Do you know about all the holidays celebrated May 1st???

A cornucopia of holidays, by Shmuel Ross

May 1st, often called May Day, just might have more holidays than any other day of the year. It’s a celebration of Spring. It’s a day of political protests. It’s a neopagan festival, a saint’s feast day, and a day for organized labor. In many countries, it is a national holiday.

Beltane
Beltane was a Celtic calendar feast ushering in the start of summer. (It also went by a variety of other spellings and names in assorted dialects of Gaelic.) Bonfires, often created by rubbing sticks together, were common features of Beltane celebrations. Related rituals included driving cattle between two fires, dancing around the fires, and burning witches in effigy. Another tradition was Beltane cakes, which would be broken into several pieces, one of which was blackened. They would be drawn by celebrants at random; the person getting the unlucky blackened piece would face a mock execution.

In recent years, Beltaine has been adopted or revived by neopagan groups as a major seasonal festival.

Walpurgisnacht
St. Walburga, also known as Walpurgis, was the abbess of the monastery of Heidenheim, helped St. Boniface bring Christianity to 8th Century Germany. She died on Feb. 25, 779. As her remains have been moved on multiple occasions, several days have been designated in her honor, one of which is the first of May.

This date coincided with a pre-existing pagan festival, which, in Germany, included rites to protect one against witchcraft. This led to a hybrid legend developing, in which witches were said to
meet with the Devil on the eve of May 1, on the Brocken peak. The night of April 30th became known as "Walpurgisnacht," and the annual meeting was dramatized by Goethe in Faust.

Fertility Festivals
Some cultures, such as those found in India and Egypt, had spring fertility festivals. The Roman festival celebrating Flora, goddess of fertility, flowers, and spring, was celebrated from April 28 through May 3.

Bringing in the May
In medieval England, people would celebrate the start of spring by going out to the country or woods—"going a-maying"—and gathering greenery and flowers, or "bringing in the may."

Another English tradition is the maypole. Some towns had permanent maypoles that would stay up all year; others put up a new one each May. In any event, the pole would be hung with greenery and ribbons, brightly painted, and otherwise decorated, and served as a central point for the festivities.

May Day was also a time for morris dancing and other dances, often around the maypole. In the 19th century, people began to braid the maypole with ribbons by weaving in and out in the course of a dance. Other later traditions include making garlands for children and the crowning of the May Queen.

Labor Day
In many countries, May Day is also Labor Day. This originates with the United States labor movement in the late 19th Century. On May 1, 1886, unions across the country went on strike, demanding that the standard workday be shortened to eight hours. The organizers of these strikes included socialists, anarchists, and others in organized labor movements. Rioting in Chicago's Haymarket Square on May 4th

including a bomb thrown by an anarchist led to the deaths of a dozen people (including several police officers) and the injury of over 100 more.

The protests were not immediately successful, but they proved effective down the line, as eight-hour work days eventually did become the norm. Labor leaders, socialists, and anarchists around the world took the American strikes and their fallout as a rallying point, choosing May Day as a day for demonstrations, parades, and speeches. It was a major state holiday in the Soviet Union and other communist countries.

Labor Day is still celebrated on May 1 in countries around the world, and it is still often a day for protests and rallies. In recent years, these have often been targeted against globalization.

2006: May Day Protests Return to the U.S.
In 2006, United States once again saw widespread political action on May Day this year, centering on the subject of immigration reform. Various groups and communities, under the heading of "A Day Without Immigrants," held rallies, strikes, and consumer boycotts to support the rights of those working and living in the United States, and to protest a bill that would deport many illegal immigrants.

Competing Holidays
Various authorities have tried to ban or undermine May Day, particularly the communist observances during the Cold War. In 1955, Pope Pius XII designated May 1 as a feast day of St. Joseph the Worker. In 1958, President Eisenhower designated May 1 as both Law Day and Loyalty Day. Each of these was specifically aimed at replacing the communist holiday with a religious or patriotic one.

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Our next PTA meeting will take place at 6 pm on Monday, May 24th, in order to conduct elections. Available positions are PA President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. We will email a Zoom invite to parents. Let Ms. Bernabel know if you are interested in running for any of those positions.

Graduation will take place on June 25th. Time to be determined this week.

There will be no school on Thursday in observance of Eid al-Fitr.

