

## 2025-26 Parent Newsletter #2

# EVERY1 KNOWS SOME1

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). During DVAM, victim advocates, allied professionals, survivors of abuse, their loved ones, and the surrounding community come together to mourn the lives lost to domestic violence, celebrate the progress that has been made to end this epidemic, and connect with others working to create change. This tip sheet provides suggestions on what individuals and organizations can do to help raise awareness of domestic violence using the hashtag #1Thing to demonstrate that everyone can play a role in bringing about change.



Events to raise awareness of domestic violence and its impact on individuals, families, and communities take place throughout the year. During Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), victim advocates, allied professionals, survivors of abuse, their loved ones, and the surrounding community come together to mourn the lives lost to domestic violence,

celebrate the progress that has been made to end this epidemic, and connect with others working to create change. This year's #1Thing DVAM Campaign is being funded by the Administration for Children and Families. Think of #1Thing you can do to get involved, take action and make a difference for those affected by domestic violence. Access free tools and materials at <https://nrcdv.org/dvam>.



# Announcements

- Clubs are now fully operational, and we strongly encourage all new JKO-ers to join an organization to facilitate a smoother transition into the school environment.
- Tutoring sessions have commenced, and we highly recommend that students seize this opportunity to seek assistance in struggling classes before the end of the marking period, which is October 24.
- This year, the student government has decided to revive its engagement with external organizations. In October, they plan to organize a fundraiser for type one diabetes. The fundraising event will be held at the school store on October 8, 14, and 16. Additionally, student government members will participate in the type one diabetes walk on October 18. To celebrate Hispanic heritage month, students will also host a Hispanic games event, but the exact date has yet to be finalized.
- Smash Art will be hosting our annual haunted house on October 24. More details will be shared soon. A fundraiser to support the event will take place on October 12th in the lunchroom.
- On Wednesday, October 8, seniors held their inaugural senior council meeting in the auditorium. During this meeting, senior contracts, price breakdowns, and other pertinent information will be shared.
- Lockers have been assigned
- Laptops have been assigned. Please ensure that your child charges the laptops at home prior to attending school.
- Awards ceremonies took place recently. Please refer to the pictures below.
- We are currently recruiting students for the Morgan Stanley Mentoring Program. If interested, please have your child see Ms. Milan in room 202.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

<b>October 20</b>	Monday	Diwali, schools closed
<b>November 4</b>	Tuesday	Election Day; students do not attend school
<b>November 6</b>	Thursday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
<b>November 11</b>	Tuesday	Veterans Day, schools closed
<b>November 20</b>	Thursday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-8 pm (Virtual)
<b>November 21</b>	Friday	Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences 12-3 pm (Virtual)
<b>November 27–28</b>	Thursday–Friday	Thanksgiving Recess, schools closed
<b>December 24–January 2</b>	Wednesday–Friday	Winter Recess, schools closed

# Class of 2026

## 🎓 Class of 2026: Senior Year Info & Costs 🎓

*Make the most of your senior year – but stay on track!*

### 💰 Senior Dues – \$150

(Payment from September 15-November 15)\*\*Late charges will apply after 11/15\*\*

Covers all of the following:

- ✓ Cap & Gown
- ✓ Senior T-Shirt
- ✓ Diploma Case
- ✓ Senior Brunch/Lunch
- ✓ Senior Awards
- ✓ Program Cords & Stoles
- ✓ Yearbook
- ✓ Graduation Pictures
- ✓ Graduation Swag Bag

### 👯 Prom

(Payment from November 20- February 10)\*\*Late charges will apply after 2/10\*\*

💰 Estimated Cost: \$150–\$160

📍 Subject to change based on final venue selection

### 🚌 Senior Trip

( Payment from February 23- April 20)\*\*Late charges will apply after 4/20\*\*

💰 Estimated Range: \$200–\$350 (Overnight options available)

📍 Prices may vary depending on destination and accommodations

### 🎢 Senior Activity Trips

💰 Cost Range: \$20–\$70

🎯 Based on the specific activity

### 📷 Senior Pictures

💰 Sitting Fee: \$20–\$30

📦 Picture packages are optional and priced separately

## ⚠️ IMPORTANT PARTICIPATION POLICY

While you are entitled to these exciting events and opportunities, participation is not guaranteed. Eligibility depends on your senior year standing.

