

2021-22 Parent Newsletter #6

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 2022

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.

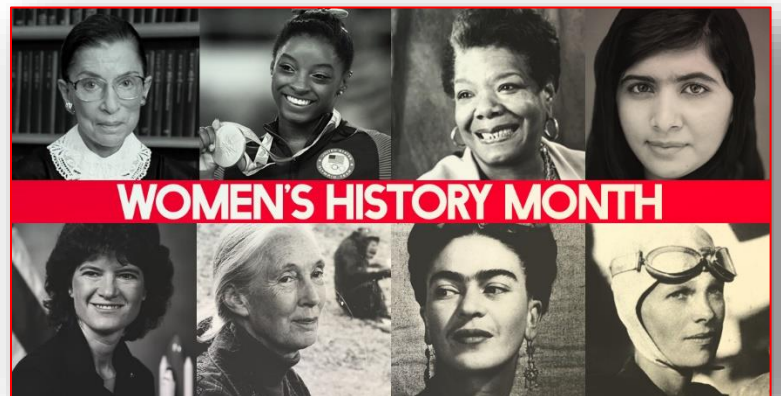
The actual celebration of Women's History Month grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" 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.co](https://www.history.com)



PARENT COORDINATOR CONNECTIONS

From the Desk of the
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Ms. Bernabel
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Announcements

- PupilPath is up and running in full functionality.
- Reminder: Tuesday's after school we have parental engagement time. Feel free to reach out to your child's school counselor or Ms. Bernabel to set up meetings with your child's teachers during that time.
- There will be no school from Friday, April 15th, to Friday, April 22nd for spring break.
- 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.
- Friendly reminder to please complete the 2022 School Survey if you have not done so at: <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/nycdoe/login> Your code is lower case followed by your child's nine digit OSIS number. Please reach out to me if you need your child's OSIS's number. I will also be providing parents with paper copies and a prepaid envelope if you cannot complete it online.
- Share your voice today! Tell school leaders what you think about our school by filling out this year's 2022. The survey will be opened until March 25, 2022.
- 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).
- A message from the DOE (March 7 Update)
Beginning March 7, face coverings will become optional, indoors and outdoors on NYC public school grounds and on school buses, for all K-12 students and staff with a few

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9TH | 6:00 PM. | JKO THEATER
120 West 46th Street New York, N.Y. 10036

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

exceptions. Please note that while wearing a face covering will no longer be required, anyone who chooses to wear a mask may continue to do so.

Face coverings will continue to be available through your school's custodian engineer. Teachers may continue to ask for a KN95 mask; school should give one to any staff member who asks. These masks are to be used for five days. Custodian engineers have adult-sized KN95 masks available for staff and for students who can tolerate a high-grade mask; they also have three-ply surgical masks for students who cannot tolerate a high-grade mask, including younger students.

Face coverings are required:

Face coverings after return from 5-day isolation or quarantine: Anyone returning on Day 6 after a positive COVID-19 diagnosis or after having COVID-19 symptoms without testing is still required to wear a well-fitting face covering (such as a KN95, KF94, or a surgical mask under a cloth mask) at all times on school property through Day 10. If the individual is unable to wear a well-fitting face covering for the duration of the school day, the individual must continue to isolate for 10 days.

Face coverings for Early Childhood: The indoor face covering mandate is still active for LYFE, EarlyLearn (Infants & Toddlers), 3-K, Pre-K, and 4410 classrooms. Children two years old and older, and all staff in these classrooms, must continue to follow the same masking requirements whether they are in a district school, CBO, or home-based program. Since children under the age of five are not yet eligible to receive the vaccine, face coverings remain our strongest defense against COVID-19 for early childhood populations.

Face coverings in medical rooms/nurses' offices: Wearing a face covering is still required in medical rooms/nurses' offices, as well as in School Based Health Centers. Nurses will have face coverings on hand for anyone entering who needs one. Face coverings are strongly recommended:

Face coverings following exposure: It is strongly recommended that face coverings be worn when an individual has been exposed or potentially exposed at school (in the same room for 15 minutes or longer with a person who tested positive for COVID-19). Face coverings are also strongly recommended if an individual knows they have been exposed to COVID-19 in any setting within the previous 10 days.



