

## 2024-25 Parent Newsletter #7

March marks **Women's History Month**. Do you know how this celebration of women came into existence??? If not, read below:

### Women's History Month 2024

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month 2022 will take place from Tuesday, March 1-Thursday, March 31, 2022.

#### Why Do We Celebrate Women's History Month?

Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history. From Abigail Adams to Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth to Rosa Parks, the timeline of women's history milestones stretches back to the founding of the United States.

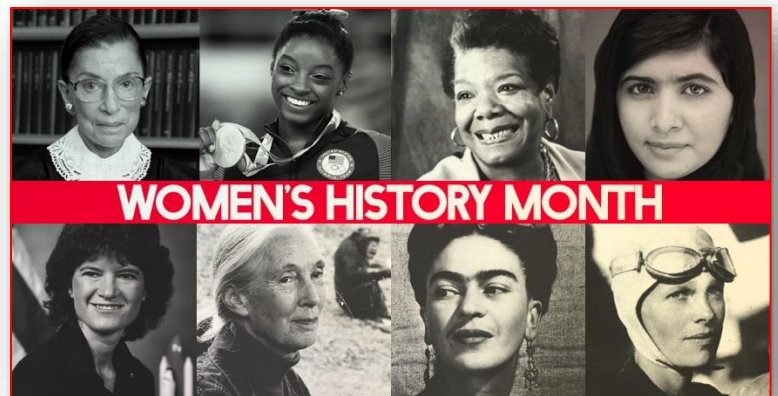
The actual celebration of Women's History Month grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa.

A few years later, the idea had caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.

#### Women's History Month Theme 2022

The National Women's History Alliance designates a yearly theme for Women's History Month. The 2022 theme is "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope." This theme is "both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history."

Source: History.com



# PARENT COORDINATOR CONNECTIONS

From the Desk of the  
Parent Coordinator  
Ms. Bernabel

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## Announcements

- Our next PA meeting is on April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm and SLT will take place on the same day at 4:30 pm.
- Please complete the NYC School Surveys for parents by going to [NYCSchoolSurvey.org](http://NYCSchoolSurvey.org) account. The deadline for completing the survey is April 4<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to contact Ms. Bernabel with any questions.
- The Fall Semester Award Ceremonies will take place on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> (for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades) and Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades) during 3<sup>rd</sup> period. Be sure to take attendance before escorting them to the theater.
- Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Application Link- <https://application.nycsyep.com>
- 32 Annual Latino College Expo & Leadership Summit- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/32nd-annual-latino-college-expo-leadership-summit-2025-tickets-1051653021497?aff=erelexpmlt>
- Summer Program for HS students at Queensboro Community College- <https://www.qcc.cuny.edu/admissions/summerhs.html>
- SUMMER WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG WRITERS AT THE KELLY WRITERS HOUSE- <https://writing.upenn.edu/wh/summer/index.php>
- We are still accepting student photos for any grade level for the yearbook. Parents/guardians can send photos to [jkoyearbook120@gmail.com](mailto:jkoyearbook120@gmail.com)



**NYC SYEP** Summer Youth Employment Program

**SYEP Applications are now open!**

NYC Youth ages 14-24  
Get in on the action for the 2025 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)!

**Deadline extended to March 14th**

**Apply Now!**

Visit [application.nycsyep.com](https://application.nycsyep.com), call 1.800-246-4646, or scan the QR code

## Important Dates and INFORMATION

- IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:
- MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> – 1<sup>ST</sup> MARKING PERIOD ENDS
- MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> – PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES EVENING
- MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> – PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES DAY
- March 31—Eid al-Fitr, schools closed
- April 14–18 Monday–Friday Spring Recess, schools closed

# ***JKO SCHOOL COUNSELOR***

## ***CONNECT***



From the counseling department:



- ❖ **1<sup>st</sup> period Class begins at 8:20 A.M.** Students need to arrive to school prior to 8:20 AM and on time regularly so they are able to effectively engage in their first period lesson. Lateness adversely impacts a student's academic performance. **The school day ends at 2:40 P.M.**
- ❖ **If your child is or will be absent**, please contact Ms. Garcia (9-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students) at ext. 5052 or email at [NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov) ; Mrs. Vega-Beltran (11-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students) at ext. 5091 or via email at [NVega11@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:NVega11@schools.nyc.gov) ; or Ms. Bernabel, Parent Coordinator, at ext. 1012 or email at [ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov) . **Please be sure to send an excuse note for your child's absence and/or a doctor's note if your child has a medical appointment.**
  - **Please ensure that your child's medical documents or any other important documents are updated and we have updated copies.**
- ❖ **Please keep track of your child's academic progress, grades, and attendance in their classes through the SyncGrades website.** Please be sure that your child's NYC Student Email account is updated. If you would like to schedule meetings with teachers on Tuesdays, please contact your child's School Counselor.
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  - **MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> – COLLEGE TRIP TO CUNY COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND**
- ❖ **COLLEGE NOW** – If you are interested in having your 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grader take **FREE** College courses while in high school through the City University of New York Colleges/Universities, **please contact Mrs. Vega-Beltran.** This is a great opportunity for your child to have those course credits apply to their College Degree for FREE!
- ❖ In order to maintain a positive learning environment, it is **expected that students dress in a professional manner. We expect students to be dressed appropriately** to ensure safety and to keep the focus on teaching and learning. **We would like all parents and guardians to remind students of proper dress protocols on campus.**  
**Prohibited forms of dress at school include, but are not limited to:**
  - 1) Clothing that contains references to drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, racism, or gang-affiliation.

- 2) Revealing clothing that does not provide coverage of torso, undergarments, and private body parts, including see-through garments of any kind.
- 3) Sunglasses while indoors.

**If you need assistance providing your child clothing, please contact your child's counselor.**

- ❖ **Students are NOT ALLOWED TO USE CELL PHONES DURING SCHOOL HOURS. This includes iPads, Apple MacBook, Smart watches or any non-DOE issued electronic device.** They must keep their phones locked in their yonder pouch. **In case of an emergency, please call the school to contact your child and students can use a school office phone to contact their parent/guardian.**
- ❖ **12<sup>th</sup> GRADE SENIOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:** Please work closely with your senior child this school year to discuss their post-secondary options (plans after high school). They will need your support and encouragement when applying to college/university, trade school, military, and/or financial aid/scholarships. Please look out for future communication regarding college trips, workshops, financial aid, and important deadlines.
- ❖ **Please have your child meet for one on one academic/personal progress meetings with their counselor immediately:** Ms. Garcia (9-10<sup>th</sup> Graders) and Mrs. Vega-Beltran (11-12<sup>th</sup> Graders). This meeting is important to ensure they are on track academically with their progress towards graduation and to check in on their personal well-being.
- ❖ **Please reach out to Ms. Garcia (9-10<sup>th</sup> Grades) or Mrs. Vega-Beltran (11-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) if you feel that your child needs social/emotional support.** We have an abundance of services for students at the school and can refer your family to outside resources/assistance.
- ❖ **Please have your child attend tutoring and join extra-curricular activities** to be an active member of the school community. This a great way for students to make new friends, network, and be exposed to various activities/hobbies. We will send information for tutoring and extra-curricular activities in the coming weeks.

***Please feel free to contact your child's School Counselor directly with any questions, concerns, or if you need assistance:***

**Ms. Niurkary Garcia, 9 & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor** (212)391-0041 Ext. 5052

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## **DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE ASESORAMIENTO:**