You may be placed on probation or barred from participation if:

- 🚫 Failing more than 2 classes
- 🚫 Excessive absences or cutting classes
- 🚫 Any suspensions during the 2025–2026 school year
- 🔴 All decisions regarding participation are subject to administrative review.

📅 Stay focused. Stay eligible. Make it count!

Let's make senior year unforgettable – for all the right reasons.

# JOIN YOUR COHORT'S GOOGLE CLASSROOM!

- Class updates
- Important school information



- Trip Opportunities
- Scholarship & Internships

**CLASS OF**  
**2026- [drl3nbh](#)**  
**2027- [5koifdu](#)**  
**2028- [z2emh5t](#)**  
**2029- [6xx6bsnm](#)**







BE A CREATIVE FORCE

# SMASH ARTS PRODUCTIONS

Art, Theater, Photography, Events

**FRIDAYS 2:45 - 4:00PM**  
**ROOM#201 & THEATER**  
**SEE MS. DE GREGORIO**

Become a part of our dynamic student company!

Drawing by Ronaldo Caceres class of 2020

# Yearbook Club

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**Every other Thursday**  
**2:45pm- 3:45pm**  
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**301b**  
 See Ms. Kadison for more details

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*\*Yearbooks intended for Seniors only though you need not be a senior to join.*

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# UNITED NATIONS

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)

- Represent a country. Debate real-world issues.
- Improve your speaking & critical thinking skills.
- Attend MUN conferences and make new friends.

**First Meeting: 9/25/25**  
**Every Thursday**  
**Room 306 - 2:41**  
**Contact: Elina Sadatbekova and Mr. Van.**

**Run for your first country. Make your voice heard.**

JKO's VOLLEYBALL CLUB

# VOLLEYBALL

## CLUB

ADVISOR: MRS. RUSHFORTH  
 DAY: TUESDAY  
 TIME: 3:20 PM TO 4:50 PM  
 LOCATION: GYM (207)



JOIN US TODAY



# FITNESS CLUB

ADVISOR: MR.CHEN  
DAY: FRIDAY  
TIME: 2:41 PM TO 3:41 PM  
LOCATION: WEIGHT ROOM (101)

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Padgett  
Day: Wednesday  
Time: 3:00- 5:00 pm  
Location: GYM/ Weight Room

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# CHESS CLUB

ADVISOR: MR.CHEN  
DAY: WEDNESDAY  
TIME: 2:41 PM TO 3:41 PM  
LOCATION: TBA

Advisor: Mr. Padgett  
Day: Wednesday  
Time: 3:00- 5:00 pm  
Location: GYM/ Weight Room

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Are You Interested to Join  
**Student Government?**  
Let's Join Today & Make a Difference



**Make Your  
Voices to be  
Heard**

There will be an  
Meeting in 308 with  
Ms. O Starting 10/7

**Tuesday or  
Thursday from 3:30  
pm to 4:30 pm**

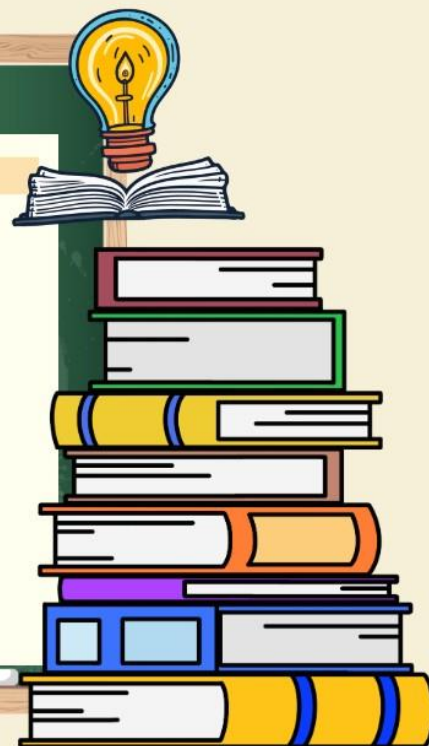
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# Music CLUB

