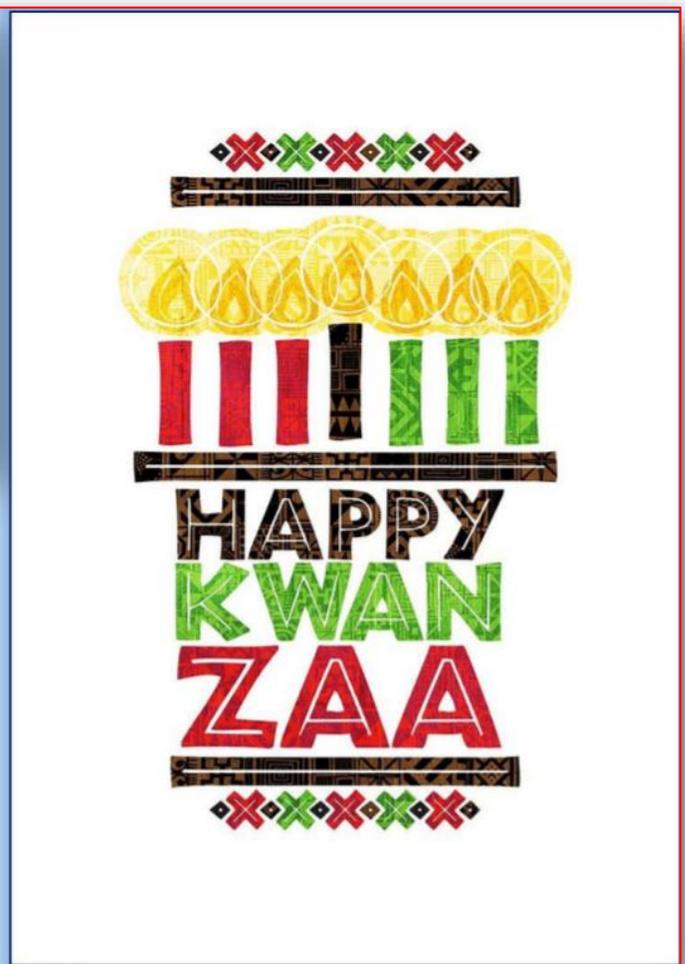
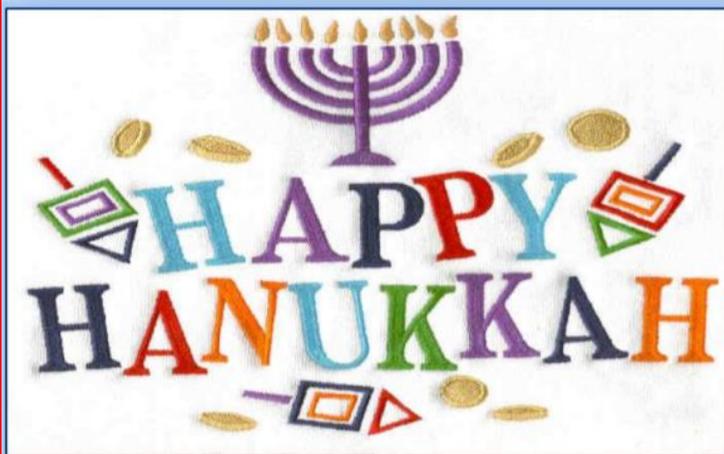


2021-22 Parent Newsletter #4

The **JKO family** would like to wish you and your families an enjoyable, healthy, and peaceful holiday season.



PARENT COORDINATOR
CONNECTIONS

From the Desk of the
Parent Coordinator
Ms. Bernabel
ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov
Tel #646-265-5169

Announcements

- There will be no school from Friday, December 24th to Friday, December 31st, Classes resume on Monday, January 3rd, 2022.
- There will be no school on Monday, January 17th, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- There is also no school on Tuesday, February 1st, in observance of the Lunar Year.
- Regents exams will take place in January; January 25th to January 31. There will be no classes in session during that time. Only students who are scheduled to take a regents exam and those who are there for extracurricular/tutoring sessions should be in attendance.
- Please reach out to Ms. Bernabel in the case you feel that your child needs social emotional support. We have an abundance of services for students at the school.
- The 2nd marking period ended on December 10th. Report cards were mailed out on Friday, December 17th. The 3rd and final marking period of the semester ends on January 26th.