JRO SCHOOL COUNSELOR

CONNECT



From the counseling department:

- ❖ If your child is or will be absent, please contact Ms. Garcia (9th Grade Students) at ext. 5092 or email at NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov ; Mrs. Vega-Beltran (10-12th Grade Students) at ext. 5091 or via email at NVega11@schools.nyc.gov . You may also contact Ms. Bernabel, Parent Coordinator, at ext. 1012 or email at ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov . Please be sure to send a doctor's note if your child has a medical appointment.
- ❖ We will hold awards ceremonies to congratulate student's academic success for the 1st semester:
 - **9th & 10th Grades: March 10th**
 - **11th & 12th Grades: March 11th**
- ❖ **Marking Period 1 of the 2nd Semester ends Thursday, March 17th.** Please make sure your child is current on their assignments and are studying for quizzes/tests.
- ❖ Please have your child meet for one on one academic/personal progress meetings with their counselor immediately: Ms. Garcia (9th Graders) and Mrs. Vega-Beltran (10-12th Graders). This meeting is important to ensure they are on track academically with their progress towards graduation and to check on their personal well being.
- ❖ Freshmen students have begun a new Advisory workshop series in their Business courses every Friday with Ms. Garcia. These workshops will explore academic, social/emotional, and personal strategies for success. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Ms. Garcia.
- ❖ **SAT DAY MARCH 23rd for Juniors!** Please ensure your child prepares for this important College Exam! They can visit College Board for SAT practice and tutoring assistance: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/khan-academy>
- ❖ Please keep track of your child's academic progress, grades, and attendance in their classes by logging on to <https://pupilpath.skedula.com/> . If you do not have an account you may contact the School Counselors or Ms. Bernabel, the Parent Coordinator, to receive your registration code.
- ❖ **Freshmen and Sophomores** should continue to envision their post-secondary options and research colleges/universities they would like to attend after high school.
- ❖ **Juniors** should continue their college search and create their lists for Senior Year to apply.
- ❖ **Seniors should be finishing their Financial Aid (FAFSA, NYS TAP, and Dream Act) and Scholarship applications.**

- **FAFSA:** <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- **New York State TAP & Dream Act:** <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/nys-tap.html>
- ❖ **JKO will host a College/Career Fair on May 18th from 4:00-6:00pm.** This is a great opportunity for students and families to receive direct information from various colleges, universities, and institutions and connect with their representatives. More information will be provided as we get closer to the date. ALL are welcome to attend! If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Vega-Beltran.
- ❖ Please reach out to Ms. Garcia (9th Grade) or Mrs. Vega-Beltran (10-12th 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.
- ❖ **School begins at 8:20 am.** Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time regularly so that they are able to effectively engage in their first period lesson. Lateness adversely impacts a child's academic performance.
- ❖ **Please have your child attend tutoring for academic support and join after school activities to be an active member of the school community!**
- ❖ Please check PupilPath daily for important announcements and emails pertaining to your child!

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

Ms. Niurkary Garcia 9th Grade Counselor (212)391-0041 Ext. 5092 ;

Email: NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov

Mrs. Nicole Vega-Beltran 10-12th Grade Counselor 212-391-0041 Ext. 5091 ;

Email: NVega11@schools.nyc.gov





The School Leadership Team (SLT) will meet on Monday, March 7th, at 4:30 pm.

The following is the agenda:

- Call to Order / Welcome / Attendance (3 mins)
- Review Minutes February 7, 2022 (6 minutes)
- Safety updates (10 mins)
- Old Business/Attendance/Covid Safety Report(10 minutes)
- New Business (10 minutes)
- Principal report and (15 mins)
- Parent association (5 minutes)
- Title 1 Committee (5 minutes)
- UFT Report (5 mins)
- Comments SLT members(2 minutes per person)
- Creation of Next Month's Agenda (5 mins)
- Adjournment

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/87556503165?pwd=Ty9BVEt6S0ZRV2RFRWkZIN25RS29hZz09>

Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting

Meeting ID: 875 5650 3165

Passcode: 355272

Parents Association



A message from our PA:

- Our March PA meeting will take place on Monday, March 7th 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.
- On Friday, February 18th, the PA prepared goody bags for students and handed them out upon exiting the building and starting their winter recess/break. A BIG thank you to Mr. Lawrence (SLT Chair/PA Secretary) for this work on behalf of the PA.
- 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)

The Senior Corner

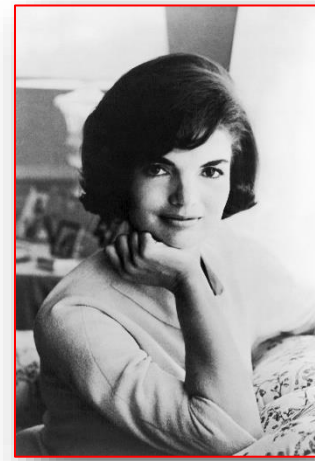
- Prom venues are being chosen this week. Last day to vote will be tomorrow, 03/08. The three venues are Villa Russo at Richmond Hill, Terrance on the Park at Flushing, and The Sanctuary at Roosevelt Island.
- Senior hoodies were distributed on Friday, 03/04/22.
- Senior activities for spirit week will be on 03/14-03/18 and flyers will be posted on Wednesday.
- Students in the activity committee are looking for a new trip location. Currently they have Adventure Land in Connecticut. They are looking for NYC locations.
- School rings can be ordered at highschool@herffjones.com. Ms. Okwabi is trying to get a representative to visit our school to discuss rings with seniors.
- Graduation this year will take place at our school on Friday, June 24th, late in the day.





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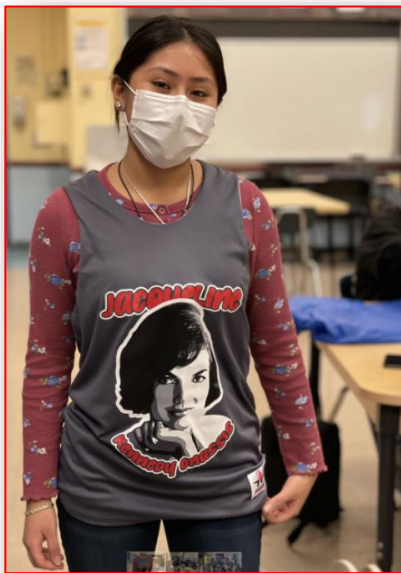




A message from Ms. DeGregorio:

On February 15th Cristal Garcia was the JKO spokesperson for WE Draft (Women's Empowerment) program honoring namesake schools. The program pairs schools with universities as they use an NFL draft model to celebrate important women. Cristal was filmed along with our partner university spokesperson from The Fashion Institute of Technology, FIT, in honoring the legacy of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. March 23rd has been designated by WE Draft as our official namesake date for Women's History Month. We'll be sharing the film and creating events for our school community to celebrate on March 23rd.

Fashion Design students got in the spirit unpacking the box of jerseys and the playing cards WE Draft sent us!





SLAM! Club and Smash Arts present...

JKO's First Annual

Poetry SLAM!

**Calling all lyricists, poets, rappers, and writers-
if you've got the gift of words and are ready to
share it with the world.**



Participants may rap, recite original poetry, or a favorite poem from another poet. We will have after school sessions to write and practice.

Teachers and staff can participate as well! We look forward to you showing off your amazing talent.

Show Dates:
March 31, 2022
April 1, 2022

**Sign up
here!!**



POETRY SLAM



A message from Ms. Nicoletta:

On Thursday, February 13th, SLAM! Club went to see Andrew Lloyd Weber's musical *The Phantom of the Opera*. The students discussed how a book can be made into an alternate creative form (in this case, a novel into a musical) and were fascinated by the amazing technical theatre, brilliant performances, and dramatic orchestral music. They also got the chance to cheer on actress Emilie Kouatchou, who made history by being the first black actress to play the leading lady, Christine Daae. It was a wonderful experience!

Thank you Ms. Nicoletta for spearheading this trip!!!



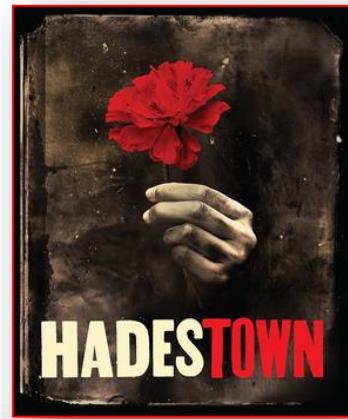


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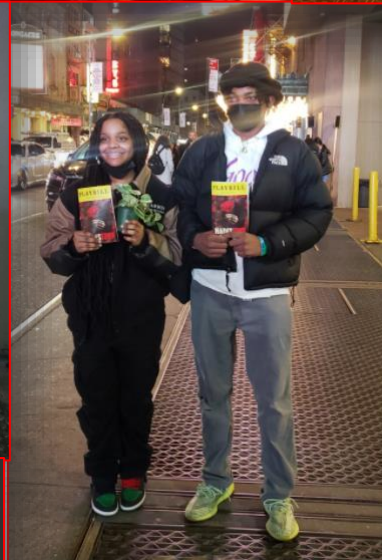
I applied to the Vans Custom Culture 2022 program/competition and we were selected to participate. Students will custom design 2 pairs of Vans, one displaying Hometown Pride and the other displaying 1 of the 4 pillars of Van D(IY)Oren Legacy created by co-founder Paul Van Doren: action sports, art, music and street culture. Winners will receive \$50,000 for their school's Art program with 4 runner ups for \$15,000 each. Students will also draft an impact statement on how the funds will benefit the school's art program and the school community. Hopefully we make it into the 2nd round after we submit our designs. Fashion Design students will work on the designs. Fingers crossed....