TUESDAY | 3:21PM- 4:21 pm  
Advisor: Mr. Chen  
Location: 405a

## JKO After-School Clubs

Club/Advisor	Day	Time	Location
NHS/Degregorio	Wednesday	2:41pm to 3:41pm	201
Smash Arts Productions/Degregorio	Friday	2:41pm to 3:41pm	201
Physical Education Club/ Padgett	Wednesday	3:00 pm to 5:00pm	TBA
Volleyball Club/Rushforth	Tuesday	3:20 pm to 4:50pm	207-GYM
Fitness Club/Chen	Friday	2:41pm to 3:41pm	101- Weight Room
Music Club /Chen	Tuesday	3:21pm to 4:21pm	405a
Chess Club/Chen	Wednesday	2:41pm to 3:41pm	TBA
Student Government/Okwabi	Tues/Thursday	3:00pm to 4:00 pm	308
Tutoring Master/	TBA	TBA	TBA
Yearbook/Kadison	Thursday	2:45 pm to 3:45 pm	301B
Helping Hands Society/Kadison	Thursday	2:45 pm to 3:45 pm	301B
Glamour Girls/Cumberbatch	TBA	TBA	304



## JKO AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING

SUBJECT/ Teacher	DAY/ ROOM	TIME
Spanish/ Ms. Alcorn	Thursday/ 302	2:45 pm to 3:45 pm
Chemistry/ Ms. Okwabi	Wednesday/ 308	2:45 pm to 3:45 pm
Math/ Mr. Chen	Tuesday/ 405	2:41 pm to 3:41 pm
English/Mr. Van	Wednesday/306	2:45 pm to 3:45 pm
Algebra 1/Mr. Hasan	Wed & Thursday/406	2:45 pm to 3:45 pm
Geometry/Mr. Faruque	Thursday	2:45 pm to 3:45 pm
Algebra 2 Trig/Mr. Falah	Wed & Thursday/402	2:45 pm to 3:45 pm
ENL/ Ms. Conte	Wednesday/ 409B	2:45 pm to 4:00 pm
Business/ Mr. Nson	Friday/ 409	2:41 pm to 3:41 pm







On October 30<sup>th</sup>  
@ 7pm, 30 JKO  
students will see  
the Broadway  
show, The Lion  
King. I am sure  
our students will  
be **roaring** with  
enthusiasm!!!

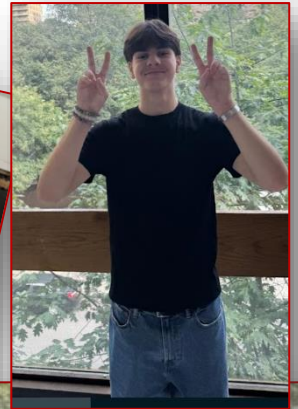






# Manhattan HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

On Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, JKO staff and students participated in the annual Manhattan H.S. Fair, which was facilitated by our MHS District. A BIG thanks to all of our student volunteers from NHS as well as all of the staff who gave up their weekend to participate. The event was a HUGE success!!! See pictures below...