- ❖ **1 periodo La clase comienza a las 8:20 A.M.** Los estudiantes **deben llegar a la escuela antes de las 8:20 A.M.** y puntualmente regularmente para que puedan participar de manera efectiva en su lección del primer periodo. La tardanza afecta negativamente el rendimiento académico de un estudiante. La jornada escolar finaliza a las 14:40 horas.
- ❖ **Si su hijo está o estará ausente**, comuníquese con la Sra. García (estudiantes de 9.º a 10.º grado) en la ext. 5052 o correo electrónico a [NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov); Sra. Vega-Beltran (Estudiantes de 11º y 12º grado) en la ext. 5091 o por correo electrónico a [NVega11@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:NVega11@schools.nyc.gov); o la Sra. Bernabel, Coordinadora de Padres, en la ext. 1012 o correo electrónico a [ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov). **Asegúrese de enviar una nota de excusa por la ausencia de su hijo y/o una nota del médico si su hijo tiene una cita médica.**
  - **Asegúrese de que los documentos médicos de su hijo o cualquier otro documento importante estén actualizados y que tengamos copias actualizadas.**
- ❖ **Realice un seguimiento del progreso académico, las calificaciones y la asistencia a clases de su hijo a través del sitio web SyncGrades.** Asegúrese de que la cuenta de correo electrónico estudiantil de NYC de su hijo esté actualizada. Si desea programar reuniones con los maestros los martes, comuníquese con el consejero escolar de su hijo.
- ❖ **FECHAS IMPORTANTES PARA RECORDAR:**
  - **18 DE MARZO – TERMINA EL PRIMER PERIODO DE MARCACIONES**
  - **20 DE MARZO – TARDE DE CONFERENCIAS DE PADRES Y MAESTROS**
  - **21 DE MARZO – DÍA DE LAS CONFERENCIAS DE PADRES Y MAESTROS**
  - **28 DE MARZO – VIAJE UNIVERSITARIO A CUNY COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND**
- ❖ **UNIVERSIDAD AHORA** – Si está interesado en que su hijo de 11.º o 12.º grado tome cursos universitarios GRATUITOS mientras está en la escuela secundaria a través de las universidades de la City University of New York, comuníquese con la Sra. Vega-Beltrán. ¡Esta es una gran oportunidad para que su hijo obtenga los créditos de esos cursos para su título universitario GRATIS!
- ❖ Para mantener un ambiente de aprendizaje positivo, **se espera que los estudiantes se vistan de manera profesional. Esperamos que los estudiantes vistan apropiadamente** para garantizar la seguridad y mantener el enfoque en la enseñanza y el aprendizaje. **Nos gustaría que todos los padres y tutores recuerden a los estudiantes los protocolos de vestimenta adecuados en el campus.**  
**Las formas de vestimenta prohibidas en la escuela incluyen, entre otras:**
  - 1) Ropa que contenga referencias a drogas, alcohol, sexo, violencia, racismo o afiliación a pandillas.
  - 2) Ropa reveladora que no cubra el torso, la ropa interior y las partes privadas del cuerpo, incluidas prendas transparentes de cualquier tipo.
  - 3) Gafas de sol mientras esté en el interior.**Si necesita ayuda para proporcionarle ropa a su hijo, comuníquese con el consejero de su hijo.**
- ❖ **NO SE PERMITE A LOS ESTUDIANTES UTILIZAR TELÉFONOS CELULARES DURANTE EL HORARIO ESCOLAR.** Esto incluye iPads y relojes inteligentes

**que están conectados a sus teléfonos.** Deben mantener sus teléfonos bajo llave en su bolsa. **En caso de una emergencia, llame a la escuela para comunicarse con su hijo y los estudiantes pueden usar el teléfono de la oficina de la escuela para comunicarse con sus padres/tutores.**

- ❖ **12º GRADO PADRES/TUTORES MAYORES:** Trabaje estrechamente con su hijo mayor este año escolar para discutir sus opciones postsecundarias (planes después de la escuela secundaria). Necesitarán su apoyo y aliento cuando soliciten ingreso a la universidad, escuela de oficios, ejército y/o ayuda/becas financieras. Esté atento a comunicaciones futuras sobre viajes universitarios, talleres, ayuda financiera y fechas límite importantes.
- ❖ **Haga que su hijo se reúna inmediatamente para reuniones individuales de progreso académico/personal con su consejero:** Sra. García (estudiantes de 9.º a 10.º grado) y Sra. Vega-Beltrán (estudiantes de 11.º a 12.º grado). Esta reunión es importante para garantizar que estén encaminados académicamente con su progreso hacia la graduación y para controlar su bienestar personal.
- ❖ **Haga que su hijo asista a tutorías y se una a actividades extracurriculares para ser un miembro activo de la comunidad escolar.** Esta es una excelente manera para que los estudiantes hagan nuevos amigos, establezcan contactos y estén expuestos a diversas actividades/pasatiempos. Enviaremos información para tutorías y actividades extracurriculares en las próximas semanas.
- ❖ Comuníquese con la Sra. García (grados 9-10) o la Sra. Vega-Beltrán (grados 11-12) si cree que su hijo necesita apoyo social/emocional. Tenemos una gran cantidad de servicios para los estudiantes en la escuela y podemos derivar a su familia a recursos/asistencia externos.