Thanks Ms. DeGregorio!!!





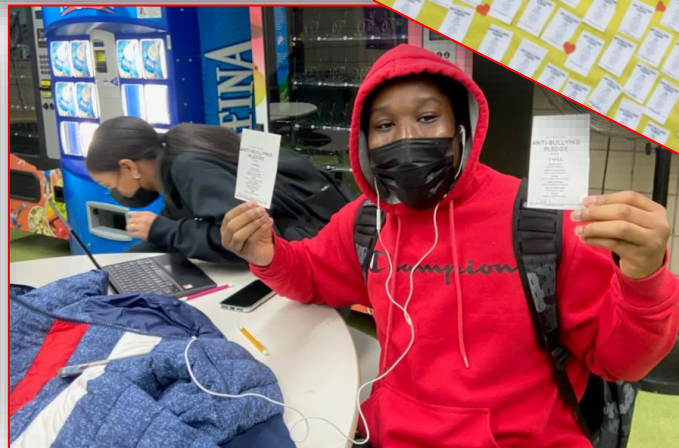
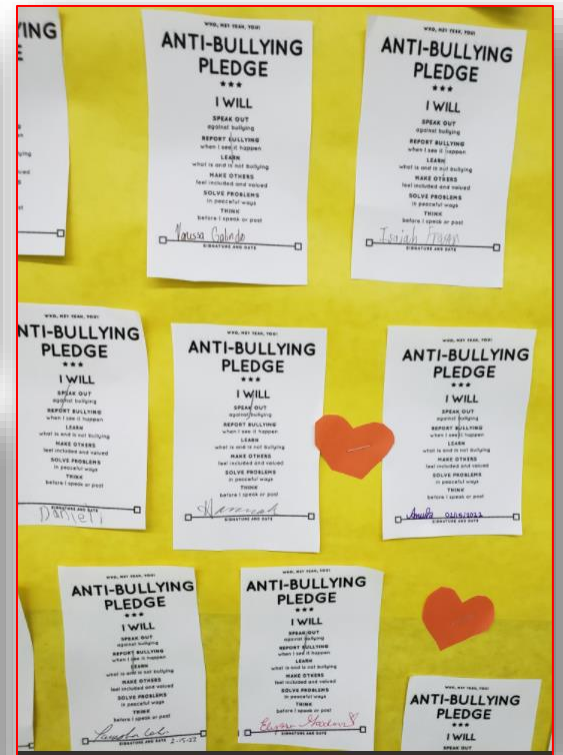
On Wednesday, March 2nd, JKO students attended a showing on Broadway of HadesTown; A Celebrated New Musical that Follows the Mythical Quest of Orpheus to Overcome Hades. A big thank you to **Ms. Kadison** for spearheading this event!





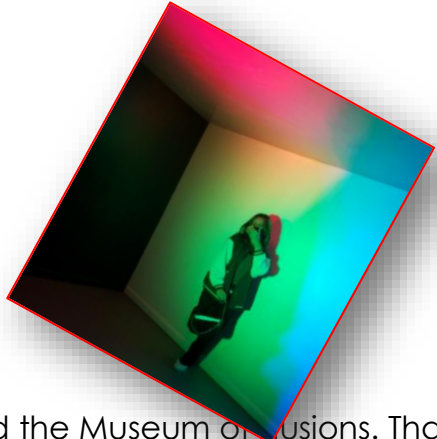


On the week of February 14th, JKO celebrated Respect For All Week. Students and staff engaged in a host of activities throughout the week. A BIG thank you to Ms. Okwabi and Ms. Kadison for spearheading these activities. See below.



In the Spotlight

JKO



Recently the seniors attended a trip to the Color Factory and the Museum of Illusions. Thank you to Ms. Kadison and Ms. Okwabi for spearheading this trip. See pictures below...





On Friday, February 11th, the Senior Council presented, "Paint and Sip." Snacks and drinks were provided while students painted their creative versions of sunflowers. The art was simply **SUNNY!!!** A BIG thank you to Ms. Okwabi and Ms. Kadison for spearheading this event with the seniors. See pics below...







Fashion Show

Congratulations to the students who participated in the recent "Trashin" Fashion. The outfits from the art and environmental science students were simply outstanding. A big thank you to Ms. DeGegorio and Ms. Okwabi for helping students prepare the outfits and for spearheading the show.







