



# MANY SIGNS, ONE VISION, ONE COMMUNITY

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## Welcome Message

Hello, "47" family!

Welcome to this year's seventh issue of *Many Signs, One Vision, One Community*, our school newsletter. In this issue, you'll find celebrations of a variety of recent events, student awards, articles by staff, and highlights of Ms. Acevedo. At the end is a calendar of important dates coming up soon in the school year.

Speaking of important dates, [Regents exams are fast approaching!](#) We wish all our students the very best of success on these exams. Caregivers can watch a [recorded family workshop](#) about the exams, and find out more by [contacting teachers](#).

To keep up with our news more frequently, please check out our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) pages.

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

## METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART FIELD TRIP

*Tuesday, April 25, 2023*

Prior to our visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art we had a guest educator come to our art class to lead studies of objects that we would see in person. As part of our Met Mini Residency students had the opportunity to create their own artwork expressing and appropriating symbols that were meaningful to them. On April 25th, students visited the Met and took a tour of Egyptian art, Ancient Greek and Roman antiquities and Japanese Gardens and had time to independently explore the museum's extensive painting collections. We finished our tour by visiting large scale photo murals by Richard Avedon and then to the new rooftop installation with gorgeous panoramic views of NYC. The students were connecting what they learned in their social studies and history classes with the artwork they were studying in the museum. We also discussed materiality, identity, and memory based on how artists present themselves and the subjects they were depicting. During the field trip the students were able to create their own drawings based on some of the artwork they were looking at. We ended our trip with a picnic in Central Park!





## GOVERNOR'S ISLAND FIELD TRIP

*Wednesday, April 26, 2023*

On April 26, 2023, students went on a science field trip to the Teaching Garden on Governors Island. At this one-acre urban farm, our students had the opportunity to make compost and understand the importance of composting, used the compost they made and planted seeds, and identified many different herbs including tarragon, mint, rosemary, sage, and cilantro. Students also went on a sustainability tour in the garden where they visited a greenhouse, learned about raised bed gardening, drip-irrigation and rainwater harvesting. After the garden visit, we had a chance to enjoy the grounds on the island. Students ate lunch at Picnic Point, enjoyed the slides in Slide Hill Playground, and relaxed in hammocks at Hammock Grove before walking back to the ferry with stunning views of the city skyline.

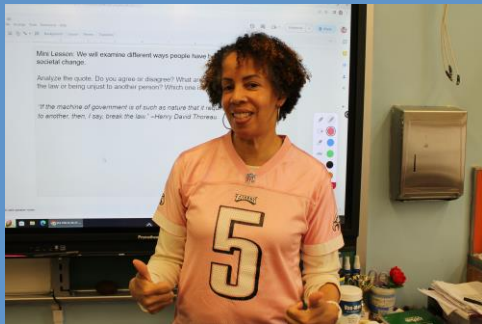


## JERSEY DAY

*Thursday, April 27, 2023*

On April 27th Students and Staff wore jerseys to show off their favorite sport teams (see next page).





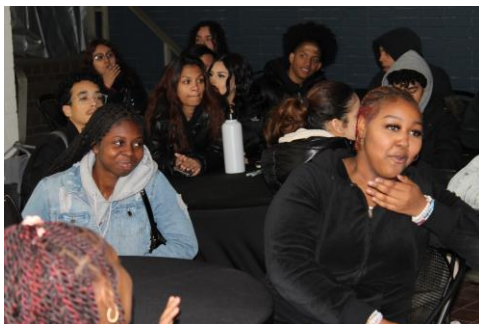
## DECISION DAY

*Monday, May 1, 2023*

May 1st was Decision Day. Seniors celebrated their college decision, and staff were encouraged to wear college swag.