**No dude en comunicarse directamente con el consejero escolar de su hijo si tiene alguna pregunta, inquietud o si necesita ayuda:**

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On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Team JKO headed to the Junk Kouture World Finals in Dublin. Disaya McIntosh, with her dress design, represented our JKO community on the world stage along with students from London, Paris, Milan, Dublin & Abu Dhabi. A team of international judges from the fashion world interviewed her about her design after she performed on stage to select the World Designer of the Year. The event and the trip were simply AMAZING!!! See pictures below from start to finish.

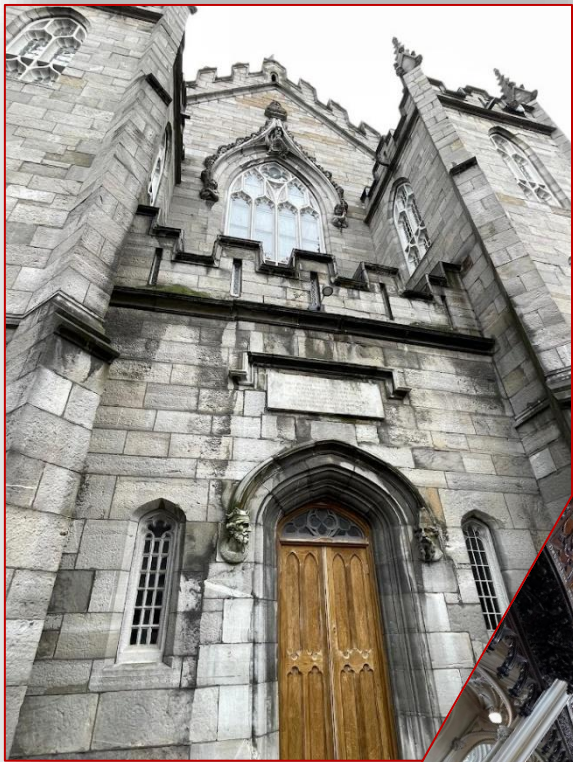
**Thank you to Ms. D for spearheading and both her and Mr. Vincent for chaperoning!**











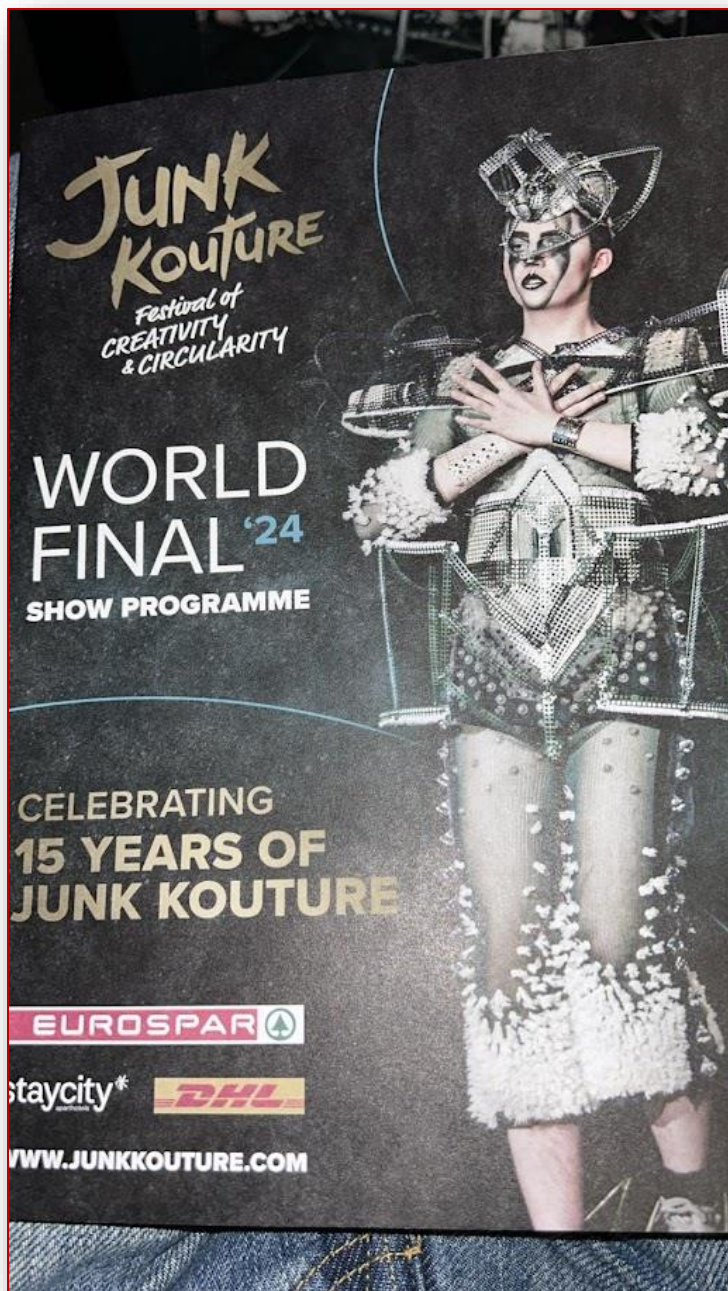














From Ms. De Gregorio:



She is striking! Disaya also did an incredible interview on camera about how personal the message of her design is. She said she was bullied as a kid and kept trying to find a way to fit in with others, wearing a mask and not being herself. She was a distorted version. It wasn't until high school that she felt she could finally let go of trying to be something else. She wants everyone to feel empowered and have the courage to be yourself. The interviewer & camera man both said, "WOW, you are amazing!"





VIRTUAL  
ENTERPRISES  
INTERNATIONAL



A message from Laila Barriera (JKO Senior):

I just wanted to let you know how amazing our trip to the Virtual Enterprise Trade Show in Fort Lauderdale was! We sold a lot of insurance and merchandise, and we made some really great connections with other firms that are based in the south. It was such a great opportunity to network and get our name out there.

The whole event was amazing, and I am excited to see where these new connections take us. Thanks for all your help in making this trip a success and being one none of us will forget!

- Laila Barriera



A message from Ms. Newell:

Good Day

- The students of JKO/ VE Guardian Insurance are unique and worthy of note.
- They blended in, bringing effortless enthusiasm.
- They set up the booth in 60 minutes- 100% of the team on board- (students only).
- Serenity created the cohort booth coverage assignments to include coverage for selling Guardian Insurance policies, Guardian Insurance swag and lunch. The cohorts of (2) rotated every 45 minutes- trade show rule only 2 students on booth duty at one time.
- Serenity networked with a member 'Soterian', the company had a mini-4-wheel vehicle and provided advertising free of charge to the trading floor about Guardian Insurance and some of our swag.
- Vanessa created and trained the team " how to delivery Guardian Insurance's sales pitch."
- David/ Kordell - Gopro duty
- The students were also trained on the Trade Show POS- a VE based system that is used for making purchases, prior knowledge & training of this system is needed before use during a trade show.

While two students covered the booth, the others where roaming and adding currency to VE verse. In adding to the VE verse, the students listened to various pitches from the firms on the trading floor and made purchases. The purchases were completed using the salary earned from their virtual business jobs. All student purchases must be accomplished using a Virtual Debit card linked to their virtual checking account. Instructions on how to accomplish this were sent to the Guardian Insurance team on 02/07/2025. I received confirmation of success for this task. The task was again verified with purchases made during the Ft. Lauderdale Trade show.

The team supported each other and demonstrated the values and goals of Virtual Enterprise.

The team watched the Southern District Business plan competition. They applauded without judgement, yet they were very enthusiastic. One of the traditions of the Southern District is for the CEO of each business to ring the bell to open the trade show. Serenity stepped forward for JKO's Guardian Insurance.





A message from Ms. De Gregorio:

Smash Arts Productions delivered Valentines and shared some JKO love on V Day with our "Snoopy" poster created by MJ Huda. Our "plushie" raffle winners were Nico Flores 3rd place, Gissella Hernandez 2nd place and Alyssa Jimenez in 1st place. Thanks to Laila Barrera for being our V Day photographer!

*Thank you Ms. D, for spearheading!!!*

Ms. D







On Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, JKO's Student Government conducted our yearly Love Lane Dinner fundraiser. It was a LOVING success!!! A BIG thank you to Ms. Kadison and Ms. Okwabi (COSA sisters) and our Student Government for making this happen!!!





A message from Mr. Williams:

I am pleased to announce the following students who have earned recognition for being named **Students of the Month** for the month of January.



9th Grade:  
Jean Izquierdo

10th Grade:  
Roxanne Romoleroux  
Elina Sadatbekova

11th Grade:  
Kelvin Ovalles-Tejada

12th Grade:  
Shirley Lopez-Fernandez



Thank you for continuing to recognize the contributions of our students to the JKO community!







