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Welcome Message

The Newsletter committee is delighted to bring you the first edition of the 2023-2024 school year Newsletter. Included inside you will find some articles written by our students, pictures highlighting various events and celebrations, up coming dates and announcements.

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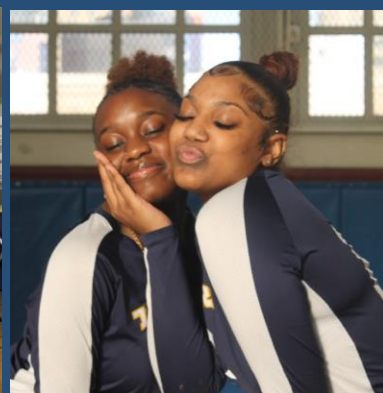
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Recent Developments

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL SEASON WRAP UP!

Girls' Varsity Volleyball has completed their season this year, finishing off with a couple amazing wins in the last two games. Congrats to our three seniors, Jayra, Alex and Mariyah for their final season.





BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October 2023

Wednesday, October 25th, Students and Staff wore pink in celebration of breast cancer awareness month.



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

On Tuesday, October 31st, students and staff dressed up for Halloween, and students participated in a costume contest. See some pictures below of the awesome costumes worn by the 47 community.



Several teachers dressed as Barbie, pictured below.



Congratulations to the student costume contest winners: **Sherlly Piedra, Nanci Zanes Lozada, Rolando Toledo, Ari Vilchis, Thomas Jimenez** and to all the other students who participated and showed off their creative costumes.



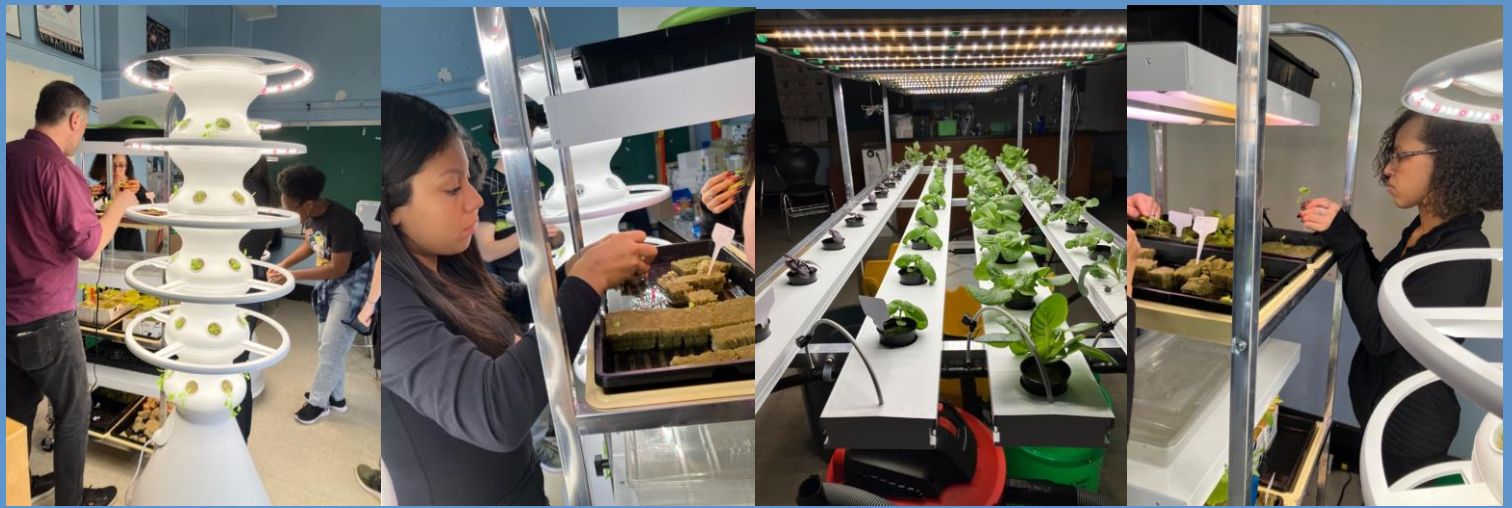


OYSTER AND HYDROPONICS CLUB

This year brings some exciting new additions to our science curriculum. Thanks to a grant by [NY Sun Works](#), and a partnership with the [Billion Oyster Project](#), we now have a fully functioning hydroponics lab for growing plants and two oyster tanks in room 312.



The new Hydroponics elective, AP Bio course and Living Environment classes will all get to take advantage of these new resources. We also host a Hydroponics/Oyster club every Thursday from 3:15 to 4:15 for students who want to grow some food and monitor the oysters more regularly.



So far in Hydroponics club, students have begun to grow vegetables such as lettuce, basil, kale and Swiss chard. In the last month these plants have sprouted and grown while students monitor the progress and started transplanting some to larger pots. Recently, the hydroponics class held a Harvest Festival, where they harvested and brought home some of the crops they grew.



Meanwhile in oyster club students are monitoring the oyster tanks weekly, measuring their growth, and testing the quality of the tank water. The oysters are fed a daily dose of algae, and need semi frequent water changes when waste builds up in the tank. Students have also found various other critters in the tank living among the oysters such as bristle worms and amphipods, which they looked at under the microscopes.

