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## 2022-23 Parent Newsletter #2

**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Do you know how this all started? If not, read below...**

### **Who Started it?**

Breast Cancer Awareness Month began in 1985 as a partnership between the American Cancer Society and the pharmaceutical division of Imperial Chemical Industries. Betty Ford helped kick off the week-long event, as she was herself a survivor of breast cancer.

She was diagnosed when her husband, Gerald Ford, was president of the United States and brought even more attention to breast cancer.

### **What is the Goal?**

The early goal of Breast Cancer Awareness Month was to educate women about breast cancer and early detection tests so that they could take charge of their breast health. One of their key goals that they wanted to achieve was to promote mammograms as an important tool to be used in the fight against breast cancer.

During the month of October, breast cancer survivors and those with breast cancer are celebrated and encouraged to share their stories. The month is also dedicated to raising funds for breast cancer research and other related causes.

### **The Pink Ribbon**

The first nation-wide campaign that utilized the pink ribbon was back in 1992 by Estée Lauder cosmetics. They handed out an impressive 1.5 million of them and ushered in the pink ribbon as the premier visual reminder of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The NFL has become one of the largest supporters of breast cancer awareness month and nearly all players, coaches, and referees don the pink ribbon each October to show their support.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance for all Americans to take time and acknowledge those men and women whose lives have been affected by breast cancer.

Source: [Brevardhealth.org](http://Brevardhealth.org)



# PARENT COORDINATOR CONNECTIONS

From the Desk of the  
Parent Coordinator  
Ms. Bernabel

[ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov)

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## Announcements

- At this point all students have been issued a school computer/laptop. Please ensure that your child fully charges the device prior to the commencement of the school day. An uncharged device leads to delays in the learning process when assignments are delivered via Google Classroom.
- Lockers were assigned to all students. Please ensure that your child places his/her belongings in their assigned locker daily with a lock. This will prevent items from getting lost or stolen.
- Please complete the NYC financial forms, formerly known as Lunch Forms. While lunch is currently given to all students regardless of income, schools still need parents to complete in order to qualify for federal Title I funding. All information submitted by parents is completely confidential. A hard copy will be given to students on the first day of school to be completed and returned to Ms. Bernabel.
- PTA/SLT Meetings: PTA/SLT meetings will be held on the following dates: 10/17, 11/7, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, and 6/5. SLT commences at 4:30 pm and ends at 5:30 pm. PTA meetings commence at 6 pm to 7 pm. Additionally, meetings will be held virtually and in person (hybrid) until further notice from the DOE on any changes or options for the new school year. An email with the Zoom links will be sent to parents ten days in advance week.
- **School will be closed on Wednesday, October 5 (Yom Kippur) and Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> (Indigenous People Day)**
- The following are documents students will be given on the first day of school which must be completed by parents and handed to Ms. Bernabel:
  - Emergency Contact Card
  - Military Parent Letter: This form requests information regarding the military active-duty status of parents and guardians. Parents who are not on active duty can disregard this form. Parents who completed this form in prior years must complete it again. For every family who submits a survey response indicating that the student's parent or guardian is on military active duty, you or your designees must use the BINU screen in ATS to enter 'M' in the District C field.
  - Housing Questionnaire
  - CH-205 Child & Adolescent Health Examination Form
  - Parent Ethnicity Survey
  - Home Language Identification Survey
  - Financial Forms (AKA Lunch Forms)



**COORDINATOR  
OF**

# **StudentActivit!es**

- We will be hosting a club fair on October 6<sup>th</sup> afterschool at 3 pm. Applications for student government will be live via Google Forms on October 3, 2022. Applications will be due on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Campaign week will be from October 9<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. A debate will take place on Thursday after school at 3 pm in room 308. Voting will take place on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 3<sup>rd</sup> period to 8<sup>th</sup> period electronically via Google form.
- We will be hosting a Haunting Spirit week from October 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> leading up to the Halloween dance on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- School-wide events will take place after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
  - WEDNESDAY: A HAUNTING GAME OF CATCH 3 pm to 4:30 pm in the Gym
  - THURSDAY: SLIME CREATION ROM 3 pm to 4:30 pm in the Lab room.



- Senior Council will be meeting on the week of October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3 pm to 4 pm to confirm committee assignments.
- Voting for hoodie designs will take place on October 6<sup>th</sup> and an option will be announced on the 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Seniors will be receiving senior contracts and senior dues letters on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- SENIOR CONTRACTS MUST BE RETURNED BY OCTOBER 12 TO MS. OKWABI'S ROOM
- Senior Portrait Dates are TBD.