A message from Ms. Cumberbatch:

Dear Colleagues,

*Thank you Ms. Cumberbatch, for spearheading!!!*

Happy Friday! Hope you are enjoying the break. Below please find photos of our last service activity at Woodstock Older Adult Center. Our students shared their love, time and conversations with the residents while they did manicures and made bracelets for them.

Thanks to Ms. D for generously providing the valentine's gifts for the residents. They were well received and appreciated by the residents.

Thanks again to you all for releasing our students to allow them to share themselves with the residents.







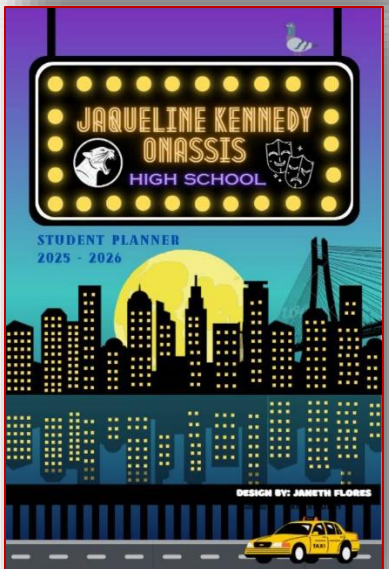
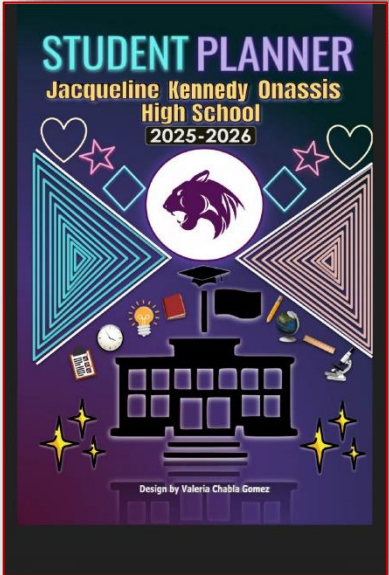




# 2025 BEST of JKO Planner Designs

Recently, Ms. D's art students created their individual designs for next year's JKO student planners. We will vote on the school community's favorite. See the pics of the designs here...

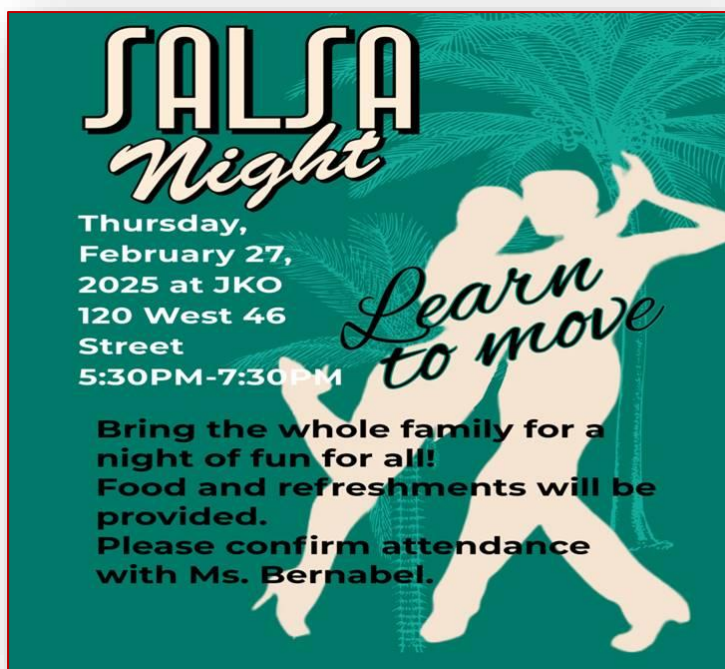
*A BIG thank you to Ms. D for spearheading this as well as to our art students for directing their creative energy towards creating these magnificent designs!*







Salsa Night for JKO families and staff was a dancing success!!! The event brought together the JKO community for an event where they received salsa lessons and enjoyed Latin food. A BIG thank you to Ms. Bernabel and the COSA folks for spearheading as well as Dance Wave for providing the lessons!





# In the Spotlight

Morgan Stanley

The students and their mentors from Morgan Stanley engaged in pottery making where they had the opportunity to express their creativity and bond while learning various techniques. The activity provided a platform for learning and skill building for the pairs. They will return to complete their masterpieces.

***A BIG thank you to Ms. Milan for spearheading!!!***





