN MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

*October 28, 2022*

Students visited the Brooklyn Museum on Friday, October 28, taking in a wide variety of dynamic exhibitions and artwork. They experienced the radical folk art of Nellie Mae Rowe, viewing the many drawings, paintings and sculptures the artist created throughout her lifetime. They walked around, studied, and made sketches of a sculptural simulation of Mae's lifetime house, reflecting on the intensity the artist lived with in all aspects of her life. Other highlights of the museum included Oscar yi Hou's exhibit, "East of Sun, West of Moon," a collection of the artist's bold and dizzying paintings, and "Climate in Crisis: Environmental Change in the Indigenous Americas," where students pondered the meaning and symbolism of the socially-charged work. It was another memorable trip for art students at 47 ASL, as they got to experience artwork with each other, teachers and museum guides.





## GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL SEASON FINISHES

October 30, 2022

Congratulations to our Girls' Varsity Volleyball team on a successful finish to their first ever season!



November 2022



## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

November 2022

Native Americans have been living on the American continent since about 12,000 B.C. They were not a single nation but a rich variety of cultures, peoples, and languages. Some historians believe people have been living in South America for more than 30,000 years.

There are about 4.5 million people of Native American and Alaska Native heritage in the U.S. This group makes up about 1.5% of the U.S. population. 60% of the global food supply is based on crops that originated in North America. These crops include: pumpkin, squash, corn, blueberries, black raspberries, turkey, and maple syrup.

Fun fact: the Lenape, Manhattan's original inhabitants, called the island *Manahatta*, which means "hilly island."

## Students of the Month

SEPTEMBER 2022

Congratulations to our September Students of the Month!

Matthew Carino

Jessica Hernandez Galindo

Joshua Nunez

Ainesay Colon

Thomas Jimenez

Enmanuel Ogando

Darren Cruz

Viktoria Kiss

Justin Peralta

Max Duran

Connor Li

Izak Reyes

Amariah Emanuel Taylor

Noah Linares

Jonathan Secundino

Isabella Ferguson

Heaven Martinez

Cheyenne Whirl

Jonathan Figueroa

Kevin Martinez

Rodney Wilson

Isangy Hernandez

Brian Morales Torres

Jeffrey Zamudio

Justin Hernandez

Destiny Niola

## Articles

### PSAT & SAT CORNER

*Contributed by Kevin Peters*

Welcome to the PSAT & SAT corner. This column will address some of the most frequently asked questions and concerns that students and parents have about these tests:



- **When do I take the PSAT/SAT?** At “47,” students take the PSAT in the spring of their sophomore year, and take the SAT in the spring of their Junior year. Students who are unhappy with their scores can take the test again independently.
- **Why is the PSAT & SAT important?** Many colleges require students to submit their SAT score, and use it as a measure of college readiness. The PSAT provides an opportunity for students to experience what taking the SAT is like and also gives students opportunities for scholarships.
- **Is the PSAT and SAT hard?** While many students find the PSAT & SAT to be challenging, preparing and studying can go a long way to improving your score, making you feel confident when you sit down to test.
- **How can you study for the PSAT/SAT?** There are many ways and resources to help you study. You can sign up through the College-Board/Khan Academy, which offers daily practice with test questions like those on the PSAT & SAT. Here is the link: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>. Once on the website, click “Start Practicing”.

## SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

*Contributed by Paul Templeton*

At our last advisory, many students noted that the key to avoiding NYCDOE Discipline Code infractions was to “think before you act,” but what does this really mean, and how can we accomplish this more thoughtfully?

This article is a resource for those asking this question. Though the article is designed for teachers, it could equally be read by students. It separates responses to situations into two categories:

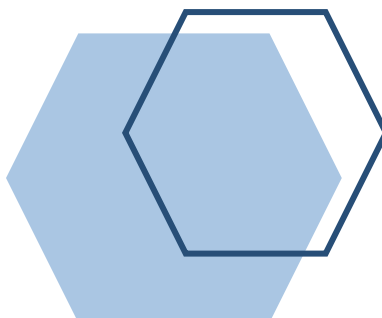
**T.H.I.N.K.** before you Speak:

- Is it **T**True?
- Is it **H**elpful?
- Is it **I**nspiring?
- Is it **N**ecessary?
- Is it **K**ind?