MP End Date
MP 1: 10/26
MP2: 12/10
MP3: 1/26



- Reach out to Ms. Bernabel if you have not registered for your NYC Myschools account. This is very important for parents to receive information regularly from the DOE and to be able to access certain services available online.
- Spring semester Parent Teacher Conferences will be held **remotely** on Wednesday, March 16th (5 pm – 7:30 pm) and Friday, March 18th (12 pm – 2:30 pm).



JRO SCHOOL COUNSELOR

CONNECT




From the Desk of Mrs. Vega-Beltran

- ❖ If your child is or will be absent, please contact me at ext. 5091 or email me at NVega11@schools.nyc.gov. You may also contact Ms. Bernabel, Parent Coordinator, at ext. 1012 or email at ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov.
- ❖ **Marking Period 2 ended December 10th.** Please make sure your child is current on their assignments and are studying for quizzes/tests.
- ❖ **Friday, December 24 – Friday, December 31st School is Closed for Winter Break.**
- ❖ Please have your child schedule a one on one academic meeting with me immediately. 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 by logging on to <https://pupilpath.skedula.com/>. If you do not have an account you may contact me or Ms. Bernabel, the Parent Coordinator, to receive your registration code.
- ❖ Freshmen and Sophomores should begin to research colleges/universities they would like to attend after high school.
- ❖ Juniors should continue their college search and create their lists for next school year to apply.
- ❖ Seniors should be beginning/finishing their FAFSA, NYS TAP, and College applications.
 - Private School College Applications Due – December 15-January 1st
 - CUNY College Applications Due – February 1st
- ❖ Please reach out to Mrs. Vega-Beltran in the case you feel that your child needs social/ emotional support. We have an abundance of services for students at the school.
- ❖ **School starts at 8:20 am.** Please ensure that your child gets to school on time regularly so that he/she is able to effectively engage in the first period lesson. Lateness adversely impacts a child's academic performance.
- ❖ Below is the tutoring schedule for the fall semester. We encourage all students to take advantage of this extra support!

<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>COURSES</u>
ALCORN	WEDNESDAY	302	SPANISH 1
ALCORN	THURSDAY	302	SPANISH 3
CUMBERBATCH	WEDNESDAY	306	LAW & MATH
KADISON	WEDNESDAY	303	ENGLISH
NICOLETTA	WEDNESDAY	301	ENGLISH

OKWABI	THURSDAY	308	CHEM & ENV SCI
RAFANIELLO	THURSDAY	402	GEOMETRY & TRIG
TULI	WEDNESDAY	307	LIVING ENV & AP ENV
URENA	THURSDAY	204	ALL HISTORIES

- ❖ Below please find the available after school clubs for the fall semester. It is important that the students get involved in school activities!

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
DEBATE	THURSDAYS	304	CUMBERBATCH/GORDON
TABLE TENNIS	THURSDAYS	CAFETERIA	RAFANIELLO
HELPING HANDS	WEDNESDAYS	309	KADISON
YEARBOOK	THURSDAYS	309	KADISON
B.S.U	WEDNESDAYS	308	OKWABI
GARDENING	THURSDAYS	306	WICKS
SMASH ARTS	FRIDAYS	201	DE GREGORIO
SLAM	FRIDAYS	201	NICOLETTA



- ❖ Please check PupilPath 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:

Nicole Vega-Beltran 212-391-0041 Ext. 5091 ; Email: NVega11@schools.nyc.gov



Parents Association



A message from our PA:

- Our January PA meeting will take place on Monday, January 10th at 6 pm.
- The PA email address is 02M529PA@schools.nyc.gov
- Please let us know of any workshop or event that you would like to have, and any other topics of interest. Please also let us know of any concerns you want addressed.
- Please support our students and school through the school store. They have swag gear and much more. All funds go to support all students. See order form and contact Ms. Okwabi at MOkwabi@schools.nyc.gov for orders.