We will conduct an AP Virtual Fair/Symposium on Wednesday, May 12, during periods 7 and 8. This will provide students and parents with important information about next year’s AP classes. Any students interested in taking an AP class in the fall should attend.

After school activities will continue into June; May 12-Soap and Bath Balm making, May 19th-Candle making, May 26th-Tie Die, June 2nd-Paint and Sip. Students can pick up soap products on Friday, May 14th, to follow up on following week. Candles can be picked up on Monday May 18th. Snacks and juice will be served at Paint and Sip event.

Report Cards for the 2nd marking period will be mailed out this Friday, May 14th.

Reminder: JKO will host live/virtual Dancewave practice afterschool on Tuesdays and Fridays 2:30-3:45. Please let Ms. McMahon know if you are interested in attending. The focus will be hip hop. Get your dancing shoes ready!!!

The State will conduct regents in June in Algebra I, Living Environment, Earth Science, and English. The state is offering these exams to students interested in taking them. While they are optional, we encourage students to take them. Waivers will be given by the state this year for anyone who is taking a course ending in a regents; the student must have passed all courses associated with the regents.

The yearbook committee is asking seniors to email Ms. Kadison pictures they want in the yearbook. Pictures can be baby pics and school activities during the last four years. The deadline is May 17th.

The following is the schedule for AP exams this year:

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School Surveys are now open for input from parents. See the instructions below:

**Family and Student Access**

You are not receiving survey access codes for your students or families this year as they will use their OSIS number to access the survey. Families will enter "f" followed by their child’s nine-digit Student Identification (OSIS) Number to access the survey. Note that "f" must be lowercase. Students in grades 6-12 will enter just their Student Identification (OSIS) Number to access the survey. A student’s OSIS number can be found on their report card, student ID card, or in the family’s NYCSA account.

All respondents can go to [NYCSchoolSurvey.org](https://NYCSchoolSurvey.org) to access the survey starting on May 10. As a reminder the 2021 NYC School Survey administration window is May 10 to June 11.
Information from our wonderful PA President, Ms. Conte:

CCEC Elections close at 11:59 PM Tuesday, May 11th
English
https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/FMfcgxwLtswZQhrHNkvRhQgdbwwWWJCJK?compose=DmwnWrRghbrSQvFkwfvnHRqPRpQtQvStrtWSgnPwPRmhtWiLGqrrJkqQXSdCZzmvkqDpRTBVeNG&projector=1&messagePartId=0.1
Spanish
https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/FMfcgxwLtswZQhrHNkvRhQgdbwwWWJCJK?compose=DmwnWrRghbrSQvFkwfvnHRqPRpQtQvStrtWSgnPwPRmhtWiLGqrrJkqQXSdCZzmvkqDpRTBVeNG&projector=1&messagePartId=0.7

Teen Hall Forum - Tuesday, May 18th at 7 PM
https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/FMfcgxwLtswZQhrHNkvRhQgdbwwWWJCJK?compose=DmwnWrRghbrSQvFkwfvnHRqPRpQtQvStrtWSgnPwPRmhtWiLGqrrJkqQXSdCZzmvkqDpRTBVeNG&projector=1&messagePartId=0.1

Class Size Matters petition

Parent Action Conference - Saturday, May 22nd 11 AM - 1 PM

Conversation with Chancellor Porter
Manhattan - Monday, May 24th
Invitations will be released closer to the date

UFT Health and Fitness for Children and Adults - Saturdays 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Family and Community Wellness Collective
English
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1owUQ-s-hkd_F7lSrkoSvlCiaZlds_bae/view
Spanish
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q6jZagWvkfrvEzz_VokWDJflLqkFr4y/view
Happy Spring!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

❖ **Second Marking Period Ends May 7th!** Please make sure your child completes and turns in any missing assignments to their teachers!

❖ Please make sure your child attends his/her Virtual Courses Daily and Completes All Assignments given by Teachers! **Attendance is Mandatory in ALL Courses!**

❖ Any **Students with NX Credit Completing Courses on their schedule must complete assignments ASAP!**

❖ Please **have your child schedule a one on one academic meeting with me for the Spring term.** This meeting is important to ensure they are on track academically with their progress towards graduation. The meeting may take place over the phone or via zoom.

❖ Make sure to **keep track of your child’s progress in their classes throughout the semester** by logging on to https://pupilpath.skedula.com/.