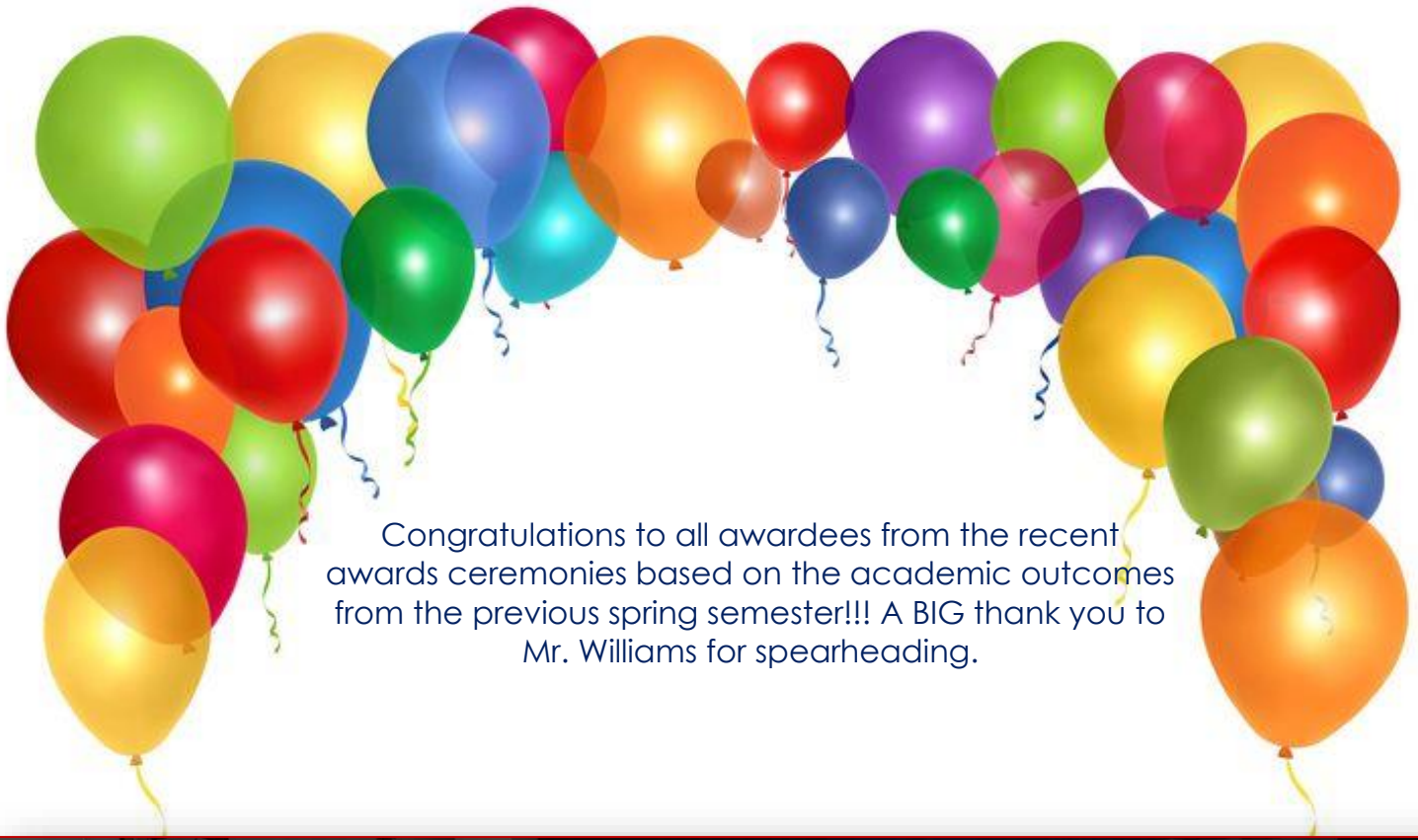
# COLLEGE FAIR

On Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, many of our Juniors and Seniors attended a college fair trip at the Jacob Javits Center. There they learned about all of the programs offered by SUNY as well as many of the important aspects of each of the SUNY colleges.

***Thank you to Ms. Vega for spearheading!!!***







Congratulations to all awardees from the recent awards ceremonies based on the academic outcomes from the previous spring semester!!! A BIG thank you to Mr. Williams for spearheading.





**9th Grade**  
**(This year's Sophomores)**  
**Students of the Month of 2024-2025**

**JK**  
**Jo**

September: Aileen Santos Garcia/Yariel Contreras Matos

February: Widade Brahim Mahamat/Valentina

October: Khadidja Hammou Fedoruk/Lizzeth Palafox

March: Maksym

November: Markland Barrett/Kimberly Yupa Chiluisa

April: Cheyanne Nelson/Zara Zapata

December: Lizzeth Palafox

May: Markland Barrett

January: Jean Izquierdo

**11th Grade**  
**(Last year's 10th graders)**  
**Students of the Month**  
**of 2024-2025**

September: Nataly Cajchun/Linda Hester

February: Umay Yazal

October: Viktoria Tsesareva Hester/Valeria Chabla Gomez

March: Linda

November: Valeria Chabla Gomez

April: Gazi Fariha

December: Mazyiah Coles/Angel Tochimoni Ramirez

May: Elina Sadatbekova

January: Roxanne Romoleroux/Elina Sada



**10th Grade**  
**(This year's Juniors)**  
**Principal's List**  
**Achieving an average of 95% or higher**

**JK**  
**Jo**

Valeria Chabla Gomez  
Umay Yazal  
Natalia Reyes Melendez  
Gazi Fariha  
Linda Hester

Allison Vazquez  
Viktoria Tsesareva  
Stacy Puma Niola  
Natalie Cajchun

**9th Grade**  
**(This year's Sophomores)**  
**Assistant Principal's List**  
**Achieving an average of 90.00-94.99%**

**JK**  
**Jo**

Lizzeth Palafox  
Kelly Salto Lema  
Jade Fernandez

**9th Grade**  
**(This year's Sophomores)**  
**Honor Roll**  
**Achieving an average of 85-89.9%**

**JK**  
**Jo**

Mason Ramjattan  
Khadidja Hammou  
Coumba Diagouraga  
Elena Chavez  
Markland Barrett

**10th Grade**  
**(This year's Juniors)**  
**Assistant Principal's List**  
**Achieving an average of 90.00-94.99%**

**JK**  
**Jo**

Bismarck Contreras  
Qian Long  
Eduardo Romero  
Roxanne Romoleroux  
Elina Sadatbekova

**10th Grade**  
**(This year's Juniors)**  
**Honor Roll**  
**Achieving an average of 85-89.9%**

**JK**  
**Jo**

Ryleigh Beltran  
Morgan Donnelly  
Abdullah Mohammed Tijani



# 12th Grade (Last year's 11th Grade) Student of the Month of 2024-2025

September: Lia Silverio-Martinez/Viannay Palafox

October: Cassieann Smith/Joseph Velo

November: Nicole Aparicio/Julian Brito \_\_\_\_\_

December: Jean Chimbo/Viannay Palafox

January: Kelvin Ovalles-Tejada

February: Ivanny Melendez

March: Brian Avendano

April: Tanish Kumar

May: Brandon Del Valle

## 11th Grade (This year's Seniors) Principal's List

Achieving an average of 95% or higher



Nicole Flores

Damian Hernandez

Tanish Kumar

Ivanny Melendez

London Potter

Valeria Torterolo

Joseph Velo

Viannay Palafox

## 11th Grade (This year's Seniors) Assistant Principal's List

Achieving an average of 90-94.9%



Sowlin Akter  
Benin Albawi  
Nicole Aparicio  
Brandon Del Valle-Monte  
Pamela Muniz Lasalle  
Keveon Price  
Cassieann Smith

## 11th Grade (This year's Seniors) Honor Roll

Achieving an average of 85-89.9%



Steven Almazo  
Kaily Ortiz  
Evelyn Zeferino





On Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, our VE students engaged in a Virtual Enterprise International AD Futures Competition. The theme was gun violence awareness. The kids did AMAZING!!! A BIG thank you to Ms. Newell for spearheading this!!!

Students:  
 Nico Flores  
 Damian Hernandez  
 Serenity Mcfadden  
 London Potter  
 Jei Ana Thomas  
 Viannay Palafox  
 Evelyn Zeferino  
 Valeria Torterolo  
 Jean Chimbo  
 Faiza Ramia  
 Delinda Vega