JK SCHOOL STORE ORDER FORM

 <p>Winter Hat</p> <p>ITEM #: 001 PRICE: \$15.00</p>	 <p>Pocket Size Hand Sanitizer</p> <p>ITEM #: 002 PRICE: \$2.00</p>	 <p>Fleece Zip Up</p> <p>ITEM #: 003 PRICE: \$30.00</p>	 <p>Umbrella</p> <p>ITEM #: 004 PRICE: \$20.00</p>
 <p>Drawstring Bookbag</p> <p>ITEM #: 005 PRICE: \$5.00</p>	 <p>Coffee Travel Tumbler</p> <p>ITEM #: 006 PRICE: \$20.00</p>	 <p>Phone Wallet</p> <p>ITEM #: 007 PRICE: \$1.00</p>	 <p>Highlighter</p> <p>ITEM #: 008 PRICE: \$2.00</p>
 <p>Grocery Tote</p> <p>ITEM #: 009 PRICE: \$5.00</p>	 <p>Pull Over Hoodie</p> <p>ITEM #: 010 PRICE: \$30.00</p>		

Order Form Received By: _____ (Staff/SG) on _____ (date)



In the Spotlight

JKO



Recently our art students were working on sustainable designs for Junk Kouture Competition using trash. See pictures below. Thank you Ms. D for spearheading this activity in your art class!!!