## STUNT SEASON WRAP-UP

*Saturday, May 20, 2023*

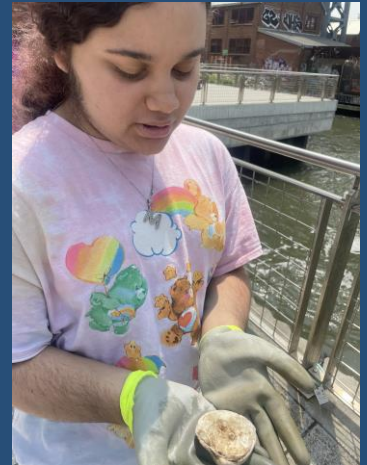
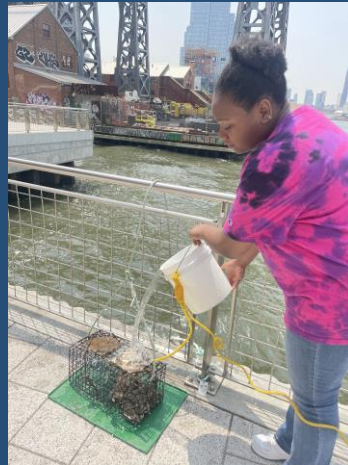
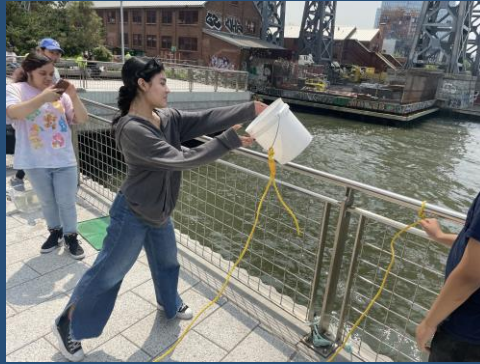
The "47" Tigers Stunt Team competed in their final game of the season on Saturday, May 20th at the College of Staten Island. They made it to the semi-finals and showed a great amount of growth over the course of the year, with a 7-3 record this season. Check out [the highlight video](#) created by Mr. Bridger. Congratulations to the stunt team's members and coaches!



## BILLION OYSTER PROJECT FIELD TRIP

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

On May 24th, 10th grade students in Living Environment along with AP Environmental Science visited the Billion Oyster Project's Williamsburg Field station. It was a lovely sunny day when they arrived at Domino Park. Billion Oyster Members met students at the field station and explained their oyster restoration initiatives in NYC harbor. Students then pulled oysters from the research station and collected data on how many were alive and measured their sizes using calipers. Students also collected water quality data to see if the conditions of the Harbor were suitable for oysters. They measured aspects such as salinity, turbidity, wind speed, and water temperature. Afterwards students enjoyed lunch in the park and then completed a nature scavenger hunt.



## Student Awards

APRIL 2023

Congratulations to our April Students of the Month!

Sal Ahmed

Julenny Delossantos

Ace May

Marcos Calel Alvarez

Asha Gadsden

Geovany Mendoza (*two classes*)

Jennifer Canturencia

Amy Hernandez

Dainard Ortiz

Diana Contreras

Noah Linares

Rachael Paidá Narvaz

Britany Cruz Brooks

Alyanna Martinez

Samantha Perez

## Articles

### SAT CORNER

*Contributed by Mr. Kevin Peters*

Should you take the SAT again? Depending on your score and your goals, the answer may be yes. This is what the college board has to say about taking the SAT twice:

The College Board recommends taking the SAT at least twice: once in spring of your junior year and again in fall of your senior year. Most students who retake the SAT improve their score. If you're not satisfied with your score after taking the test twice, you might choose to take it a third time in the fall of senior year.

That said, only you can decide whether retaking the test makes sense for you. You might have already reached your target score, meaning you're already a competitive applicant at the college or colleges you want to apply to. Also consider where you are in the college application process and whether you have time to retake it.

### LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

*Contributed by Ms. Stephanie Entin-Wald*

Ms. Stephanie has compiled [reading recommendations](#) for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which is celebrated in May every year.

On May 24, as a collaboration between Art classes and the Library, students had the opportunity to meet and create with Jessica Vitkus, author and award-winning writer/producer of news, comedy, reality TV, radio, podcasts and animation. She spoke about her new book, *Crafting Change: Handmade Activism, Past and Present* and worked with students on personal embroidered postcard "craftivism" projects. The project involved embroidering onto paper and cardboard. Students brainstormed then wrote out and stitched short messages important to them onto recycled cardboard—which they can mail to government officials or anyone else who they want to hear their message. Meaningful discussions popped up as students worked on their projects with themes of justice, responsibility, loyalty and government. The visit will surely resonate beyond Ms. Vitkus's visit.





# Comic Relief

## THAT DEAF GUY

Matt and Kay Daigle, with the permission of the artists

### THAT DEAF GUY



## Staff Highlight

### MS. CHRISTY ACEVEDO, SCHOOL SECRETARY

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

Watching movies, doing puzzles, lazing around with my cats.

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

Paris. It's an iconic city full of history and art and I've always wanted to visit. Also, I could finally try out the French I learned in high school and college.

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

PIZZA. (I'm kind of doing this already.)

Q4: What's your favorite season and why?

I hate extremes of cold and heat and love the emergence from frozen misery to being able to smell the air and not wear a coat.

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

I'm a vegetarian who doesn't eat vegetables.





# Reminders

## DOE ACCOUNTS

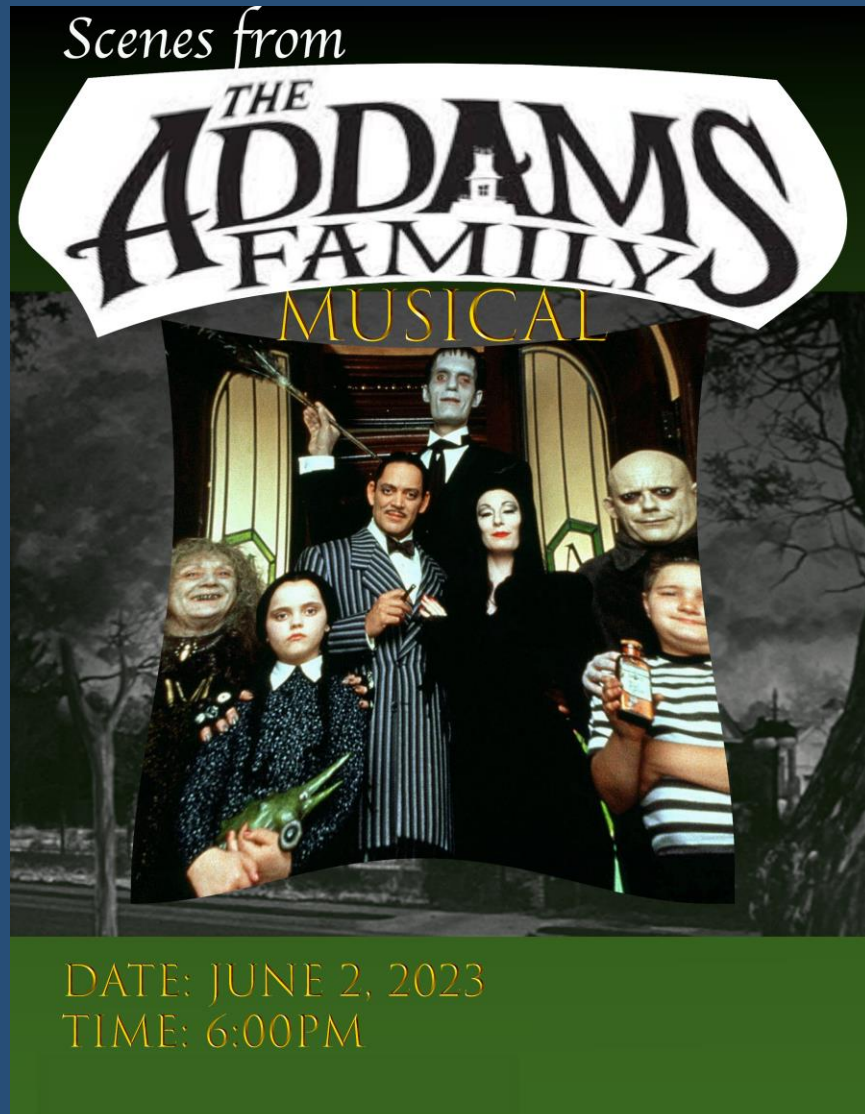
Each student has an [online NYC DOE account](#), and each caregiver can [register for one](#)! Student access their gradebook using these accounts and report cards post there. All students received their login information in school and parents can get their information by contacting the school. Please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

## TUTORING

As we wrap up the spring semester, keep in mind that [tutoring](#) is available with many teachers! Find something fun to do after school or help with a class you're struggling with.

## SCHOOL MUSICAL

The "47" drama club is presenting select scenes from *The Addams Family Musical* on the evening of Friday, June 2nd, at 6:00 pm. ASL interpretation will be included. RSVP to reserve seats on [this Google Form](#). For more information, [contact Ms. Gerstein](#).



DATE: JUNE 2, 2023  
TIME: 6:00PM



# Calendar of Important Dates

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

## U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT REGENTS EXAM

Thursday, June 1, 2023, 9:00 am

## PROM NIGHT

Thursday, June 8, 2023

## FIELD DAY | END OF MARKING PERIOD 3

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

## LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

