



# MANY SIGNS, ONE VISION, ONE COMMUNITY

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

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## Welcome Message

Hello, "47" family!

Happy March! Welcome to this year's sixth 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, and highlights of Ms. DiOrio and Ms. Michelle. At the end are a calendar of important dates coming up soon in the school year.

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 May!

Warmly,

### "47" Communications Committee

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# Recently

## ANYTHING BUT A BAG DAY

*Friday, March 10, 2023*

On “Anything but a Bag Day”, our most recent Spirit Day, students and staff were tasked with bringing in something other than a bag to carry their school supplies and belongings. Some of the creative solutions folks came up with are shown below!



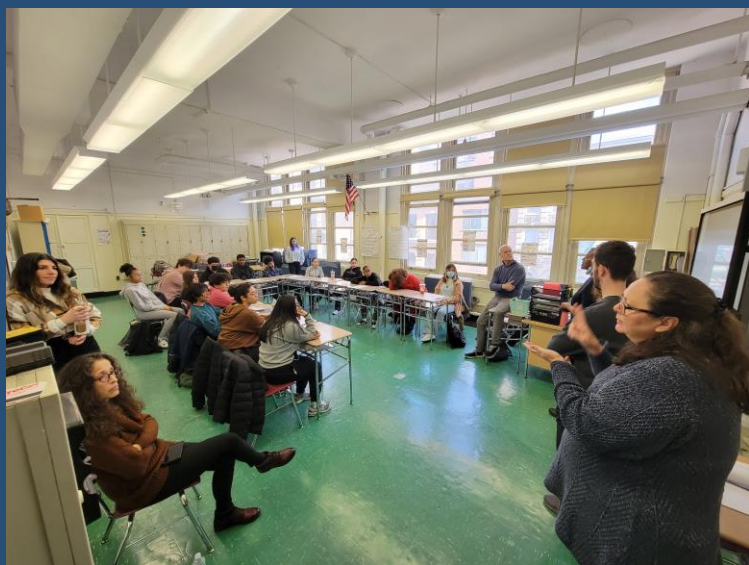
## CAREER DAY

*Wednesday, March 15, 2023*

On March 15th, students participated in our 7th annual Career Day (the 1st back in person since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic). Friends and family of staff members joined us to discuss their jobs, day-to-day duties, and required training and education. We had people working in the fields of finance, film and television, technology, ASL interpreting, marketing, nursing, and law. Students also completed activities like an interest inventory related to career exploration and thought about what they might like to do after high school.



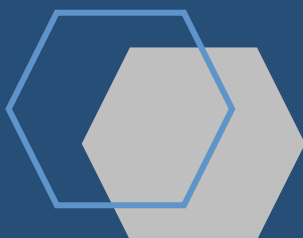




## COLLEGE OVERNIGHT TRIP

*Wednesday, March 30–Thursday, March 31, 2023*

On March 29th and 30th, 10th and 11th grade students were able to explore three different colleges in upstate New York during the overnight college visit trip. Students toured Binghamton University, Ithaca College, and SUNY Oswego. During these tours, students got a feel for the different types of colleges and started to hone in on what they want for their college experience.







## NBC NIGHTLY NEWS

*Thursday, April 13, 2023*

National ASL Day is celebrated each year on April 15th, and this year "47" was part of a news story on the topic that aired on NBC Nightly News the evening of April 13th. Students and staff were interviewed and tv cameras captured some of our school day. "47" is unique in that the majority of our students are hearing and all of them learn ASL. There is often a misconception that ASL is a visual form of English; however, ASL is its own unique and full-fledged language. We hope our school is bringing awareness to that fact and spreading the beauty of ASL. [See "47" on NBC!](#)



If you want to catch spur-of-the-moment news like this in the future, be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).