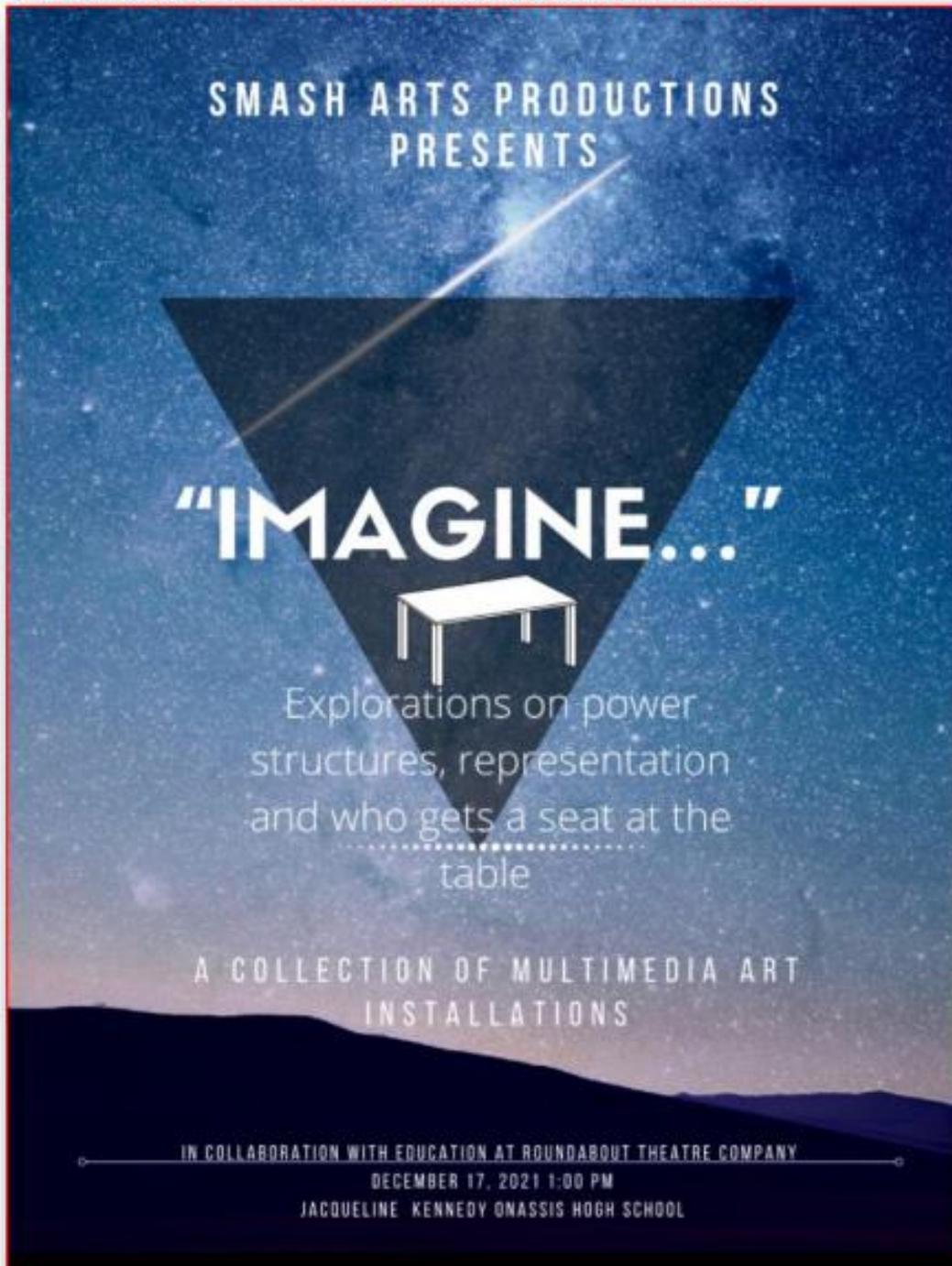


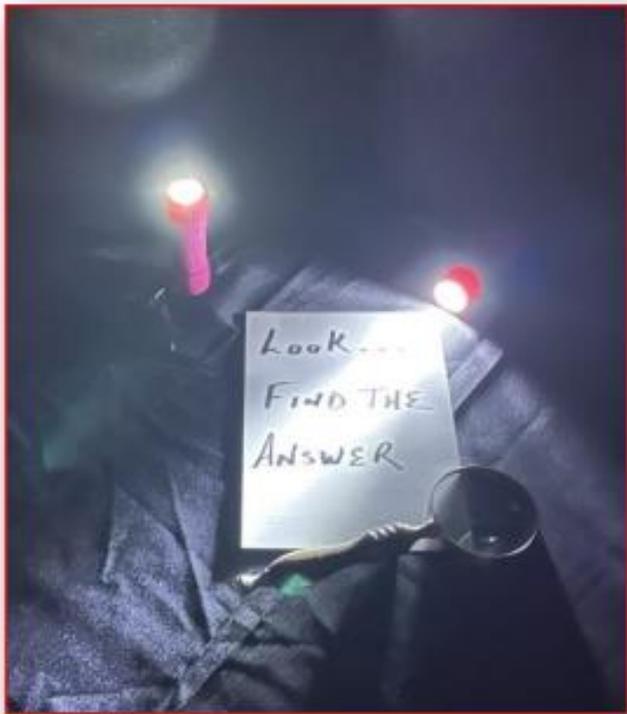
Recently, Studio Art students were working on their "Seat at the Table" project inspired by Judy Chicago's iconic feminist art installation "The Dinner Party" celebrating the women left out of history. Students selected people they felt deserved to be celebrated, remembered by history, and they designed and painted a plate for them. Below is the final product. Congrats to those on outstanding art!!!





The Smash Arts Productions presentation of "Imagine" was simply outstanding!!! Congratulations to those students and a big thank you to the Roundabout Theatre Company and Ms. De Gregorio for spearheading this event. See pictures below...







"It would sound like I'm trying to tell somebody to be who they are, but only you can be who you are."

"Yup. Um ashamed of our race." I would feel some type of way because just because I could speak sophisticated doesn't mean I'm not who I am and my skin color hasn't changed for nobody."

"I said you're acting out of character. I mean if I think back to how I felt when my mother said that to me, I felt sad and confused and maybe my friend felt the same thing."

"I regret it but I have said that to someone for not 'acting black' I think it was maybe because my mother told me that I was acting white and you know I've seen it and I was like 'oh maybe that's what she meant'."





From Ms. Nicoletta:

On Friday, Professor Cowan from Berkeley College surprised the Senior Class with an in-person visit! The students have been working hard with Professor Cowan through their first college class, "Writing and Research," and have been learning exclusively over Zoom. They were excited to have her in person, and we were able to help the students put their finishing touches on their final papers and projects, as well as celebrate the students making it through their first semester of college!