- Graduation Day is June 26 at 4pm (2 tickets per student) @ JKO.
  - Prom will be held on June 9, 2023, location TBD.
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Dear Class of 2022 Students & Parents,

Congratulations!!! YOU'VE MADE IT! There are many exciting Senior events to look forward to this year! Unfortunately, there are also a lot of expenses that the school cannot cover. Every Senior is required to pay Senior Dues to attend graduation and participate in Senior activities. The dues help to offset costs for the following:

- Senior Brunch/Decoration
- Commencement Photos
- Stoles/Program Cords
- Graduation Awards
- Graduation Decoration
- 3 Graduation tickets + programs

SENIOR DUES PRICE: \$42

\*\*\*\*\*Only MONEY ORDERS made payable to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School will be accepted. CASH & PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE TAKEN!! \*\*\*\*\*

PLEASE NOTE: The payment of senior dues does not guarantee that a student will be allowed to attend the graduation ceremony. Final eligibility to attend graduation will be determined by a review of the student's completion of academic requirements and disciplinary record. Any student deemed ineligible to attend will receive a refund of a PORTION of the senior dues paid. SENIOR DUES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

In addition to the cost of senior dues, historically our senior trip has been Up-State NY and our Prom has been held within the city limits. We expect to offer these wonderful opportunities to our senior class of 2021 but have yet to establish a price for our students. The senior trip and prom are voluntary and are not covered by the senior dues. We understand that these events are expensive and will work with our vendors to ensure the lowest cost possible.

If there are any questions, please email us at [mokwabi@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:mokwabi@schools.nyc.gov). Thank you for your cooperation!!

## HAMILTON TRIP INFO GUIDE



JKO has been given the opportunity to see Hamilton on Broadway on Wednesday, November 16, 2022. In order to attend, you must be enrolled in a US History class. There are 50 student tickets therefore ticket allocation will be on a first-come first-serve basis. In order to be selected you must complete the following tasks:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed JKO permission slip
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hamilton Consent and release form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Performance Piece project (more details below)

### **Trip Timeline**

Please note the following timeline below. Only sign up if you are fully committed to attending (you cannot leave early).

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>12:30–1:30 p.m.</b> | Schools arrive at the Richard Rodgers Theatre and check in                                |
| <b>1:15 p.m.</b>       | Theater doors open—students/chaperones enter and are seated                               |
| <b>2:00–4:50 p.m.</b>  | <i>Hamilton</i> matinee performance   |
| <b>4:50–5:30 p.m.</b>  | Cast Q&A with students  |
| <b>5:30 p.m.</b>       | Schools dismissed (Dismissal time is approximate. Schools will be dismissed by security.) |

### **Hamilton Performance Piece Project**

Each student is expected to create and submit an original performance piece, a maximum of 2 minutes in length, based on what you have learned about the Founding Era through the printed materials, the Hamilton Education Program website, and classroom instruction.

- All student performance pieces must be represented in written form (e.g., lyrics to the song, a poem, or a script of the scene).
- Students may work in groups of up to three (3) students.

For more information, please reach out to Ms. Kadison ([akadison@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:akadison@schools.nyc.gov))



JKO has been given the opportunity to see & Juliet on Broadway on Wednesday, November 10, 2022. There are 28 student tickets therefore ticket allocation will be on a first-come first-serve basis. In order to be selected you must complete the following tasks:

\_\_\_\_\_ Signed JKO permission slip

### **About the show**

This hilarious new musical flips the script on the greatest love story ever told. & Juliet asks: what would happen next if Juliet didn't end it all over Romeo? Get whisked away on a fabulous journey as she ditches her famous ending for a fresh beginning and a second chance at life and love—her way.

Juliet's new story bursts to life through a playlist of pop anthems as iconic as her name, including "Since U Been Gone," "Roar," "Baby One More Time," "Larger Than Life," "That's The Way It Is," and "Can't Stop the Feeling!"—all from the genius songwriter/producer behind more #1 hits than any other artist this century. Break free of the balcony scene and get into this romantic comedy that proves there's life after Romeo. The only thing tragic would be missing it.

### **Trip Timeline**

Please note the following timeline below. Only sign up if you are fully committed to attending (you cannot leave early). Students may stay in the school building until 4pm but must vacate after that time.