❖ If you or your child have experienced the death of a loved one and/or have experienced mental health issues during the Covid-19 crisis and need support, please contact me for counseling services and resources.

❖ **FRESHMAN AND SOPHMORES:** Scout and research colleges/universities they would like to attend after high school; continue to work on elevating their grades and GPAs (Grade Point Averages).

❖ **JUNIORS:** Please help your child research Colleges, Universities, and any Post-Secondary Plans they may be interested in; continue to work on elevating their grades and GPAs (Grade Point Averages).

   - Check Out The Big Future website to help search schools using various filters: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search
SENORS: CONGRATULATIONS on Your Child Choosing Their Post-Secondary Plans! We are all very proud and excited for the Class of 2021! Check out this tribute video the staff made for the Senior Class:
https://www.tribute.co/decision-day-2021/

- CONTINUE TO COMPLETE FAFSA and NYS TAP for College.
  *Complete FAFSA as soon as possible! https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
  *You need your parents to complete the application!
  *After FAFSA, Please remember to complete your NYS Financial Aid (TAP)!

NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

Please check Pupil Path daily for important announcements and emails pertaining to your child!

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions, concerns, or if you need assistance: NVega11@schools.nyc.gov

Welcome Spring!
Congratulations to all the recipients of our Spring Awards Ceremony which took place on April 30th. A BIG thank you to Mr. Williams for spearheading and facilitating this event.
A message from Ms. De Gregorio:

Cathleen Conte-Marrero's photograph "Still" was selected as a finalist for exhibition with PS Art. Catherine Jesus' photo "Wonderland of Snow" will be part of a virtual semi-finalist exhibition.

Office of the Arts and Special Projects
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Elisa De Gregorio,

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that Still (Artwork ID: 10_19351275) created by Cathleen Conte-Marerro, has been selected from almost 800 entries to be part of P.S. Art 2021.

P.S. Art celebrates the visual arts in New York City’s public schools and showcases the tremendous talent of students from every neighborhood across the city. We commend you and your student for the exemplary work submitted for this competition. We also wish to thank you for creating an environment, whether 100% in school, blended, or remote where such high-quality artwork could be produced.

We are delighted to share your student’s artwork with a large audience. The Office of Arts and Special Projects will create a catalogue that will be posted online. In addition, our partners at The Metropolitan Museum of Art will be posting a virtual exhibition of P.S. Art 2021 on The Met’s website.

Due to CDC restrictions, we are unable to hold our annual June opening reception at The Met. However, we look forward to celebrating with you at a virtual reception on Thursday June 17th. We will be in touch with the details.

Once again, hearty congratulations to you! The artwork is a true testament to your student’s talent, but also to your talent as an art educator.

Thank you Ms. D for your support of Catherine and Cathleen and all of our students!!!
A BIG thank you to Jeremy Djangmah for being the Master of Ceremony at the Manhattan High School District Student Equity Leaders Conference on April 30th. Additional thanks to Cathleen Conte-Marrero and Alex Carreon for participating. We are all proud of you!!!

Lagares Christopher
Fri 4/30/2021 4:30 PM
To: jeremydjangmah95@gmail.com; jeremydjangmah@jkohighschool.org
Cc: Williams Christopher; Urena Manuel; Orlin Vivian; Napoli Helen

Jeremy,
Thank you again for stepping up and being our M.C. These sessions are so much more powerful, when led directly by students like you.

I appreciate you and the time you took to prepared for today.

I know it is not much but thank you Jeremy!

Your partner in education,

Chris Lagares
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A big thank you to Ms. De Gregorio and Ms. Okwabi for spearheading Earth Day activities via NHS and Environmental Science classes on Thursday, April 22nd. The day was full of planting and other activities aligned to Earth Day. See pictures below:
Spirit Week at JKO took place from April 12 – 16. See pics below. Thank you to Ms. Kadison and Ms. Okwabi for spearheading this series of events!
Pilar and Yanin completed the Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program 1.0 sponsored by NAF. This was a series of six (6) public speaking workshops held virtually on Saturday mornings. Join us in congratulating Pilar and Yanin!

Congratulations Pilar and Yanin!!!
On the week of May 3rd we conducted our second spirit week of the school year. Each day had a different theme. Thank you to Ms. Okwabi for spearheading this. See pictures below: