

2022-23 Parent Newsletter #3

Thanksgiving is almost here!!!

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

John F. Kennedy

The JKO staff and I would like to wish all our students and parents a very enjoyable and relaxing Thanksgiving.



A Brief History of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a national holiday in the United States. It is celebrated each year on the fourth Thursday in November. On this day, families gather together, and many people say prayers of thanks for the years blessings. In many homes, a big dinner of roast turkey and dressing is served. Thanksgiving is traditionally a harvest festival. Similar festivals are celebrated in many parts of the world to give thanks after the years crops have been safely harvested. Canada celebrates its Thanksgiving the second Monday in October.

A small ship called the Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England, on September 16, 1620. The passengers spent 66 days in the hold of the ship arriving on November 21. Most of them were Puritans who had been persecuted for their religious beliefs in England. One month later, on December 26, all 102 passengers set foot on land and began to establish the colony of Plymouth. The Pilgrims, as these people came to be called, had borrowed money from a group of English merchants to cross the Atlantic Ocean. They planned to start a settlement in the Virginia Colony in America, but during the long voyage, storms blew their crowded little vessel off course.



After sailing for more than two months, the Mayflower finally reached land near what is now Provincetown on Cape Cod. This part of the American coast, called New England, had been explored several years earlier by an Englishman named Capt. John Smith. The Pilgrims followed Smith's maps and sailed across Cape Cod Bay to the mainland coast of Massachusetts.

They founded the Colony of Plymouth in December 1620. Most of the Pilgrims had suffered terribly from the long voyage. They immediately began to build shelters, but soon they were overcome by a general sickness. Through the course of the winter 46 died, nearly half their original number. Some who became ill on the voyage and who were too sick to be moved stayed on the Mayflower, which was anchored in Plymouth Harbor for the winter.

The Mayflower had been a cargo ship and had to be refitted to handle the Pilgrim passengers. It had three masts and a double deck. No one is sure of what happened to the original Mayflower after it returned to England the following April. A replica of the original Mayflower was built in England in the mid-1950's. This ship, Mayflower II, sailed across the Atlantic in 1957 to commemorate the Pilgrim's voyage. It is now anchored in Plymouth Harbor, Massachusetts.

The first American Thanksgiving probably took place in New England. It was celebrated by the Pilgrim settlers, who established Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts in 1620. The Pilgrims had struggled bravely through a grim winter with much sickness and little food.



The following spring, friendly Indians helped the settlers to plant corn, and in the autumn, the first crop was harvested. Governor William Bradford proclaimed three days of prayer and thanksgiving. The Pilgrims gave a huge feast and invited the Indian Chief, Massasoit, and 90 of his people.

The custom of observing a special harvest thanksgiving day spread throughout the other colonies in the following years. After the American Revolution, the various states continued the custom, each one naming it's own day for giving thanks. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day on the last Thursday in November. The present date was established by Congress in 1941.

Source: <http://www.celebratelove.com/thanxhistory.htm>



PARENT COORDINATOR CONNECTIONS

From the Desk of the
Parent Coordinator
Ms. Bernabel

ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov

Tel #929-617-0122

Announcements

- 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: 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). An email with the Zoom links will be sent to parents ten days in advance week.
- There will be no school on November 8th (Election Day), November 11th (Veteran's Day) and November 24th and 25th (Thanksgiving Break).
- Parent Teacher Conferences will take place virtually on November 17th (5 pm to 8 pm) and 18th (12:00 pm to 2:30 pm). There will be a future mailing with registration information...stay tuned.
- We will conduct grade level awards ceremonies on the following dates:
9th and 10th grades on Monday,
November 7th
11th and 12th grades on Thursday, 10th



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

JRO SCHOOL COUNSELOR

CONNECT



From the counseling department:

- ❖ **If your child is or will be absent**, please contact Ms. Garcia (9-10th Grade Students) at ext. 5092 or email at NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov ; Mrs. Vega-Beltran (11-12th 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.**
- ❖ **Students have No School on the following days:**
 - **November 8th** – Election Day
 - **November 11th** – Veteran's Day
 - **November 24 – 25th** Thanksgiving Holiday
- ❖ **Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on the following days virtually:**
 - **November 17th** – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 - **November 18th** – 12:00 – 2:30 pm
 - **You will receive information regarding appointments to meet with your child's teachers.**
- ❖ **1st 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 (9-10th Graders) and Mrs. Vega-Beltran (11-12th 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.
- ❖ **The 2nd Marking Period of the 1st Semester ends December 14th . 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.**





Tutoring

SUBJECT	TEACHER	DAY	TIME	ROOM
ENGLISH 9 AND 12 TH GRADE	MS. NICOLETTA	THURSDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM	301
ENGLISH 9, 10, AND 11 TH GRADES	MS. WICKS	THURSDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM	306
ENGLISH 9 – 12 TH 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

- ❖ 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 (9-10th Grades) or Mrs. Vega-Beltran (11-12th 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.
- ❖ 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

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

Ms. Niurkary Garcia, 9 & 10th Grade Counselor (212)391-0041 Ext. 5052

Email: NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov

Mrs. Nicole Vega-Beltran, 11 & 12th Grade Counselor 212-391-0041 Ext. 5091

Email: NVega11@schools.nyc.gov

COORDINATOR
of
Student Activities



Senior Circle Update

- The class of 2023 took their Senior Portraits on October 31st and should be receiving a link to their images on Friday November 4th. If your child missed their appointment time or was unaware a make-up date has been set for February 13th. Club, staff, and class pictures will be taken at that time as well.
- The Senior Activities group will be meeting the week of November 7th to plan two in-house activities for the senior class as well as an outdoor trip.
- Senior Dues are due on November 23rd in the form of a money order. Delayed submissions would cause delayed shipping times.
- Senior Hoodie customization has been finalized and the order will be placed on November 9. The hoodie color has switched from sports grey to black.
- Parents please be aware that for your child to participate in any school-wide event they must be in good academic and behavioral standing, as mentioned in the senior contract.

COSA Corner

- Student Government will be hosting a can food drive from November 7th to November 22nd. This food drive will be a competition between all cohorts and staff. The cohort that wins will receive a prize on November 23. Updates will be given during announcement times every Friday. All non-perishables will be donated to the New York Common Pantry.
- Student Government proudly announces the opening of the school store on Monday November 7, 2022. School Merchandise can be purchased using the JKO Chips.
- Students will be attending Hamilton on Broadway on November 11th. As of Thursday November 3, Ms. Kadison has verified the students who will be attending.
- November will be hosting our DIY activities on November 9-10th, we'll be making clay cups and bowls in the lab room from 3 to 4 pm. On November 16th we'll be making scented candles in the lab room from 3 to 4 pm. Due to limited supplies, we ask that students register to attend using the QR codes on the flyer.
- The Fall Festival Has been moved from November 22 to December 9th. More information will be provided soon.

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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| 12:30–1:30 p.m. | Schools arrive at the Richard Rodgers Theatre and check in |
| 1:15 p.m. | Theater doors open—students/chaperones enter and are seated |
| 2:00–4:50 p.m. | <i>Hamilton</i> matinee performance |
| 4:50–5:30 p.m. | Cast Q&A with students |
| 5:30 p.m. | 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)

& JULIET TRIP INFO GUIDE



JKO has been given the opportunity to see & Juliet on Broadway on Thursday, 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 43rd street NY, NY 10036

8:00 PM Show starts

10:30 PM Show ends. Students return home

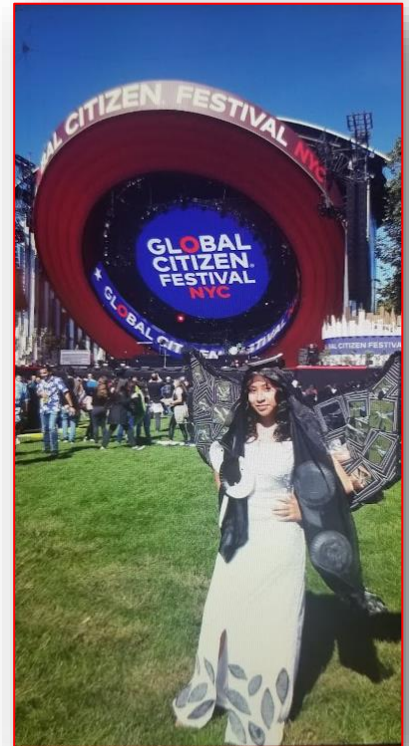
For more information, please reach out to Ms. Kadison (akadison@schools.nyc.gov)