Thank you Ms. Nicoletta!!!





Thank you to the NHS and Smash Arts students for conducting our annual holiday Candy Cane Grams!!! All proceeds will go to Covenant House (A youth homeless shelter).



NHS & SMASH ARTS PRODUCTIONS
PRESENTS...



Candy Cane Grams

Write a cute message for someone close to you <3
Candy Canes- \$2.00

Orders will be taken:
December 15-17, 2021

Orders will be delivered:
December 22, 2021

All proceeds go to
Covenant House- a youth
homeless shelter!



SCHOOL STORE
OPEN



From Ms. Okwabi:

I am excited to announce that today at 10:54 am JKO's first official store will be opened. The store is located by the cafe and will be ran by students in Student Government and in the Business Class Students.

I would like to thank Ms. Milian, Ms. McMahan, Ms. Wicks, Ms. Kadison, Ms. Bernabel and Ms. Acosta for dedicating time, equipment, ideas, and hands well we were setting up.

I would also like to thank Administration for allowing Student Government to provide this opportunity for the school community.

When it comes to the store hours, it will be opened during lunch periods and will follow the bathroom protocol meaning the first and last ten minutes of the period it will be closed as student set up or breakdown the space.

If you have any questions about the school store, please feel free to email me any questions and once again I thank you for being part of the process.





SCHOOL STORE ORDER FORM

Winter Hat



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Pocket Size Hand Sanitizer



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Fleece Zip Up



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Highlighter



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Grocery Tote



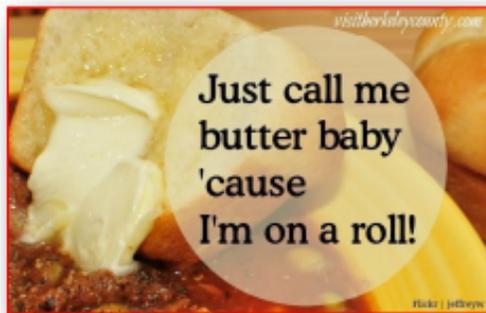
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Pull Over Hoodie



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(date)



"On a Roll" Reward Program

1. Student of the Month: These are students who stand out based on leadership and character. The voting will be based on staff submission of form listed below and includes one selection for every grade level. The students who are given this honor will

receive 25 chips.

2. Principal Honor Roll: These students have achieved a GPA of 95 and above. They'll receive 25 chips.

3. Assistant Principal Honor Roll: These students have achieved a GPA of 85-94. They'll receive 20 chips for their dedication.

4. Most Improved Attendance: This reward isn't provided to students who already have a high attendance percentage; it's for the students who's attendance percentage has improved from the fall to the spring. If these show an 8 to 10 % increase within their attendance percentage, they'll receive 15 chips

5. Tutoring: Students who attend tutoring five times in a row will receive five chips each time it's documented. The documentation will be recorded on a tutoring tracker on the teacher portal. Students are not required to attend consecutive tutoring with a singular teacher, and it may be for any subject.

6. Club: If students attend a club meeting five consecutive times as well as participate in the club events, they may obtain five chips as a demonstration of their participation in the school community.

7. Teachers: Each teacher will receive 25 chips a month to distribute among the students in their class for improving on a task such as coming in on time, completing homework assignments, actively participating in classwork, etc. Other staff members, such as Ms. Vega and Ms. Bernabel will be included.

8. Regents: If students can obtain mastery in any of their regents 85% or above. They and their teacher will receive an amount of 25 chips.

9. Students who achieve a college readiness score in both math (70 or above) and English (75 and above) will receive 25 chips.

