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## 2019-20 Parent Newsletter # 1

### Is It 'Autumn' or 'Fall'?

#### Why does this season have two vastly different names?

##### What to Know

*Autumn* and *fall* are used interchangeably as words for the season between summer and winter. Both are used in American and British English, but *fall* occurs more often in American English. *Autumn* is considered the more formal name for the season.

The trees are turning; the weather's getting cooler; Pumpkin Spice Lattes are back—it's fall!



No, that one friend who cares deeply about English tells you: it's *autumn*. So how did two completely unlike words come to refer to the same season?

*Both 'autumn' and 'fall' originated in Britain. So why is 'fall' primarily used in America?*

The older of the two words is *autumn*, which first came into English in the 1300s from the Latin word *autumnus*. (Etymologists aren't sure where the Latin word came from.) It had extensive use right from its first appearance in English writing, and with good reason: the common name for this intermediary season prior to the arrival of *autumn* was *harvest*, which was potentially confusing, since *harvest* can refer to both the time when harvesting crops usually happens (autumn) as well as the actual harvesting of crops (harvest). The word *autumn* was, then, a big hit.

Names for the season didn't just end with *autumn*, however. Poets continued to be wowed by the changes autumn brought, and in time, the phrase "the fall of

the leaves" came to be associated with the season. This was shortened in the 1600s to *fall*.

Around this time, England's empire was fast expanding, which meant that the English language was going places. One place it went was to the New World, and it set up shop in North America in the 1600s. As time went on, the English spoken in America and the English spoken in Britain diverged: there wasn't as much contact between the two groups of English speakers. Throw into the mix the independence of the United States, and the fact that the type of English spoken in America became part of our early national identity, and the gulf between the two dialects of English widened.

A handful of words got caught in the identity crisis, and *fall* was one of them. Both *autumn* and *fall* were born in Britain, and both emigrated to America. But *autumn* was, by far, the more popular term for quite a long time. In fact, the "autumn" sense of *fall* wasn't even entered into a dictionary until 1755, when Samuel Johnson first entered it in his *Dictionary of the English Language*. By the middle of the 1800s, American English and British English had diverged, and so had *fall* and *autumn*. One early American lexicographer, John Pickering, noted in his entry for *fall*:

A friend has pointed out to me the following remark on this word: "In North America the season in which this [the fall of the leaf] takes place, derives its name from that circumstance, and instead of *autumn* is universally called the *fall*."

—John Pickering, *A Vocabulary, or Collection of Words Which Have Been Supposed to Be Peculiar to the United States of America*, 1816

We aren't sure why *fall* flourished in the United States—Pickering's friend gives us no further particulars—but by the mid-1800s, *fall* was considered to be entirely American by American lexicographers. *Fall* is still occasionally used in countries where British English is spoken, but usually only in a handful of fixed phrases, like *spring and fall*.

# Announcements

- There will be no school on the following dates: Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> (Yom Kippur), and Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (Columbus Day), Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> (Election Day), and Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veteran's Day)
- The 1<sup>st</sup> marking period ends on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please check your child's Pupil Path account to monitor his/her progress. *Now is the time to check in with teachers, especially during parental engagement time every Tuesday after school. Contact the school Parent Coordinator (Ms. Bernabel) or the school Guidance Counselor (Ms. Vega) to set up an appointment to meet with all of your child's teachers during parental engagement time.*
- We will conduct an Open House this Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm for prospective parents and students.
- Currently our attendance rate is at 78%. That means that on any given day we have 75 students absent. Additionally, that number increases exponentially when we tabulate students who are absent and/or late for first and second period. Students who are late regularly are always at risk of failing their first and second period classes which may put them at risk of not graduating on time. Attendance and punctuality is directly related to academic success; the better the attendance and punctuality rate of the child the better the chances of doing well in academic classes. Automated calls go out regularly for daily absences as well as calls from our parent coordinator. Feel free to reach out to the parent coordinator via Pupil Path or phone to discuss any attendance concerns you may have regarding your child. Please ensure that your child leaves the home early enough to get to school by 8 am. Classes start promptly at 8:15 am.

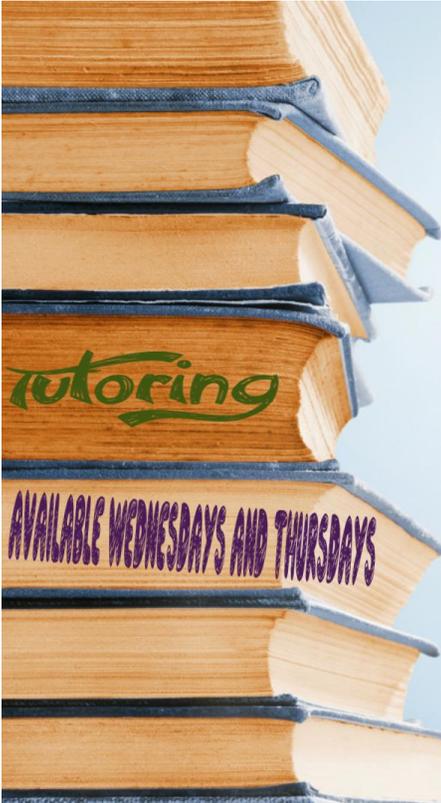


- Student government elections will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>; President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary for each grade level. Nominations are due by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

- National Honor Society applications will be emailed to parents and made available to students by October 11<sup>th</sup>.