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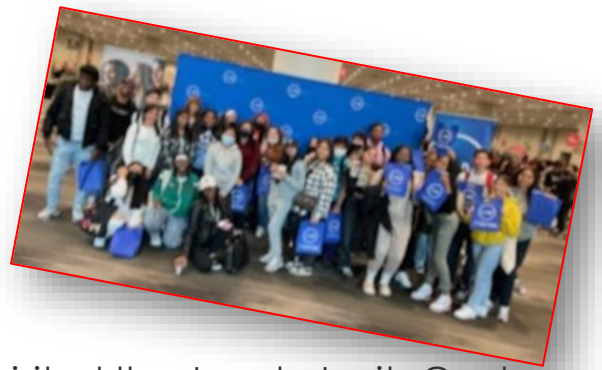


On Saturday, September 24th, Cristal Garcia represented JKO at the Global Citizen's Festival in Central Park. Junk Kouture invited NYC finalists and Cristal was one of them. She was wearing the "Dichotomy" design created by Donell Paige, Allison Aca and Olena Negron. **She got to walk the red carpet with Mariah Carey, Jonas Brothers, Metallica and more!**



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On Friday, September 30th, 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 ERIE State University of New York	SUNY GCC Genesee Community College	SUNY CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE	THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY	Alfred University	Herkimer THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	ESF State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry	SUNY POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE	JEFFERSON COLLEGE OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
Delhi STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	SUNY ADIRONDACK	ONONDAGA STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	OSWEGO STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	NCC NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SUNY Ulster Start Here. Go Far.	Farmingdale State College	Fulton-Montgomery Community College	MARITIME COLLEGE	MORRISVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
TOMPKINS CORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE	New Paltz STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	SUNY ONEONTA	JCC JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Suffolk SUFFOLK COMMUNITY 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	Stony Brook University
CAUYAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SUNY BROOME	Which SUNY Are You?						FREDONIA STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	MORRISVILLE STATE COLLEGE
BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	UB 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	SUNY Cortland	FingerLakes	NC NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SUNY Cobleskill	Purchase College STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	COLUMBIA GREENE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	SUNY ORANGE	THE COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	SUNY FREDONIA	SUNY OLD WESTBURY	CLINTON COLLEGE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	RCC ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
NCCC	Potsdam STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	MVCC MORGAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SUNY EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE	SUNY DOWNSTATE Health Sciences University	Cornell University	Westchester Community College	The State University of New York		



A message from Ms. DeGregorio:

Students in Fashion Design just completed their first collection of sustainable design, Newspaper Dresses. Designers learned about 6 basic fashion silhouettes: Sheath, A-Line, Trapeze, Ball Gown, Empire Waist and Mermaid, and working in design collectives created their interpretations of one of the basic silhouettes. This Project Runway challenge also needed to include accessories, we saw handbags, crowns, nail extensions and even a Katana sword. Students presented their designs in a class fashion show on Thursday.

Thank you Ms. D for spearheading this!!!





JKO WILL BE PARTNERING WITH

INSIDE OUT PROJECT

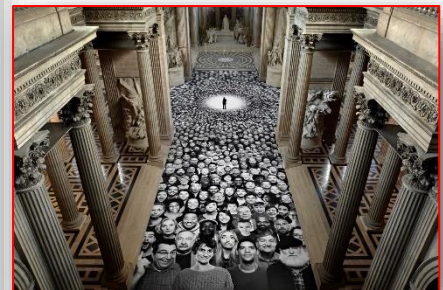
This is your chance to be a part of and experience something big

Date: October 14
From 9AM/3PM



BE A PART OF OUR MESSAGE

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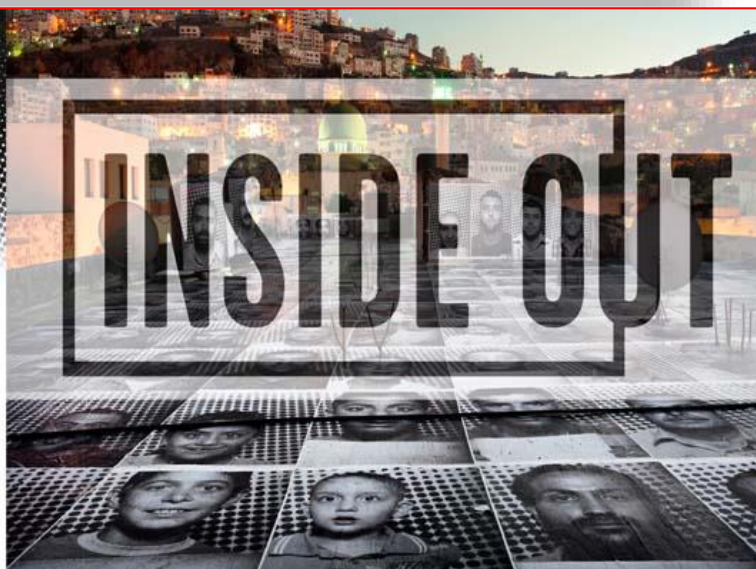