HUDSON RIVER PARK FIELD TRIP



The Oyster and Hydroponics club recently took a field trip to the Hudson River Park at pier 40 to attend their "release the fishes" event, at which they close down their wet lab, a rotating research aquarium that is open to the public during the summer months, and return all the species back into the river.

There were educational activities such as a species scavenger hunt, microscopes with sample slides, various tanks and Hudson River staff ready to teach fun fish facts, a touch tank with oysters, spider crabs, snails etc, and of course the highlight of the event, when students each got to release a fish into the Hudson River. Refreshments were served; empanadas and cannoli, and a good time was had by all.



LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

Have you seen the library lately? Our newly redesigned school library is an exciting multi use space that encourages students to learn and explore. Open and inviting, the library fosters communication and collaboration. Filled with a variety of seating choices, our school community members can meet, work, relax, and enjoy the library space designed for everyone. During lunchtime students can be found reading, working on homework, socializing, chilling out, creating with Legos, and working on maker and craft projects with materials from our new maker cart. Libraries are for everyone.



Stop by the newly redesigned library and check it out!

FREAKY FRIDAY IN THE LIBRARY



Ms. Stephanie read aloud the classic horror short story **"The Landlady"**, by Roald Dahl ,accompanied by creepy ambiance music, video and props. Everybody had a chance to respond to the story , choosing who they thought should play the characters in a movie version of the story or what song they thought would go with the story.

Everybody received freaky treats! Stay tuned for more library events and see Ms. Stephanie with ideas for what YOU would like to see and hear in the library. Libraries are for EVERYONE!

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS- DAY OF THE DEAD

November 1-2, 2023

Dia de los muertos, a wonderful blend between the catholic culture and the indigenous. Its is where the people of Mexico celebrate the joy of life and what their ancestors lived. The most beautiful part is that they never seem to forget where their roots came from and their ancestors. They never forget the dead and it is a beautiful and bright tradition in Mexico.



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15-October 15th, 2023

Hispanic heritage month, celebrated from September 15 to October 15 , is when we honor the beauty of Hispanic culture and recognize the amazing food, culture, and music of each country. Make sure to take pride in your Hispanic heritage if you are a part of that culture.



INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

October 9th, 2023

Indigenous people's day is a day where we honor the beautiful cultures of the native people that were here before us, and a day where we recognize and remember the horrors that Indigenous people went through and to honor them.

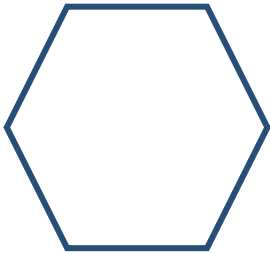


Comic Relief- Deaf Awareness Month (September)

THAT DEAF GUY

Matt and Kay Daigle, with the permission of the artists

"Happy Deaf Awareness Month! This is the month we share our stories and experiences. One of my stories is being left behind in public schools. Without an interpreter, I was not getting much of an education. Luckily after much advocating, I was provided an interpreter. But I had already missed out on so much."
-Matt Daigle, Author of That Deaf Guy comic



THAT DEAF GUY

BY MATT & KAY DAIGLE



Staff Highlight

SEPTEMBER: MR. PETERS, MATH TEACHER

- Q1: Describe yourself in a hashtag.
#3.14159269...
- Q2: What is your favorite time of day?
Either Early morning or Late Evening.
- Q3: What is your dream place to visit?
Prince Edward Island. I think it would be a nice place to take a hike.
- Q4: What is the biggest surprise you have had?
out....
- Q5: Do you prefer vintage or new?
Vintage, since it's usually better made
- Q6: If you could win an Olympic medal for any sport, real or fake, what would it be?
Origami- I would win a medal for paperfolding
- Q7: If you could make a documentary, what would it be about?
Mathematicians who make mathematical art
- Q8: If you could choose someone to play you in a movie, who would you choose?
John Mulaney
- Q9: What is one thing that you enjoyed when you were younger that kids today don't get to do?
I really enjoy getting lost in my thoughts. I feel today everyone pulls out a phone when they have a little downtime, and I'm not sure that it's for the better.
- Q10: What is the best advice you have ever gotten?
When you get stuck on a problem, step away and leave it for a while. A fresh set of eyes or a new day makes a big difference.



Important Announcements

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. Additional tutoring is available every Monday from 1-3pm where students can get help and make up work from all their classes.

Tutoring is available in the following subject areas:

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| ▪ American Sign Language | ▪ English Language Arts | ▪ Science |
| ▪ Arts (Open Studio) | ▪ Mathematics | ▪ Social Studies |

CLUBS IN SESSION

"47" is hosting more than 15 clubs this semester. The following clubs are open to students as of this writing:

- Art Club
 - ASL Club
 - Book Club
 - Boardgame Club
 - Basketball Club
- College and Career Club
 - Crochet/KNitting Club
 - Fitness Club
 - Gender & Sexuality Alliance
 - Girls Who Code
- Makers Club
 - National Honor Society
 - Oyster Club/ Hydroponics
 - Science and Pop Culture
 - 3D Printing Club

Calendar of Important Dates

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

TURKEY BOWL

November 22nd, 2023

NO SCHOOL

November 23rd-24th, 2023

END OF MARKING PERIOD 2

Monday, November 27th, 2023

VOICE OFF PERIODS

- November 28th, 2023 Per 2
- December 6th, 2023 Period 3
- December 14th, Period 4
- December 18th, Period 5

