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## 2021-22 Parent Newsletter \#8

# Monday, May 30, there will be no school in observance of Memorial Day. Below is a brief history of this holiday. 

## "The greatest glory of a free-born people is to transmit that freedom to their children." William Havard

## Memorial Day History: The Story Behind The Holiday

## Early Observances of Memorial Day

The Civil War claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history, requiring the establishment of the country's first national
 cemeteries. By the late 1860s Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo-which had first celebrated the
day on May 5, 1866-was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

## Decoration Day

On May 5, 1862, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868 , is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every
 city, village and hamlet churchyard in the
land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Many Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor their dead on separate days until after World War I.

## Evolution of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military
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personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

## Memorial Day Tradifions

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C. Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. On a less somber note, many people throw parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because it unofficially marks the beginning of summer.


## PARENT COORDINATOR

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

## Announcements

- There will be no school on Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day.
- 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.
- Reminder: The Student Handbook delineates the school's dress code:
a. Students are not permitted to wear their pants below their waist.
b. Students are not permitted to wear short-shorts, mini-skirts, see through apparel or low cut tops. All tops must cover the midriff. Parents will be called to bring up appropriate clothing if student is not dressed appropriately.
- Report cards for the $2^{\text {nd }}$ marking period were mailed out on Friday, May $13^{\text {th }}$. Please reach out to your child's teachers with any questions.
- Below please find the NYS June Regents exam schedule. Students scheduled to take these exams will receive an invitation for them. A copy was mailed out with the recent report card.

Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations.

| June 1 WEDNESDAY | June 15 WEDNESDAY | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 16 \\ \text { THURSDAY } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 17 \\ \text { FRIDAY } \end{gathered}$ | June 20 MONDAY | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 21 \\ \text { TUESDAY } \end{gathered}$ | June 22 WEDNESDAY | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 23 \\ \text { THURSDAY } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 24 \\ \text { FRIDAY } \end{gathered}$ |
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| 9:15 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. | JuneteenthHoliday Observed | 9:15 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. |  |
| U.S. History \& Government (Framework)* | English Language Arts | Algebra I | Global History \& Geography II |  | Geometry <br> ${ }^{\circ}$ World Language <br> Assessment <br> suggested date/time: <br> Locally developed <br> Checkpoint A Exam | Algebra II | Physical Setting/ Physics | RATING DAY |
|  | 1:15 p.m. | 1:15 p.m. | 1:15 p.m. |  | ${ }^{\circ}$ World Language Assessment suggested datellime: Localy developedCheckpoint B Exam Checkpoint Exa |  |  |  |
|  | Living Environment | Physical Setting/ Chemistry | Physical Setting/ Earth Science |  |  | Uniform A <br> Morning Exam <br> Afternoon Ex | dmission Dea <br> minations: <br> aminations: | lines <br> :00 a.m. <br> :00 p.m. |



## FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT:



* If your child is or will be absent, please contact Ms. Garcia ( $9^{\text {th }}$ Grade Students) at ext. 5092 or email at NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov ; Mrs. Vega-Beltran (10-12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Grade Students) at ext. 5091or 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.
* As the warm weather approaches, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the school environment.
* ENL Students will begin NYSESLAT testing from May $10{ }^{\text {th }}$-May $13^{\text {th }}$.
* JKO will host a College Fair on May 18 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ 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. All students are invited. Families are welcomed to attend, but must be vaccinated. Students are not required to be vaccinated. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Vega-Beltran.
* On May $26^{\text {th }}$, we are taking the $10^{\text {th }}$ and $11^{\text {th }}$ graders on a College Tour to Marist College. Please complete your child's permission slip.
* The Marking Period and Semester ends TUESDAY, June 21 ${ }^{\text {st }}$. Please make sure your child is current on their assignments and are studying for quizzes/tests.
* ALL STUDENTS will be scheduled to take regents exams in June to work towards progress towards graduation. This is a New York Stated Mandate. There are no longer waivers for the exams. We will be sending specific letters for your child detailing the exam they are scheduled to take in June.
* Please have your child meet for one on one academic/personal progress meetings with their counselor immediately: Ms. Garcia ( $\mathbf{9}^{\text {th }}$ Graders) and Mrs. Vega-Beltran (10-12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ 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 continue to participate in an Advisory Workshop series in their Business courses every other Friday with Ms. Garcia. These workshops explore academic, social/emotional, and personal strategies for success.
* 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 completing 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
* Please reach out to Ms. Garcia ( $\mathbf{9}^{\text {th }}$ Grade) or Mrs. Vega-Beltran (10-12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ 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!



