



# MANY SIGNS, ONE VISION, ONE COMMUNITY

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

Volume 3, Issue 5 | February–March 2023

### Welcome Message

Hello, "47" family!

Happy March! Welcome to this year's fifth issue of *Many Signs, One Vision, One Community*, our school newsletter. In this issue, you'll find celebrations of recent events, student awards, articles by staff, updates by staff committee, and a highlight of Ms. Cendy. At the end are a calendar of important dates coming up soon in the school year.

As a reminder for families, conferences with your child's teachers are taking place on Thursday, March 23, from 12:15 to 2:45 pm and 5:00 to 7:30 pm, remotely via phone or videoconference. [Sign up online](#) by Tuesday, March 21!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please reach out to us directly at the email address below. We'd really like to know what you want to see. Otherwise, we'll see you for our next volume in April!

Warmly,

#### "47" Communications Committee

Ms. Hadley, Ms. Entin-Wald, Mr. Harrington, Ms. Helton, Mx. Howard, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Megan, Ms. Schwartz, Velinda Amelco '23, Santiago Montealegre '25, Evelyn Pomavilla '23

[communications@47aslhs.net](mailto:communications@47aslhs.net)

### What's Inside

---

#### PAGE 2

Recent Developments

---

#### PAGE 6

Student Awards

---

#### PAGE 7

Articles

---

#### PAGE 8

Comic Relief

---

#### PAGE 9

Staff Highlight

Announcements

---

#### PAGE 11

Calendar

# Recently

## GALLERY WALK ART SHOW

*Monday, January 23, 2023*



Students showcased their studio and digital artwork on the last day of the first Semester, Monday, January 23, 2023, during 7th and 8th periods. The 3rd floor hallways transformed into a dynamic gallery space for the first official art show of the year. It was an exciting time. The work, which consisted of selected pieces curated by students, shone brightly with expressionism and intensity, spurring lively conversation and debate. Students and faculty walked through the gallery in groups, where students were able to talk about their work and field questions. All participants were able to respond and add comments to the work in selected areas, while also adding new artwork and graffiti tags to a large mural section. After browsing the gallery, everyone arrived in room 306 where student films and experimental shorts were playing on a loop. The movie theater atmosphere was thrilling, and students and staff were particularly impressed with the work the digital and film classes had created. The whole gallery experience was a success, and everyone looked forward to the next showcase, which is scheduled to happen in April, and then a larger one is scheduled for the end of the year in June. That show will hopefully be open to parents and friends with after-school hours and opportunities.

## BLACK OUT WEEK

*Monday, February 13–Friday, February 17, 2023*

The week of February 13th- 17th, students celebrated Black History Month with Black Out Week. The week included slam poetry, trivia and movies during lunch, wearing all black and wrapped up with a celebration and taste of Black culture where students and teachers were encouraged to bring in food.







## ROSE GRAMS

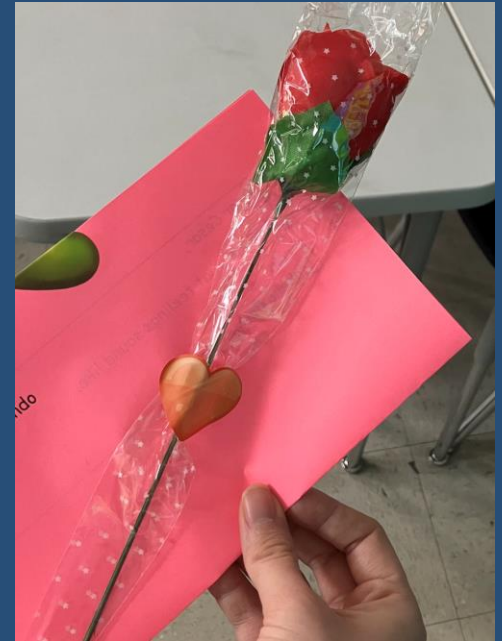
*Tuesday, February 14, 2023*

For Valentine's Day, students bought each other rose grams, where they could send a rose and message to friends. They were distributed during fifth period by the National Honor Society on February 14th.