**P.A.U.S.E.** before you Act:

- Does it have a **P**urpose?
- Is it **A**ppropriate for the moment?
- Is it **U**nderstood by the individual?
- Does it contribute to your **S**uccess?
- Does it **E**cho your guiding principles?

Practice asking these questions to yourself a few times, and remembering the tip to T.H.I.N.K. before you Speak and P.A.U.S.E before you Act. Next time you make a decision about saying something or doing something to someone else, you will have a system for seeing if it is worthwhile for you.





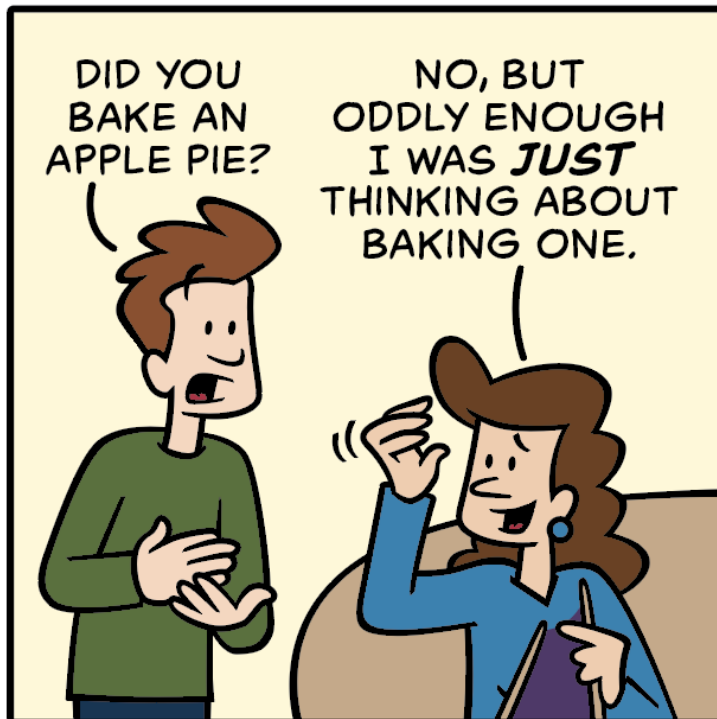
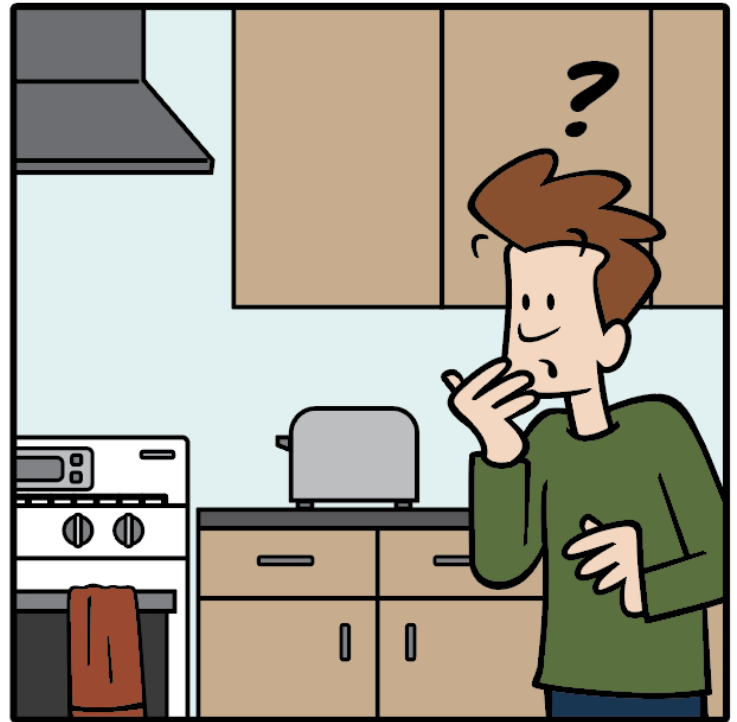
# Comic Relief