| CLUB NAME | TEACHER | DAYS | TIME | ROOM |
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| SLAM! | MS. NICOLETTA | THURSDAY | $2: 45-4: 00$ PM | 301 |
| VOLLEYBALL | MRS. RUSHFORTH | MONDAY | $4: 00-5: 00$ PM | GYM |
| FITNESS CLUB | MS. TULI | WED \& FRI | $2: 45-3: 45$ PM | 101/WEIGHT ROOM |
| NHS | MS. DEGREGORIO | WEDNESDAY | $2: 45-3: 45$ PM | 201 |
| SMASH ARTS TECH | MS. DEGREGORIO | FRIDAY | $2: 45-3: 45$ PM | $201 /$ AUDITORIUM |
| HELPING HANDS | MS. KADISON | TUESDAY | $4: 00$ PM | 303 |
| YEARBOOK | Ms. KADISON | FRIDAY | $3: 00$ PM | 303 |
| COSA | MS. OKWABI |  |  | 311 |

Please feel free to contact your child's School Counselor directly with any questions, concerns, or if you need assistance:
Ms. Niurkary Garcia, $\boldsymbol{9}^{\text {th }}$ Grade Counselor (212)391-0041 Ext. 5092
Email: NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov
Mrs. Nicole Vega-Beltran, 10-12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Grade Counselor 212-391-0041 Ext. 5091
Email: NVegall@schools.nyc.gov



## MORE INFO

SEE MRS. VEGA-BELTRAN ROOM B9

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Election Notice...

SLT Election (Parents: lease reach out to Mr. Lawrence, SLT Chairperson, @ citycouncild75@gmail.com if interested)

We need 3 people for 2022-2024

Seat 1 -
Seat 2-

Seat 3-

PA Election (Parents: Please reach out to our PTA president, Ms. Conte if interested @ marycontel@gmail.com)

President- 1 year 2022-2023

Secretary- 1 year 2020-2023
Treasure - 1 year 2020-2023

Please feel free to attend our Last SLT meeting as an observer, which will take place on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 4:30PM. Please see the agenda and Zoom link below.
Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

SLT Meeting Agenda:

- Call to Order / Welcome / Attendance (3 mins)
- Review Minutes from May meeting (6 minutes)
- Attendance/Covid Safety Report(10 minutes)
- Unfinished business (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)
- 3 vacant seats in SLT for 2022-2023 (5 minutes
- Adjournment

D02 02M529PA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: SLT JKO High School
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime
Join Zoom Meeting
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## The Senior Corner

- Graduation will take place on Friday, June $24^{\text {th }}$, at 4 pm at our school building.
- This year, the seniors overwhelmingly voted to travel to VILLA ROMA on Wednesday, May 18 -20th. We will be leaving immediately at 8 am before the school day begins. If you'd like more information on the Villa Roma, visit the website:


## https://villaroma.com/

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis HS Senior Class Trip May 18-20 includes:
2 nights' accommodations at Villa Roma.

- 6 delicious meals - 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners.
- DJ Dance Party one night.
- Bonfire with Marshmallows.
- Movie night with popcorn or Rock \& Bowl Night.
- Nightly music and top variety entertainment.
- Complete schedule of daytime activities, games and prizes.
- Indoor Sport complex with bocce, shuffleboard, ping-pong \& video games.
- Heated outdoor pools, water slide
- Indoor Pool/Jacuzzi \& fully equipped state of the art fitness center.
- Unlimited use of the Bumper Boats, Go Karts, Rock climbing Wall, Inflatables, Zip lining, and Bowling.