## ADVISORY UPDATE

*Wednesday, February 15, 2023*

Last month, students met as grades during advisory periods. With their advisors, students examined values that were important to them and collaborated to draw and write about their visions of utopia—their ideal worlds. Students worked to find space for their own values in each other's worlds. Next advisory meeting will be focused on futures, careers, and life after high school.



## TENEMENT MUSEUM TRIP

*Wednesday, March 8, 2023*

As part of a multimedia non-fiction unit in ELA, 11th graders went on a trip to the Tenement Museum to take a step into the lives of a Jewish family in the Lower East Side in 1911. Students enjoyed seeing the apartment where they lived and going on a historic walking tour of the neighborhood.





## BASKETBALL SEASON ENDS

*Contributed by Mr. Christopher Harrington*

The "47" boys basketball team finished up an amazing year on Thursday night, March 2, 2023, losing in the second round of the playoffs to a very talented squad from Fannie Lou Hamer. It was a tough loss after such an amazing year (16 wins, 4 losses, and an epic playoff victory over EBC/Bushwick Leaders), but there's nothing but respect and admiration for all the student athletes that gave everything they had to this team. This year's group played with a ton of heart and made quick work of most of the league with its dynamic team-playing and inspired leadership, led by its seniors: E-Lin Gross, Ethan Gross and Maxwell Gomez. E-Lin led the league in ppg (28.3) and had the second most total points of all high school basketball players in the all the boroughs this year, a mighty impressive feat. Both Gross brothers played dominant all year (Ethan averaged nearly a double-double (17 ppg, 8 rpg), and combined with Maxwell Gomez's slick style and veteran leadership, the three seniors were a vital component to the team's success. This school will miss these guys, both for their outstanding athletic prowess and amazing attitudes on a day-to-day basis in school. We caught up with E-Lin and Ethan right before the playoffs started to ask them a few questions, as this year's basketball season ends and new adventures and journeys begin.



*Maxwell Gomez '23, Guard*

### *Interview with E-Lin Gross*

**Q1:** How did you think this year went for yourself and your team? Do you have any particular highlights from the season?

**For myself, I think it's probably going to be one of the overall best seasons I've ever had. Team-wise, I think we just improved a lot from last year. A highlight I have for myself, was being able to become the number two leader in total points throughout all the boroughs, along with averaging the most points in our division.**

**Q2:** How do you feel about the upcoming playoffs? What do you think your team needs to do to be successful?

**I feel good about it. I feel like we put in a lot of work during this time and I just want to see it pay off. But I think to take our team to the next level, we have to communicate and get in the right headspace.**





Q3: How would you describe your time in high school here at “47”? What do you think you’ll miss when you’re gone next year?

**My time here was definitely a rollercoaster. Having to adapt to everything in what I feel wasn’t a lot of time, was one of the hardest things. I think next year I’ll miss the community and the support.**

Q4: What are your future plans (college, basketball, life), and are you excited for them?

**I’m excited for my future because it’s in my control. I want to play college basketball at any level first, then work my way up. Whatever chance I have, I just want to build on it and find the best in it.**

Q5: Name two things you’ve learned while being on the basketball team here at “47”.

**Everything is a team effort, and it takes time to get on the same page.**

Q6: Any NBA players that you model your game around, or are highly inspired by?

**Jerami Grant has a simple but unique game and gets it done at all three levels. I’m highly inspired by the guys that went underlooked in high school and college. I feel I’m sorta in the same spot as them, and to see where they all ended up now, gives me hope on what I might get done.**

#### *Interview with Ethan Gross*

Q1: How did you think this year went for yourself and your team? Do you have any particular highlights from the season?

**I think it was a big step up from last year. As far as individual performances, I would say it’s gone very well.**

Q2: How do you feel about the upcoming playoffs? What do you think your team needs to do to be successful?

**Teamwork!**

Q3: What are your future plans (college, basketball, life), and are you excited for them?

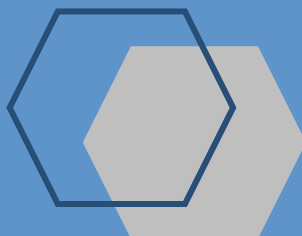
**As far as future plans go, for now it would be great to play college basketball, and for long term goals, I’d want to play pro somewhere.**

Q4: Name two things you’ve learned while being on the basketball team here at “47”.

**Teamwork and determination!**

Q5: Any NBA players that you model your game around, or are highly inspired by?

**Paul George, Bones Hyland, Jrue Holiday, Shai Gilgeous Alexander, Darius Garland and Donovan Mitchell.**



# Student Awards

## END OF THE SEMESTER AWARDS

Congratulations to each of our recipients of end-of-the-semester awards for the fall! These awardees were selected by faculty in each department as outstanding performers in each subject area.

### *Artfully Creative*

- Shannon May

### *Aspiring Author*

- Matthew Carino
- Isabella Ferguson
- Essence Hall
- Nicole Leal
- Adia Rhodes Garcia

### *ASL All Star*

- Roxana Arevalo
- Isabella Ferguson

### *Math Master*

- Denielyn De Oleo Sosa
- Isabella Ferguson
- Jessica Hernandez Galindo

### *Spectacular Sportsmanship*

- Max Duran
- Isabella Ferguson
- Jessica Hernandez Galindo
- Joseph Nieves

### *Super Scientist*

- Diana Contreras
- Marcos Matamoros
- Dainard Ortiz
- Ace Shannon
- Yanitza Sojo Noel

### *The Historian Award (f.k.a. The Explorers Award)*

- Isabella Ferguson
- Justin Hernandez
- Memory Muchanyerei

## DECEMBER 2022

Congratulations to our December Students of the Month!

Ronald Arevalo

Jessica Hernandez

Sherlly Piedra

Roxana Arevalo

Anyaa Joseph

Adia Rhodes Garcia

Diana Consuegra

Nicole Leal

Rolando Toledo

Diana Contreras

Jerry Leon Enriquez

Alisa Vasquez

Max Duran

Arisbeth Lezama

Ashley Walther

Isabella Ferguson

Memory Muchanyerei

Nanci Zanes Lozado

Essence Hall

Joseph Nieves

## FEBRUARY 2023

Congratulations to our February Students of the Month!

Britany Cruz Broocks (*two classes*)

Izzy Ferguson

Alyssa Jones

Max Duran

Amairany Galindo Beltran

Anyaa Joseph (*two classes*)

## Articles

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*Contributed by Ms. Jessica Helton*

February is Black History Month! Every year, people all over the United States celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black people throughout American history. These accomplishments are plentiful and have had a great impact on the way the U.S. has developed as a nation.



*Shirley Chisholm (1925–2005) was the first African American woman elected to the U.S. Congress, representing New York's 12th congressional district. In 1972, she made history again by becoming the first Black woman of a major party to run for a presidential nomination. Image Credit: Don Hogan Charles/New York Times/Getty Images*

history who played a significant role in the movement to abolish slavery.

Since 1976, February has been officially designated by each U.S. president as a month-long celebration of Black History.

### PSAT & SAT CORNER

*Contributed by Mr. Kevin Peters*

The SAT is getting closer. Sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT and SAT, respectively, on March 22.

Students can study for the SAT & PSAT through Khan Academy and/or IXL, and it is recommended that students do a little practice each day. SAT tutoring is also available with Mr. Peters (in math) during 6th period, and with Ms. Prinzevalli (in English) after school on Tuesday from 2:50 to 4:00 PM.

There are also SAT prep books available in the library. If you would like an SAT book, ask Ms. Stephanie.

A little practice can go a long way, so if you haven't started practicing yet, now is a great time to begin!

Black History Month started in 1926 as "Negro History Week", a celebration sponsored by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). This week in February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of

Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two individuals in American



*Sheila Jackson Lee (1950–), one of the longest-serving African American women in Congress, has represented the 18th congressional district of Texas since 1995. Image Credit: Karin Cooper/Liaison Agency/Getty Images*



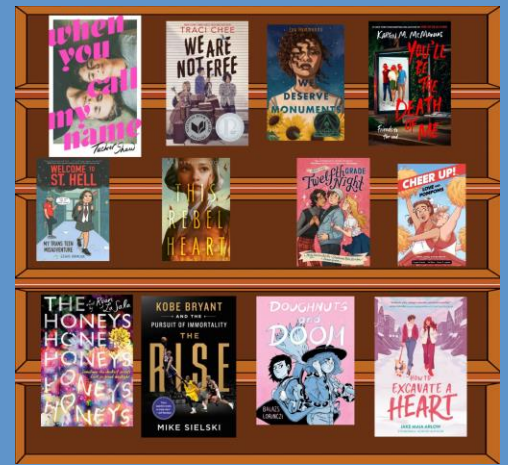
*Kamala Harris (1964–), California's former Attorney General and later Senator, is the 49th Vice President of the United States. She is the first female vice president, first African American vice president, and first Asian American vice president. Image Credit: Andrew Harnik/Getty Images*



## LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

Contributed by Ms. Stephanie Entin-Wald

February was full of love in the library. The "Blind Date with a Book" contest had students choose mystery books wrapped in festive wrapping paper. Attached to each mystery blind date book was the first line of the book as well as the genre (fiction, non-fiction, horror, graphic novel, etc.). After perusing the first lines and choosing the wrapped books based only on the first line and genre, participants agreed to give the book a chance (read at least 20 pages) and rate the book using a rating card placed in each book. Participants were then entered into a drawing to win a Dunkin Donuts gift card.



We had an overwhelmingly positive response to the contest, and many of the blind date books were thoroughly enjoyed. "I never read a full book before and I LOVED this one", said one participant, whose book was the graphic novel version of *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds. "This is fun," said another while unwrapping their mystery book.

Congratulations to Anahi Reyes for winning the gift card. Keep an eye out for more contests, activities and fun in the library. See Ms. Stephanie if you have any ideas for programs you'd like to have in the library! And check out the curated recommendations for March.

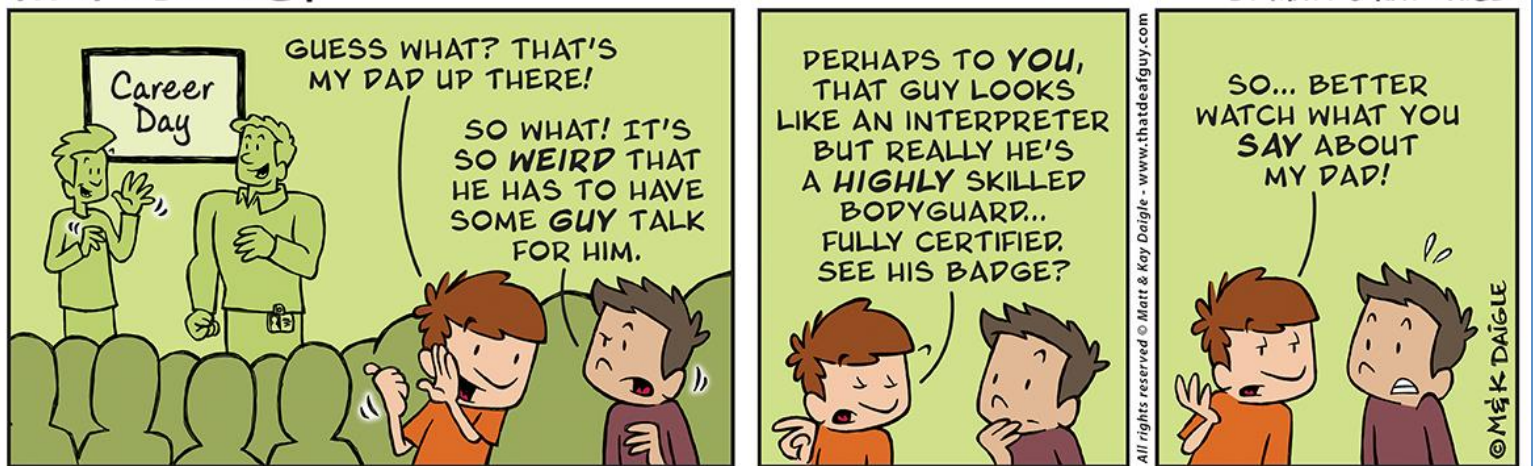


## Comic Relief

### THAT DEAF GUY

Matt and Kay Daigle, with the permission of the artists

### THAT DEAF GUY





# Staff Highlight

## MS. CENDY MOISE, MATHEMATICS TEACHER

Q1: *What is your favorite way to spend a day off?*

**This is a really good question. My favorite way to spend a day off is to cook a good meal, catch up on my favorite shows and have ice cream!**