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New York



**COME JOIN US
AS WE CELEBRATE THE
PEOPLE OF NYC...
YOU!**

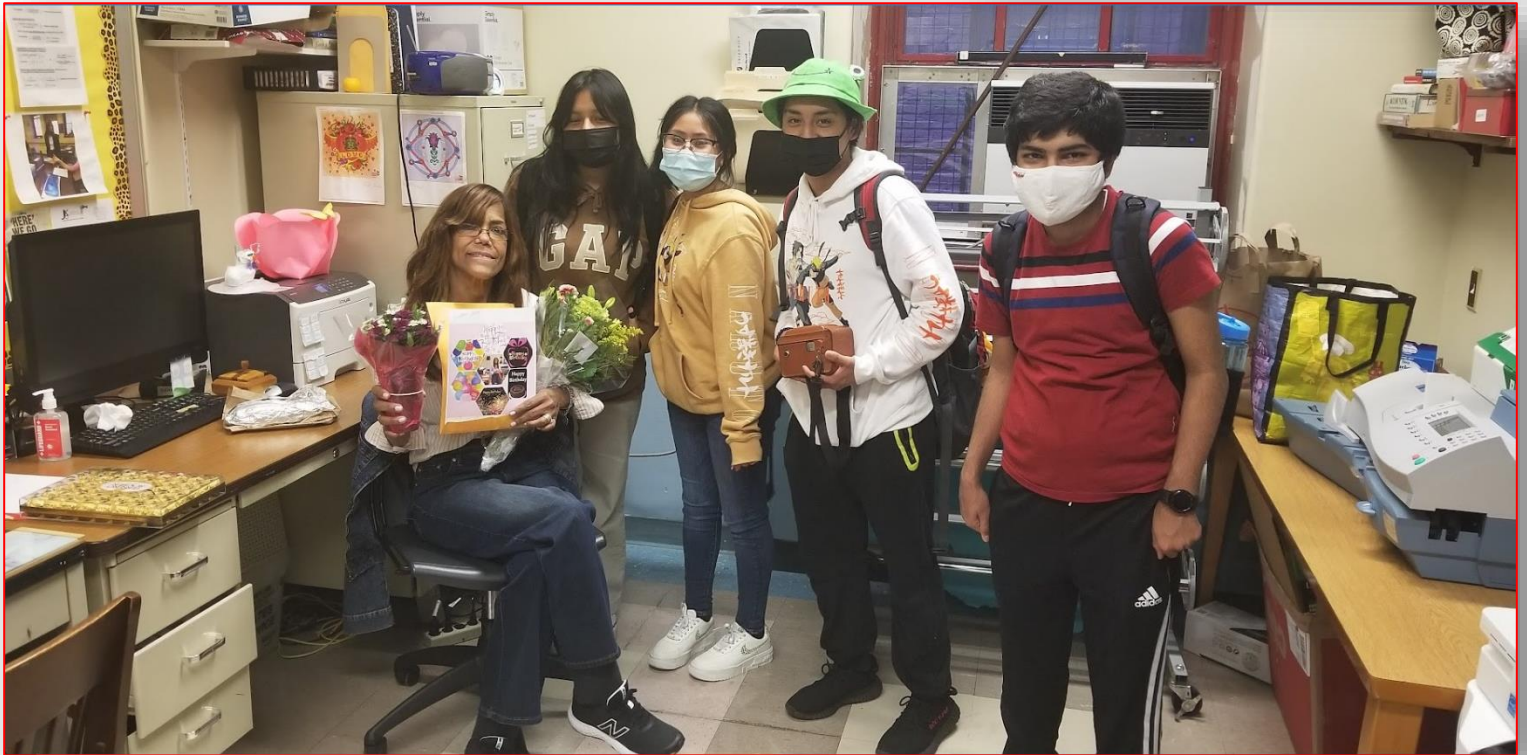
INSIDE OUT PROJECT
IS HOSTING A
PHOTO BOOTH TRUCK IN
TIMES SQUARE!!



 In the
Spotlight

Happy Birthday to Ms. Jimenez, everyone's grandmother!!!