## THAT DEAF GUY

Matt and Kay Daigle, with the permission of the artists

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# Staff Highlights

## MS. BARBARA JORDAN, SCIENCE TEACHER

Q1: *Describe yourself in a hashtag.*

**#nerd4life**

Q2: *What is your dream place to visit?*

**Iceland (glaciers *and* volcanos? yes please!)**

Q3: *If you could win an Olympic medal for any sport, real or fake, what would it be?*

**Gold medal for retrieving prizes from claw crane machines!**

Q4: *If you could choose someone to play you in a movie, who would you choose?*

**Jack Black**

Q5: *What is one thing that you enjoyed when you were younger that kids today don't get to do?*

**We had to invent a lot of our own games. I grew up in southern Indiana and there was no internet, computers, or even cable TV until I was a junior/senior in high school, so we had to be pretty creative!**



## MS. LAUREN BLACKBURN, SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

Q1: *Describe yourself in a hashtag.*

**#stayhydratedstaycurious**

Q2: *What is your dream place to visit?*

**My dream is to time travel back to France circa the French Revolution.**

Q3: *If you could win an Olympic medal for any sport, real or fake, what would it be?*

**In an alternate universe, I'd win a gold medal for Olympic Dressage.**

Q4: *If you could choose someone to play you in a movie, who would you choose?*

**I'd be honored if Daniel Day-Lewis, the best method actor of our time, played me in a movie.**

Q5: *What is one thing that you enjoyed when you were younger that kids today don't get to do?*

**I enjoyed carrying around my electric blue iPod Mini (and wired headphones) whenever I wanted to listen to music.**



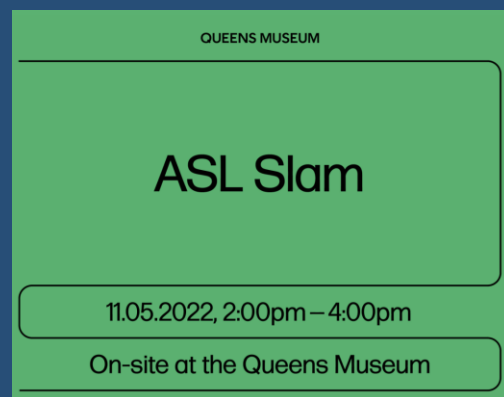


# Important Announcements

## ASL SLAM AT QUEENS MUSEUM

November 5, 2022

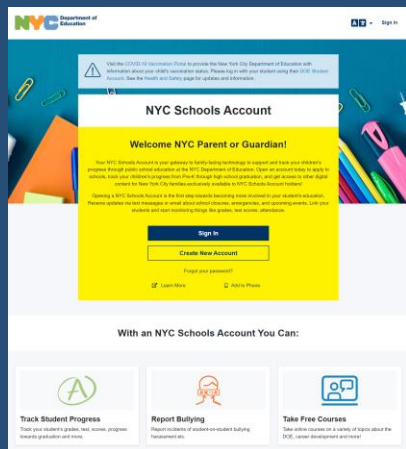
Our school community has been invited to attend an [ASL Slam event at the Queens Museum](#) on Saturday, November 5th from 2:00-4:00pm. ASL Slam brings together established Deaf poets and performers to share their material with a wider community, and also offers the stage to audience members. This is a great opportunity for students to interact with the Deaf community and appreciate the art and poetry of American Sign Language.



## ELECTION DAY

November 8, 2022

Tuesday, November 8th is Election Day, and it is incredibly important to take the opportunity to have your voice heard! [Vote.nyc](#) and [NYCvotes.org](#) are two websites that contain all the information you need to know about voting in NYC. This midterm election, we will be voting for NY State positions including the Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, and representatives. Federal races include those for the Senate and House of Representatives. There are also some proposed changes specific to NYC's Charter. Find all the information on your ballot by [searching your address here](#) and [find your polling place here](#). Not sure if you are registered? Check [registration status here](#).



## DOE ACCOUNTS

Each student has an [online NYC DOE account](#), and each caregiver can [register for one!](#) Student access their gradebook using these accounts and report cards post there. All students received their login information in school and parents can get their information by contacting the school. Please contact Ms. Delta ([dortiz@47aslhs.net](mailto:dortiz@47aslhs.net)) for help getting set up!

## CLUBS IN SESSION

"47" is hosting more than 15 clubs this semester. Check out the full schedule on our website.

## NHS FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

The National Honor Society will be conducting a Food and Toy Drive. If you are interested in donating, we will be accepting canned and boxed foods, as well as unopened toys. Anything that has been brought in can be dropped off at room 406 from now until Friday, December 2nd. All items will be donated to Henry Street Settlement Family Shelter. Any and all donations are very much appreciated.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government at "47" is a group of committed students focused on elevating the experience of all students at our school. Comprised of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and representatives from each grade, Student Government meets weekly to discuss ideas and initiatives to build school spirit. Any student interested in getting involved is welcome at our meetings every Thursday after school in room 406.

## HOMECOMING

November 23, 2022

On Wednesday, November 23rd, we will be celebrating our annual Homecoming Event with students, alumni, and families. Homecoming is a day of celebration and community. Our schedule for the day is pasted below. Guardians are welcome to come in and eat with us and/or volunteer to serve food during the Community Meal at 12:45 pm.

| Start Time | End Time | Activity  |
|------------|----------|---|
| 8:25 am    | 9:10 am  | 3rd Period Class  |
| 9:12 am    | 9:59 am  | SEL Advisory Period   |
| 10:00 am   | 11:00 am | "How To" Activities   |
| 11:05 am   | 11:45 am | Alumni Panel – <i>Discussion of College and Career with "47" Alumni</i> |
| 11:45 am   | 12:45 pm | Homecoming Activities   |
| 12:45 pm   | 2:30 pm  | Community Meal – <i>Families are welcome to join us!</i>                |

Homecoming is not possible without your help, so we are asking families to make or provide food for the Community Meal. Please [click here to sign up](#) for the different things we need (for example: food, drinks, cutlery). Please let us know by Thursday, November 10th, what your child will be bringing to school.

These items are to be brought in on the morning of November 23rd. Any food that is brought in will be refrigerated and then reheated prior to the event. Please include a list of ingredients and reheating instructions for food.

If you encounter an issue with the form, please call or email our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Delta Ortiz, [929.269.3170](tel:929.269.3170) or [dortiz@47aslhs.net](mailto:dortiz@47aslhs.net) for assistance. You can also email [admin@47aslhs.net](mailto:admin@47aslhs.net) if you have any questions.

## TUTORING AVAILABLE

Having trouble with one or more of your classes? Students have access to one-on-one and small group tutoring with teachers. Tutoring is available during lunch or after school. Check out the [full schedule on our website](#), or reach out to your teachers directly to set something up!

## BARUCH COLLEGE PROGRAM MEETINGS

There will be an Information/Registration meeting for Baruch's College Now program on Monday, November 7, 2022, in room 422 during periods 4 and 6 lunches. This program is open to all 11th and 12th graders. The application process closes early December.

There will be an Information/Registration meeting for Baruch's Spring Semester Research Program on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, in room 422 during periods 4 and 6 lunches. This program is open to 11th graders, with allowances for 10th grades. This application process closes soon.

Be sure to bring a friend. If you have any questions, please see [Jerry France](#).



## LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

Our librarian, Stephanie Entin-Wald, has put together new [reading recommendations](#); students can borrow books in the Library or borrow ebooks and audiobooks in the Sora app.

Students had some maker fun in the library during their lunch periods on October 26 making rainbow loom creations. We plan to continue "Library Maker Lunchtime" in the library on a monthly basis. Stay tuned for more and see Ms. Stephanie with ideas for what sort of Maker activities you think we should try out for our future Library Maker Lunchtimes.



## Calendar of Important Dates

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

### ELECTION DAY | STUDENTS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

### VETERANS DAY | SCHOOLS CLOSED

Friday, November 11, 2022

### FAMILY CONFERENCES

Thursday, November 17, 2022, 12:15-2:45 and 5:00-7:30pm

### HOMECOMING COMMUNITY EVENT

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY | SCHOOLS CLOSED

Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, 2022

### END OF MARKING PERIOD 2

Tuesday, December 6, 2022