10. Newly inducted members of NHS will receive 25 points.

Students can redeem their points at the school store which, among other things, will be stocked with the following:

- JKO HS Hoodies
- JKO HS Sweatpants
- Pop sockets
- Phone stands
- External Batteries
- Phone cases
- Umbrella
- JKO Shirts



On Thursday, December 8th, our Student Council (Government) held a town hall meeting. The main request by students was to create a campaign to raise awareness of LGBTQ issues. We will quickly start this in partnership with NHS and Student Council. See pics below:





On Thursday, December 8th, Mr. Williams rewarded our Students of the Month with their very own pizza party. Congratulations to all of our Students of the Month!!! See pics below:





From Ms. DeGregorio:

On December 1st, Smash Arts Productions students went to see the Broadway play, "Trouble in Mind" by Alice Childress at the American Airlines theater!

The theater visit is part of our residency with Roundabout Theatre Company exploring power, representation and who gets a "seat at the table." Students are creating a multi-media art installation on December 17th as a response to these questions.

This 1955 comedy-drama—planned for Broadway but canceled when the playwright wouldn't tone down its message—makes a triumphant premiere at last, and as The Wall Street Journal says, "The results are glorious to behold." Follow an experienced Black stage actress through rehearsals of a major Broadway production in Alice Childress's funny, moving, and ultimately shattering look at racism, identity, and ego in the high-stakes world of New York theatre.

Tony Award winner LaChanze (The Color Purple), Michael Zegen (The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel) and Tony Award winner Chuck Cooper (The Life) lead a knockout cast in this "masterpiece of astonishing power" (Helen Shaw, New York Magazine).

Thank you Ms. DeGregorio for spearheading this!!!





A message from Ms. Nicoletta:

SLAM! (Creative Writing Club) wrote about and shared their favorite memories about New York City during the holidays. We decided to take a walk and a group picture at the Christmas Tree in Rockefeller Center. A few of the students and I also got the chance to go up to the roof of Rockefeller Center and see NYC from above! It was a wonderful experience, and made the students really appreciate the vast beauty of New York City.

The photo of the city was taken by our own Kelly Lazo, who has expressed interest in photography one day.

Thank you Ms. Nicoletta for spearheading this!!!







On December 2nd, our seniors went on a college trip to Manhattanville college. The experience was amazing!!! Thank you to Ms. Kadisson for the pictures...see below.





In the ^{JKO} Spotlight



Spirit week was in full swing at JKO...see pics below.

GIVEAWAYS HAPPENING ALL WEEK!

★ SPIRIT WEEK ★

NOVEMBER 15-19

M PAJAMA DAY

T EVERYTHING BUT A BOOKBAG DAY

W DECADE DAY

T TWIN/SQUAD DAY

F DRESS TO IMPRESS DAY






In the **JKO**
Spotlight

THUNDERBIRD AMERICAN
INDIAN DANCERS



On Tuesday, November 23rd, the Thunderbird American Indian Dancers performed at our school. Their performance was simply AMAZING! A big thank you to Ms. DeGregorio for spearheading this event. See pics below...





Recently we conducted an awards ceremony (See below). Congrats to all the recipients! A big thank you to Mr. Williams for spearheading this event.

Perfect Attendance 9th Grade

Erik Herrera
Nehemia Tolliver

Justin Browne

Sariyah Adams

Justin Castillo

Kiara Collazo

Christopher Cruz

Dion Fernandes Ribiero

Kelly Lazo

Vanessa Lema

Evelyn Lopez

Sandra Lopez

Daniel Martinez

Samira Nowshin

Beyonce Nunez

Helen Padilla Hernandez

Melany Pullay

Mohammed Qureshi

Stuart Sanchez Flores

Denise Scudiero

Sabrina Siavichay Zamora

Anuva Singha

Ivonne Tellez

9th Grade Principal's List *Achieving an average of 95% or higher*

Justin Castillo
Aracely Canalizo
Victoria Toovi
Vanessa Lema

9th Grade Assistant Principal's List *Achieving an average of 90-94.9%*

Beyonce Nunez
Samira Nowshin
Gabriel Diaz
Anghelyz Vazquez
Anuva Singha
Karelyn Bautista
Sylvia Gutierrez

9th Grade Student of the Month
Students demonstrating leadership, character, and scholarship

Justin Castillo (Geometry)

Keanny Urena (Geometry)