We love you Ms. Jimenez!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



On Friday, October 14th, JKO staff and students took part in the Inside Out Project. Ms. De Gregorio and the NHS students spearheaded this event. THANK YOU!!! See below:

The Inside Out Project is a platform that helps communities around the world to stand up for what they believe in and spark global change locally. Group Leaders create their Actions by displaying large-scale black and white portraits of members from their community in public spaces. Together, they create a work of public art! Gather 50 or more participants that stand behind a message you are passionate about and paste your portraits in your community.

Our Message created by NHS students:

Our school is...
Our school is a safe space,
Our school is where opportunities start,
Our school is our home away from home,
Our school is where voices are heard,
Our school is where you find no judgment,
Our school is our second family,
Our school is where our imperfections are our greatest strengths



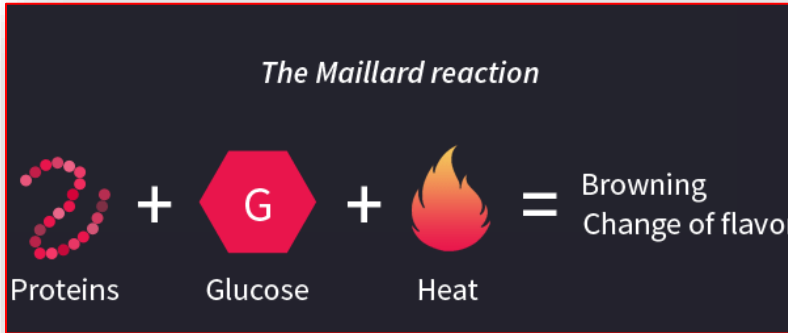




Development Of Chicken Flavor Through Maillard Reaction

Presented By:
 Dineah D. Shinde
 Rashmi G. Tilhe
 V. Sandara la ksoni

On Tuesday, October 11th, the Cooking Club met after school. There students learned how to cook using the sous vide method and then learned about the malliard reaction. As a protein students used chicken and potatoes as starch. The next task is to make pasta from scratch with Italian signature sauces; Alfredo and Marinara. Bon appetite!!!

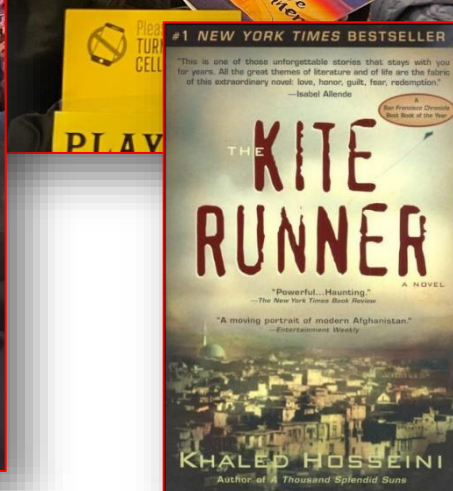


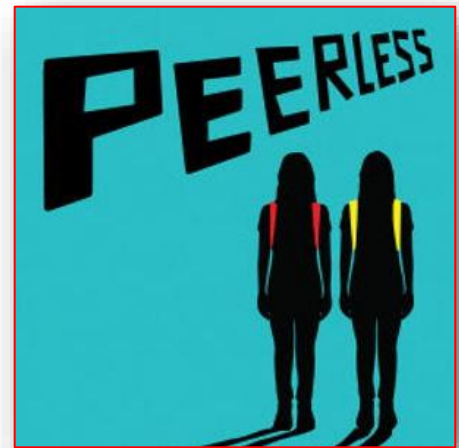
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A message from Ms. Nicoletta:

On Thursday, October 20, the AP Lit students went to see the play version of Khalid Hosseini's award winning novel, "The Kite Runner." The students are reading the text independently and we're able to visualize the story they've been reading. See photos below!