National ASL Day is celebrated on April 15th because the American School for the Deaf in Hartford Connecticut opened on that day in 1817. It was there that the mixing of French Sign Language, Native American Signs, and Martha's Vineyard Sign Language became American Sign Language. (source)

## MARCH MADNESS

In March and early April, "47" students participated in a school wide competition, completing various challenges to win points for their grade team during lunch. They participated in activities such as trying to eat an oreo without using their hands, a penny toss, a basketball challenge, an exercise challenge, trivia about their instructors, and teaching Mr. McDermott a new ASL sign. The final scores are as follows:

- 9th Grade: 61 points
- 10th Grade: 15 points
- 11th Grade: 45 points
- 12th Grade: 16 points

## STUNT TEAM

Stunt season is in full swing! Our team have already won two of three games so far, and have four more this season:

- Saturday, April 29 at Lehman HS: 11:00 am against Harry S. Truman, and 1:00 pm against Port Richmond
- Saturday, May 6 at Port Richmond HS: 11:00 am against Thomas Jefferson, and 1:00 pm against Metropolitan Campus

Come through and support our award-winning team!



## Student Awards

### MARCH 2023

Congratulations to our March Students of the Month!

Ronald Arevalo

Roxana Arevalo

Matthew Carino

Darren Cruz

Kevin Martinez

Rachael Paidá Narvaz

Jonathan Figueroa

Lexa Morales Rivas

Miguel Reyes

Asha Gadsden

Brian Morales Torres

Jencelyn Rosado

Lee Garcia

Reily Munoz Morales

Franchesca Sanchez

Jerry Leon Enriquez

Allison Navarrete

Shamelly Vasquez

Adis Kolenovic

Joshua Nunez

Rodney Wilson

Heaven Martinez (*two classes*)

Enmanuel Ogando

## Articles

### SAT CORNER

*Contributed by Mr. Kevin Peters*

If you are a sophomore or junior (or a sophomore or junior parent) you will be able to see your (or your child's) SAT score soon. Here is some information from the College Board (which gives the SAT test) on how to interpret your score.

- **Total SAT Score:** Total SAT scores range from 400 to 1600. Your total score is the sum of your section scores.
- **Section Scores:** The section scores for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and for Math each range from 200 to 800. To arrive at each section score, we converted your raw score, which is the number of questions you answered correctly. There's no penalty for guessing. We convert raw scores to adjust for slight differences in difficulty between versions of the test, making sure there's no advantage in taking the test on any particular day.
- **Percentiles:** Percentiles give you perspective on your performance. They show the percentage of students whose scores are equal to or below your score. One kind of percentile compares your score to the scores of a representative group of 11th- and 12th-grade U.S. students. The other compares your score to those of typical SAT test takers.
- **Benchmarks:** The benchmark icon is another way to get perspective. A checkmark shows you scored at or above the benchmark (480 for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and 530 for Math). This means you're on track to be ready for college when you graduate. An exclamation point shows you scored below the benchmark.

### LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

*Contributed by Ms. Stephanie Entin-Wald*

Students had some maker fun in the library during their lunch periods on March 28. Dhariyah Luqman, from the New York Public Library, visited during lunchtimes with a button maker, button designs and templates. Students used premade designs or designed their own buttons while Dhariyah chatted about some amazing free services available via the NYPL. We will continue "Library Maker Lunchtime" in the Library on a regular basis. Have ideas for future Library Maker Lunchtimes? See Ms. Stephanie and let her know activities you think we should try out.

On May 24, Jessica Vitkus, author of *Crafting Change: Handmade Activism Past and Present*, will be visiting the library and art classes—look forward to that!