Vanessa Lema (Geometry)

Camilo Castillo (Newell)

Anuva Singha (Newell)

Vanessa Lema (AP World History)

Denise Scudiero (Spanish)

Aracely Canalizo (Algebra I)

Shanice Bruns (Chemistry)

Sariyah Adams (Global History)

Karelyn Bautista (Living Environment)

Helen Padilla Hernandez (Algebra I)

David Tellez (Living Environment)

9th Grade Honor Roll
For achieving an average of 85-89.9%

Nawreen Ahmed

Dorothy Sykes

Yusan Sherpa

Melany Pullay

Janeth Flores

Evelyn Lopez

Perfect Attendance
10th Grade

Aya Esserghini

Juan Carlos Juarez

Evelyn Ortiz-Carpio

Rahimatou Sore

10th Grade Assistant Principal's List
Achieving an average of 90-94.9%

Leighana Flourde

Melany Romero

Ashley Sukhoo

Anissa Ruiz

10th Grade Honor Roll
For achieving an average of 85-89.9%

Graciela Flores Galindo

10th Grade Principal's List
Achieving an average of 95% or higher

Evelyn Ortiz-Carpio

10th Grade Student of the Month
Students demonstrating leadership, character, and scholarship

Ashley Sukhoo (Career & Financial Mgmt)

Leighana Flourde (Health)



Perfect Attendance
11th Grade

Simone Camilus
Tymaria Charleston
Kaylie Emanuel
Cristal Garcia
Kaliyah Jones
Precious Pena
Jadah Porter
Kelara Reddick

11th Grade Student of the Month

Amira Abraham (Algebra II)
Isalah Brevard (Algebra II)
Cyrus Hernandez (Algebra II)
Jaelinn Joiner (Algebra II)
Keiara Reddick (Algebra II)
Kelara Reddick (Entrepreneurship)
Kaliyah Jones (Environmental Science)
Kayla Velez (Environmental Science)
Cristal Garcia (Fashion Design)
Cristal Garcia (English)
Kamila Rodriguez (Virtual Enterprise)

11th Grade Principal's List
Achieving an average of 95% or higher

Cristal Garcia
Cyrus Hernandez

11th Grade Honor Roll
For achieving an average of 85-89.9%

Andy Arevalo



11th Grade Assistant Principal's List
For achieving an average of 90-94.9%

Kaliyah Jones
Kayla Velez

Perfect Attendance
12th Grade

Samantha Cesar
Pilar Canalizo
Hal Lin Duckett
Adam Rashad Ramirez
Neel Sewsankar
Rebeca Tellez
Yanin Thammarangsri

12th Grade Student of the Month
Students demonstrating leadership, character, and scholarship

Kamila Rodriguez (Geometry)
Elyssa Goodson (Legal/Law Systems)
Rebeca Tellez (Advanced Art)
Pilar Canaizo (Physical Education)
Catherine Jesus (Participation in Government)
Neel Sewsankar (Environmental Science)
Elyssa Goodson (AP Environmental Science)
Destiny Canario (Health)

12th Grade Principal's List
Achieving an average of 95 or higher

Samantha Cesar
Elyssa Goodson
Taj Hunter
Catherine Jesus
Emily Pabon
Rebeca Tellez
Adam Rashad-Ramirez
Kamila Rodriguez



12th Grade Assistant Principal's List
Achieving an average of 90-94.9%

Donell Paige
Julissa Rodriguez
Jordan McKinnon
Milton Perez

In the Spotlight



Recently Ms. Nicoletta's Creating Writing Club took a trip to the Museum of Natural History after school in order to gain creative writing perspectives on what they are thankful for during the Thanksgiving week. From Ms. Nicoletta: "Here are the SLAM! kids at the American Museum of Natural History. They got a chance to look at the mammals, look at the anthology section, explore ocean life, and walk amongst the dinosaurs. They're going to reflect on what they are thankful for [and express in their creative writing.] We talked about being thankful that museums were even open at all and that survival is inherent (as shown by our natural history)." ***A big thank you to Ms. Nicoletta for spearheading this trip!!!***