7:15 PM Meet in front of JKO (note, building will be closed)

7:30 PM Walk to Stephen Sondheim Theater 124 West 43<sup>rd</sup> street NY, NY 10036

8:00 PM Show starts

10:30 PM Show ends. Students return home

For more information, please reach out to Ms. Kadison  
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# JKO SCHOOL COUNSELOR CONNECT



From the counseling department:

- ❖ **If your child is or will be absent**, please contact Ms. Garcia (9-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students) at ext. 5092 or email at [NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov) ; Mrs. Vega-Beltran (11-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students) at ext. 5091 or via email at [NVega11@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:NVega11@schools.nyc.gov) . You may also contact Ms. Bernabel, Parent Coordinator, at ext. 1012 or email at [ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov) . **Please be sure to send a doctor's note if your child has a medical appointment.**
- ❖ **1<sup>st</sup> period Class begins at 8:20 am. Please ensure that your child arrives to school before 8:20 AM and 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 keep track of your child's academic progress, grades, and attendance in their classes staying in contact with their teacher and counselor.**
- ❖ **Please have your child meet for one on one academic/personal progress meetings with their counselor immediately: Ms. Garcia (9-10<sup>th</sup> Graders) and Mrs. Vega-Beltran (11-12<sup>th</sup> Graders).** This meeting is important to ensure they are on track academically with their progress towards graduation and to check in on their personal well-being.
- ❖ **If you are interested in a having specific Parent Workshop at the school, please email Ms. Garcia and Mrs. Vega-Beltran so we may host the event.**
- ❖ **9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisory Classes will commence in the upcoming weeks. Counselors will also be providing Social Emotional Workshops to All students on a monthly basis, as well as College Research/Application/Financial Aid workshops to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades.**
- ❖ **The 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester ends October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your child is up to date with their school work to ensure academic success.**
- ❖ **Please have your child attend tutoring for academic support and regents tutoring.**



<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
ENGLISH 9 AND 12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	MS. NICOLETTA	THURSDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM	301
ENGLISH 9, 10, AND 11 <sup>TH</sup> GRADES	MS. WICKS	THURSDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM	306
ENGLISH 9 – 12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADES	MS. KADISON	THURSDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM	303
LIVING ENVIRONMENT & GEOMETRY	MS. TULI	WEDNESDAY	3:00 – 5:00 PM	307
CHEMISTRY & CODING	MS. OKWABI	THURSDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM	308
VARIOUS SCIENCE/HISTORY CLASSES	MS. CUMBERBATCH	THURSDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM	305
INTEGRATED ALGEBRA	MR. HASAN	FRIDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM	406
INTEGRATED ALGEBRA & GEOMETRY	MR. CHEN	FRIDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM	402
GEOMETRY & TRIGONOMETRY	MR. ZHANG	THURSDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM	402
US HISTORY & PART IN GOV'T	MR. COLON	WEDNESDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM	102
VARIOUS HISTORY CLASSES	MS. GORDON	THURSDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM	408
BUISNESS	MS. NEWELL	WEDNESDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM	409

# JKO SCHOOL COUNSELOR

## CONNECT



- ❖ **As the cold weather approaches, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the school environment. If you need assistance providing your child with a coat or other needed clothing, please contact your child's counselor.**
- ❖ **Please reach out to Ms. Garcia (9-10<sup>th</sup> Grades) or Mrs. Vega-Beltran (11-12<sup>th</sup> 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.
- ❖ **Please have your child join extra-curricular activities** to join the school community. This a great way for students to make new friends, network, be exposed to various activities/hobbies, and put on their college applications.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