## Comic Relief

### THAT DEAF GUY

Matt and Kay Daigle, with the permission of the artists

#### THAT DEAF GUY

BY MATT & KAY DAIGLE



# Staff Highlight

## MS. LISAMARIE DIORIO, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER

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

**My favorite way to spend a day off is sleeping in, taking a walk around my neighborhood, watching a good movie, and cooking or baking something delicious.**

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

**The next place on my travel bucket list is Australia. I've always wanted to go snorkeling there!**

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

**If I could only eat one food for the rest of my life, I think it would be pizza. There are so many different toppings and possibilities.**

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

**My favorite season is spring. Baseball is back, the weather is beautiful, and the sun sets so much later.**

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

**Something people are surprised to learn about me is that I can play the trombone and the piccolo and performed at the presidential inaugural parade when I was in college!**



## MS. MICHELLE MCVORRAN, MATHEMATICS TEACHER

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

**I enjoy spending my day off by just relaxing at home sitting on my recliner, binge watch-ing soaps.**

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

**Aruba will be next on my bucket list!**

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

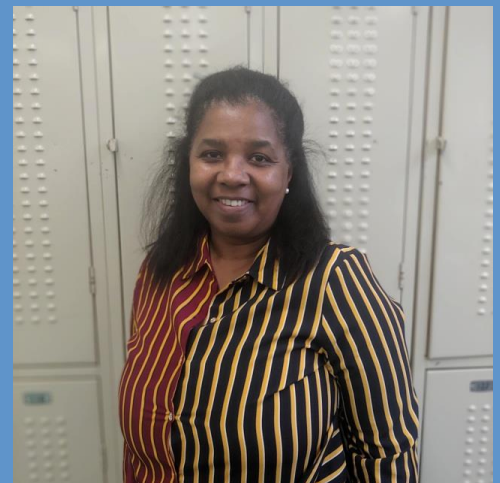
**Cake would be the one thing for the rest of my life.**

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

**Summer, because I love going to the beach, and feeling the warm sand between my toes.**

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

**That I can get angry and my Trini accent comes to surface.**





# Reminders

## PARENT COORDINATOR POSITION

We're currently accepting [applications](#) for our Parent Coordinator position! The Parent Coordinator:

- Increases parent and family involvement in the school community
- Identifies school and family issues and works with the principal to see them addressed
- Conducts outreach to engage families in their children's education
- Assists with the Parent Association and community organizations
- Creates a welcoming school environment for parents and families

Required qualifications include:

- A bachelor's degree and two years of experience in community work, *or* an associate's degree and four years of experience, *or* a high school diploma and six years of experience.
- Flexibility with respect to work hours in order to meet the needs of parents, including early mornings, evenings and weekends.
- Occasional assignment to different work sites, such as during summer months.

Preferred qualifications include:

- Familiarity with the New York City public school system.
- Presently or formerly a public school parent.
- Experience with convening workshops.
- Bilingual where there is a significant non-English speaking population.
- Excellent communication, organizational, interpersonal and problem-solving skills.
- Conflict resolution and mediation skills.
- Experience working with families and parents in education and/or community issues.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office applications.

Interested? Check out the [full posting on the DOE website!](#)

## 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. Rosario ([mrosario@47aslhs.net](mailto:mrosario@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](#).

## FAMILY WORKSHOP: REGENTS EXAMS

Thursday, May 11, 2023

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS

Monday, May 1–Friday, May 12, 2023

- United States Government & Politics..... Monday, May 1, 8:00 am
- 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
- Calculus AB ..... Monday, May 8, 8:00 am
- World History: Modern ..... Thursday, May 11, 8:00 am

## U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT REGENTS EXAM

Thursday, June 1, 2023, 9:00 am

## PROM NIGHT

Thursday, June 8, 2023

## FIELD DAY

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

## REGENTS EXAMS

Wednesday, June 14–Friday, June 23, 2023

- English Language Arts..... Wednesday, June 14, 9:00 am
- Living Environment..... Wednesday, June 14, 1:00 pm
- Global History and Geography II ..... Thursday, June 15, 9:00 am
- Algebra I ..... Thursday, June 15, 1:00 pm
- Earth Science ..... Friday, June 16, 9:00 am
- Juneteenth | No School* ..... *Monday, June 19, 2023*
- Geometry ..... Tuesday, June 20, 9:00 am
- Algebra II ..... Wednesday, June 21, 9:00 am
- Physics..... Thursday, June 22, 9:00 am

## GRADUATION

Monday, June 26, 2023, 11:00 am