##  <br> May 1

May 1 was National College Decision Day, the deadline for seniors to pick their college. For many seniors, they are facing the single biggest decision of their lives. At JKO, Ms. VegaBeltran, spearheaded College Decision Day activities with our seniors. The list of colleges and future plans was impressive and breathtaking. Thank you Ms. Bega-Beltran for leading our seniors towards the future!!!



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MUSEUM OF MODERN ART。

Recently Ms. DeGregorio took students to MoMA to view a presentation by Nicolas Bruno titled, "Nightmares to Art; Photography as Therapy." Thank you Ms. DeGregorio for spearheading this event!



On Friday, May $6^{\text {th }}$, students attended a trip to see the Broadway show Exception To The Rule. The following is a blurb from Roundabout Theatre:

Playwright Dave Harris's new play crackles with humor and suspense-confronting the tactics for surviving institutions that were not built for you.

How do you make it through detention? In the worst high school in the city, six Black students are stuck in Room 111. They flirt. They fight. They tease. Should they follow the rules and stay put, or find an escape? Are the walls keeping them in, or are stronger forces at play?




A message from Ms. DeGregorio:
Congratulations to the Fashion Design Students!
All 5 design teams- the entire class, has made it into Junk Kouture's first NYC Finals! Junk Kouture is the world's largest sustainable fashion competition for youth. This is the first year that Junk Kouture, based in Ireland, came to New York. Winners from the NYC Finals will advance to the global competition in Abu Dhabi!
The NYC Finals will be on June 8th. I'll update you on ficket availability.
Congratulations to Amira Abrahim, Allison Aca, Pilar Canalizo, Sonia Domlan, Vanessa Galindo, Cristal Garcia, Elyssa Goodson, Jacob Howell, Fatima Koita, Milton Packer, Donell Paige \& Yanin
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"Transit Suit"
"Seeking a Better Future"
"Kween of Green"
"Miss Sugar Pink Rockstar" "Dichotomy"



A huge thank you to the Business Department for conducting JKO's 2022 Career Day. A special thanks to Ms. McMahon for spearheading this immensely successful event. See below...

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Huge Thank You to All Students and Staff who Actively Participated in Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School's Career Day on Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

The Day Long Event. Hosted by the Business Department Consisted of Over 20 Representatives from 16 Different Companies

The Feedback Received from Our Guest Speakers Were All Positive in Terms of Engagement and Professionalism. It Was a Wonderful Experience for All Involved. Each Guest Expressed Interest in Long-Term Mentorship at JKO

We Look For More Opportunities As We Plan Future Business Events at JKO.






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A message from Ms. Nicoletta:


This week, SLAM! and Helping Hands Society worked together to create goodie bags for our valued educators! Students worked together to gather materials, create bags, write out cards, plan the distribution, and cheered our teachers on in their classrooms! We LOVE our teachers! HAPPY TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

- Ms. Nicoletta


Thank you Ms. Nicoletta and Ms.
Kadison for spearheading this!!!


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## GUARDIAN INSURANCE TRADE SHOW

APRIL 6, 2022
The 2022 Youth Business Summit was held in at Long Island University in Brooklyn. NY. VEl firms (including representative and guests from J ) from across the country participated in hybrid internationat business Trade Shows to compete for revenue dollars both in-person and online.

## Key YBS \#2022 Stats

- Approximately 1,000 total participants
- Approximately 900 student participants
- Over \$7 million transacted
- 100 VE companies represented

- 14 states represented
- 7 countries represented (Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Indonesia, Canada, Romania, and the United States)

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 The Minutes Thers Tracy LettsRecently many of our students went to see the Broadway show, The Minutes. They loved it!!! Thank you, Ms. Kadison, for spearheading this trip.




Recently, Ms. DeGregorio took many of our students to the Whitney Museum of American Art. The students were able to connect many of the artworks to their learning from their art class. Thank you Ms. D!!!


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## VANS

A message from Ms. DeGregorio:

Students in Fashion Design submitted their creations to the Vans Custom Culture competition. Students had to design 2 pairs of Vans: 1 for Hometown Pride and 1 for the Van D(IY) Legacy (founder of Vans) for the 4 pillars of art, music, street culture and action sports.