CLUB	TEACHER	DAY	TIME	ROOM
COOKING CLUB	MR. URENA	TUESDAY	3:00 – 4:00 PM	CAFE
NEWSPAPER/JOURNALISM	MR. DE LA CRUZ	THURSDAY	3:00 – 4:00 PM	303
FITNESS	MS. TULI	THURSDAY	3:00 – 4:00 PM	101
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	MS. DE GREGORIO	WEDNESDAY	3:00 – 4:00 PM	201
SMASH ARTS	MS. DE GREGORIO	FRIDAY	3:00 – 4:00 PM	AUD
VOLLEYBALL	MRS. RUSHFORTH	MONDAY	4:00 – 5:00 PM	305
HELPING HANDS SOCIETY	MS. KADISON	WEDNESDAY	3:00 – 4:00 PM	303
YEARBOOK	MS. KADISON	WEDNESDAY	3:00 – 4:00 PM	303
GARDENING	MS. WICKS	WEDNESDAY	3:00 – 4:00 PM	306
ANIME	MS. WICKS	THURSDAY	3:00 – 4:00 PM	306
SENIOR COUNCIL	MS. OKWABI	WEDNESDAY	3:00 – 4:00 PM	308
SLAM!	MS. NICOLETTA	FRIDAY	3:00 – 4:00 PM	301
MUSIC	MR. CHEN	THURSDAY	3:00 – 4:00 PM	405
CODING	MR. ZHANG	WEDNESDAY	3:00 – 4:00 PM	402

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

**Ms. Niurkary Garcia, 9 & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor** (212)391-0041 Ext. 5052

Email: [NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov)

**Mrs. Nicole Vega-Beltran, 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor** 212-391-0041 Ext. 5091

Email: [NVega11@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:NVega11@schools.nyc.gov)



Are You Interested in Joining

# Student Government?

Join Today & Make a Difference



Make Your  
Voices to be  
Heard



Application  
Due Friday  
October 7

For more information,  
ask Ms. Okwabi

Information and  
Application can be found  
using the QR code



### ***A message from Ms. De Gregorio:***

I wanted to share some good news. Junk Kouture, in town for Climate Week, invited NYC finalists to join them on the red carpet at the Global Citizen's Festival this Saturday in Central Park. Cristal Garcia will be representing JKO wearing the "Dichotomy" design created by Donell Paige, Allison Aca and Olena Negrón.

***Cristal will get to walk the red carpet with Mariah Carey, Jonas Brothers, Metallica and more!***

Stay tuned for updates on the NYC Finals Competition, where 10 winners will be chosen to compete in the Global Competition in Abu Dhabi.

Congratulations Cristal!





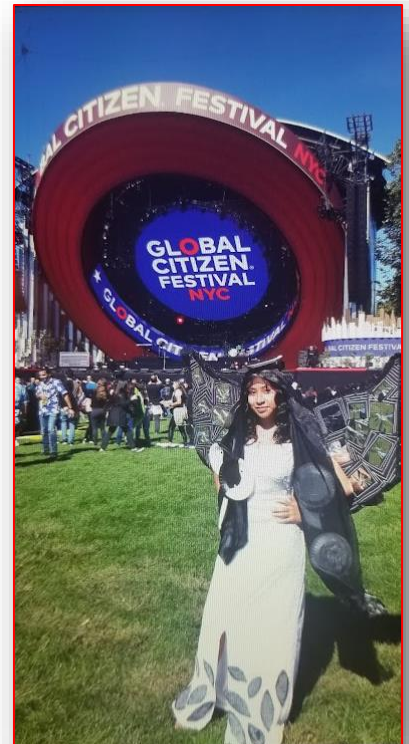
# In the Spotlight

JKO



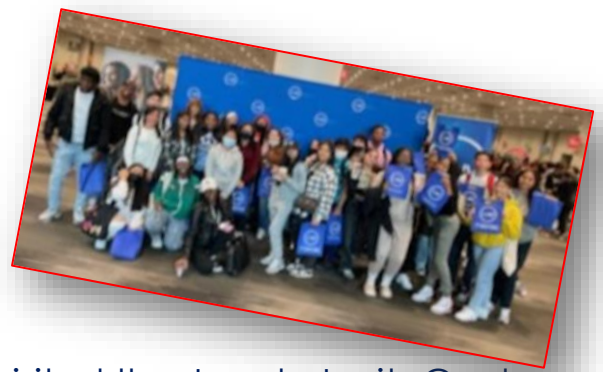
On Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, Cristal Garcia represented JKO at the Global Citizen's Festival in Central Park. Junk Kouture invited NYC finalists and Cristal was one of them. She was wearing the "Dichotomy" design created by Donell Paige, Allison Aca and Olena Negrón.

***She got to walk the red carpet with Mariah Carey, Jonas Brothers, Metallica and more!***





# In the **JKO** Spotlight



On Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, Juniors and Seniors visited the Jacob Javits Center for a SUNY College Fair. A **BIG THANK YOU** to Ms. Vega-Beltran for spearheading this event!!!



**Which SUNY Are You?**

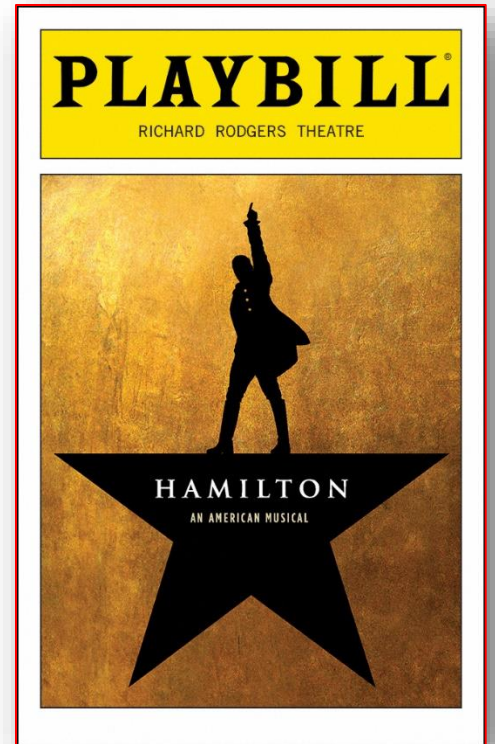
UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY	SUNY ALBANY State University of New York	SUNY GCC Genesee Community College	SUNY CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE	THE UNIVERSITY OF STATE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY	Alfred University	Herkimer SUNY	ESF State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry	SUNY POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE	JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
Delhi STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	SUNY ADIRONDACK	ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	OSWEGO STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	NCC NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE	sunyUlster Don't Let Me Go Far.	Farmingdale State College	M Felix-Whitney Community College	PARTRIDGE COLLEGE New York State University of State College	Moreno Community College STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
TOMPKINS CORLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE	New Paltz STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	SUNY ONEONTA	JCC JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Suffolk SUNY COLLEGE OF STATE COLLEGE	GENESEO THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	Hudson Valley Community College	FIT Fashion Institute of Technology State University of New York	UNIVERSITY OF ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	Stony Brook University
CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SUNY BROOME	<b>Which SUNY Are You?</b>						FREDONIA STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	MORRISVILLE STATE COLLEGE
BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	University at Buffalo The State University of New York	SUNY CANTON	STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK PLATTSBURGH	Alfred State SUNY College of Technology	BUFFALO STATE The State University of New York	SUNY SULLIVAN	Cortland SUNY	FingerLakes STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	NC NORTH COUNTRY COLLEGE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SUNY Cobleskill	Purchase College STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	COLUMBIA GREENE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SUNY ORANGE	The College at BROCKPORT State University of New York	SUNY SHERIFFS AND POLICE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SUNY OLD WESTBURY	CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	RCC Rockland Community College STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
NCCC NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Potsdam STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	MVCC MORNING VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SUNY EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE	SUNY DOWNSTATE Health Sciences University	Cornell University	Westchester Community College State University of New York	 <b>The State University of New York</b>		





JKO is once again chosen for our students to attend a viewing of the Broadway hit, "Hamilton"!!!

U.S. history students will engage in several curricular activities that are aligned to the show. A BIG thank you to Ms. Kadison for spearheading this event and to Mr. Colon for working with our students to not only be prepared for this viewing but also design the curricular projects.







# In the Spotlight

A message from Ms. De Gregorio:

On Thursday 9/22 Studio Art and Advanced Art students went on a guided tour by the Times Square Alliance to see the public artwork "Roots" by Paul Gaines currently on view in Times Square. The installation features seven Sweetgum trees – indigenous to the island of Manhattan and much of the Eastern seaboard – painted gray and inverted with their root systems facing skyward. It is a part of bigger, multi-sited exhibition titled [The American Manifest](#), presented with Governors Island Arts and Creative Time, and touches on themes of race, colonialism, capitalism, and democracy. Students engaged in dialogue about how contemporary artists grapple with creating art to address some of the important issues of the day and how history informs our present day. This haunting installation reminds us that our nation's past is ever present.

**Thank you Ms. D for spearheading this!!! See pictures below:**









# Cooking Club



Want to learn the basics of cooking? Want to learn how to make international dishes? Want to learn how to bake and decorate?

***Then wait no more and join the cooking club!!!***

When: Tuesdays from 3 pm to 4 pm

Where: Cafeteria

Facilitator: Chef Ureña