Tutoring will be available every Wednesday and Thursday after school. Please encourage your child to take advantage of these offerings. Below please find the schedule:





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Class	Staff	Room	Time
Algebra	Mr. Frechtman	306	2:37pm-4pm
ELA	Ms. Wicks	405	2:45pm-3:45pm
	Ms. Nicoletta	304	2:45pm-3:45pm
	Ms. Kadison	304	2:45pm-3:45pm
ESL	Ms. Nieves	303	
HISTORY	Ms. Blank	406	3pm-4pm
	Mr. Colon	102	2:45pm-3:45pm
LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Ms. Rozell	308	2:45-3:45pm
	Mr. Schwarz	Spec Ed Help	
MATH	Mr. Rodriguez	301B	2:20pm-3:40pm
HISTORY	Ms. Oriol	406	3:00pm-4:00pm
Earth Science	Ms. Drakoulis	408	2:40pm-3:40pm
Skills intervention: Literacy and Comprehension	Ms. Cumberbatch	102/101	2:40pm-3:40pm

Clubs will take place after school every Friday. Below please find the list of clubs. We encourage every child to partake in these enrichment activities.

## Clubs

Club Name	Staff	Room	Time
Pickle Ball	Mr. Frechtman	101	2:37pm-4:00pm
Dancing Team	Ms. Degregorio & Ms. Martucci	Auditorium/207	3:15pm-5:30pm Mon (4pm-5pm)
Smash Arts Production	Ms. Degregorio	201	2:40pm-3:40pm
National Honor Society	Ms. Wicks	405	2:45pm-3:45pm
Helping Hands Society	Ms. Kadison	304	2:45pm
Creative Writing Club	Ms. Nicoletta	309	2:45pm-4:00pm
Running/ Track Club	Ms. Nicoletta	309	4:00pm-5:00pm
Video Game Club	Mr. Perez	307	2:45pm
Caribbean Student Association	Ms. Okwabi	301	2:45pm-3:45pm
Coding Club	Ms. Voelker	4 <sup>th</sup> floor Computer lab	2:45pm-3:45pm
LUCHA	Mr. Urena	Principal Conference room	2:45 pm-3:45 pm



**Winter Basketball  
and Table tennis  
coming soon...**



# PARENT COORDINATOR CONNECTIONS

From the Desk of the Parent Coordinator  
Ms. Bernabel

- We will have our next monthly School Leadership Team (SLT) (4:30 pm) and Parent Association (PA) (5:30 pm) meeting on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there. The following are the future dates for SLT and PTA meetings: 11/4, 12/2, 1/6, 2/3, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, and 6/1.
- Reminder: We have parental engagement time on Tuesday after school. This means that the school has set aside time after school for parents to meet with teachers to discuss the academic progress of the child. Simply email or call the Parent Coordinator or the guidance counselor in order to schedule a meeting.
- Many of our students will be attending SUNY college fair trip to the Jacob Javitz Center on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to reach out to Ms. Vega for permission slips for interested juniors and seniors.
- Blue emergency cards were given to students on the first week of school. Please complete and have them return them to the Parent Coordinator as soon as possible. The information on the card is essential when communicating with parents or guardians regarding any emergencies.
- Please complete and return the financial forms formerly known as lunch forms. All information is confidential. The forms are essential for our school to qualify for Title I money.

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# JK JOIN US FOR Open House

**When:** 10/7 (5:30 pm-7:30 pm), 10/25 (5:30 pm-7:30 pm),  
& 11/2 (10:30 am-12:30 pm)

**Where:** *Our very own building* in the heart of Times Square-120 West 46 Street, New York NY 10036



## **Learn about our:**

- State Certified CTE International Business Careers programs (Entrepreneurship/Hospitality and Tourism)
- Work Based Learning/Internship program
- Industry partnerships
- Industry mentoring program
- College partnerships
- Performing Arts program
- Advanced Placement courses
- College Now program
- Academic program

And Much  
More !!!



A big **THANK YOU** to **Ms. DeGregorio** and her art students for the wonderful sidewalk artwork they created in honor of the 9/11 victims this past Wednesday.

From Ms. DeGregorio: "As a way to remember and spread the unity we shared in the aftermath of this tragedy, how we put differences aside in the desire to help, students in Art are participating in 9/11 Day. They have committed to doing one good deed today as a way to contribute to this National Day of Service. Students transformed their good deed "I Will" pledges into visual art with text. We hope you will take some time to see their messages as you leave the building today. We hope their work will inspire others to take action."



# In the Spotlight

A **BIG** thank you to the staff and students who participated in the high school fairs on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. A special thank you to **Mr. Vincent** for spearheading this event.



Our Executive Superintendent, **Marisol Rosales**, with our staff and students!!!





# In the Spotlight

Recently we had assemblies for all grades. Awards were given to the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades based on last spring's grades. Congratulations to all students who received an award!!!





On September 26<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Curriculum Night. We had an outstanding turnout compared to previous years. Parents seemed very happy to visit our school. See some pics below:





# In the <sup>JKO</sup> Spotlight

Bake and food sale...a **Big THANK YOU** to the PTA for supporting our September bake and food sale. Food quickly sold out. Thank you to Ms. Okwabi for spearheading the event.