Q2: *Where's the next place on your travel bucket list, and why?*

**The next place on my travel bucket list is to go to Africa! Africa is known for having natural wonders and amazing wildlife in which I would love to see.**

Q3: *If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?*

**If I can eat one food for the rest of my life it would be lasagne. Just thinking about it is making me hungry. Lasagne is full of life, let's talk about the meat, the sauce, and the cheese. Mmmmmmm good.**

Q4: *What's your favorite season and why?*

**This could be the least favorite season for most who suffer from allergies, however, Spring is my favorite! It is something about the flowers blossoming, leaving the coat behind, and just enjoying that morning or evening cool breeze.**

Q5: *What is something people are surprised to learn about you?*

**Something people are surprised to learn about me is that I am shy! I promise you I am!**



# Upcoming

## OVERNIGHT COLLEGE VISIT

We are planning an overnight trip to visit two or three colleges upstate in late March. We are hoping to visit SUNY Oswego, Ithaca College, and Binghamton University, but this may change. The tentative dates are March 29th and 30th.

Please note that to be eligible for this trip, you must meet the following requirements:

- Regularly on time and present in school.
- Behavior and conduct that aligns with the expectations outlined in the student handbook
- Currently passing all classes
- Complete your SAT (11th grade) or PSAT (10th grade) on March 22nd

Students who attend this trip may be asked to pay a small fee to participate. Students will also be required to submit a signed permission slip; permission slips will be sent out soon! More information will be shared as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Severin or Ms. Johnson.

## STUNT STARTING

The PSAL Stunt season starts March 1st! This team competes against teams from all over the city, performing impressive feats of athleticism including tumbling, jumps and human pyramids. Last year the 47 Stunt team took home the Championship banner and this year we hope to have a season as exciting as our last! Test your endurance and abilities by joining this driven and dedicated team. Come show us what you've got! Requirements are:

- Medical form completed by your doctor
- Consent form signed by your parent or guardian
- 80% daily school attendance
- Passing all classes



If you are interested in joining the Stunt team, see Ms. Helton in room 401 or send an email to [jhelton@47aslhs.net](mailto:jhelton@47aslhs.net). We practice daily after school until 5:30pm. Follow us on Instagram [@47TigersStunt!](https://www.instagram.com/47TigersStunt/)

## BARUCH COLLEGE NOW

A representative from Baruch's College Now program will be at 47 to answer questions from Sophomores and Juniors who are considering taking College Now courses this summer.

The representative will be here on Monday, March 20 during 4th period, and again on Tues March 21 during 6th period. Interested Sophomores and Juniors should attend during their respective lunch period.

Mr. France is available to answer any questions students may have prior to the representative's visit.

---

## Reminders

### 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 AND TUTORING

Our [clubs schedule](#) and [tutoring schedule](#) have been updated for the spring semester! Find something fun to do after school or help with a class you're struggling with.



# Calendar of Important Dates

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

## CAREER DAY & END OF MARKING PERIOD 1

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

## SAT AND PSAT SCHOOL DAY | 10TH AND 11TH GRADERS ONLY

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 (see article)

## FAMILY CONFERENCES

Thursday, March 24, 2023

## FAMILY WORKSHOP: SUMMER ACTIVITIES & JOBS

Monday, March 27, 2023

## FAMILY WORKSHOP: DEALING WITH STRESS & CONFLICTS

Monday, April 24, 2023

## FAMILY WORKSHOP: QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING FAMILY CONFERENCES

Thursday, May 11, 2023

## AP EXAMS

Monday, May 1–Friday, May 12, 2023

Environmental Science..... Tuesday, May 2, 8:00 am

English Literature & Composition ..... Wednesday, May 3, 8:00 am

Human Geography ..... Thursday, May 4, 8:00 am

Statistics ..... Thursday, May 4, 12:00 pm

Calculus AB..... Monday, May 8, 8:00 am

English Language & Composition..... Tuesday, May 9, 8:00 am

## FAMILY WORKSHOP: REGENTS EXAMS

Thursday, June 8, 2023

## FIELD DAY

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

## REGENTS EXAMS

Wednesday, June 14–Friday, June 23, 2023

## GRADUATION

Monday, June 26, 2023