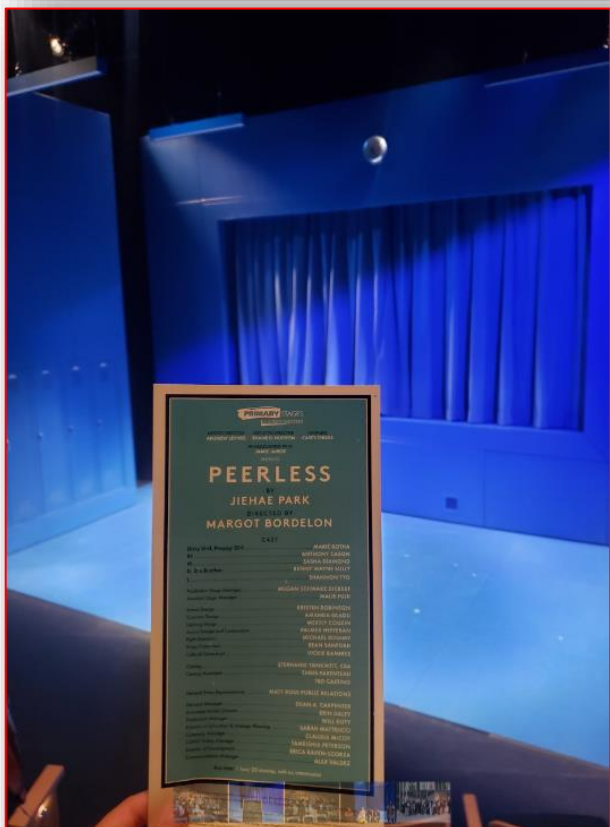
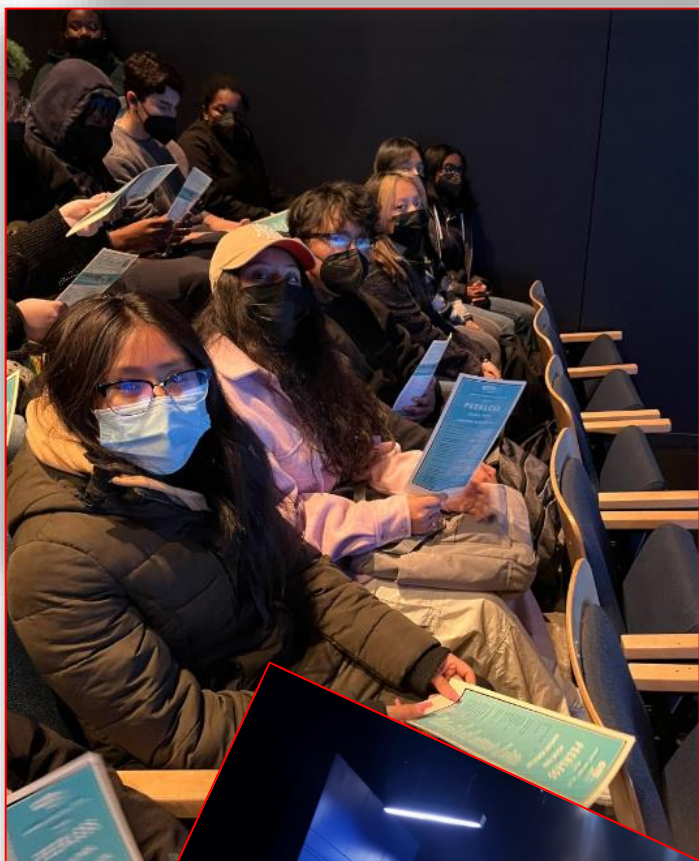
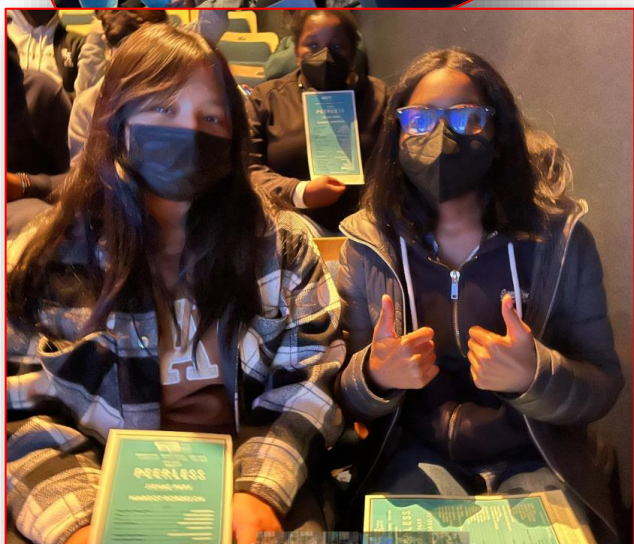




A message from Ms. Nicoletta:

On Wednesday, October 19, the AP Lit and SLAM! Students went to see 59E59's production of "peerless." The production was a modernization of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" and was based around the pressures of the college admissions process. We went for the students to experience how traditional literature inspires modern work. The students also had the opportunity to ask questions to the cast. See photos below!







JKO
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Spotlight



On Tuesday, October 18th, the Cooking Club learned how to make pasta, Alfredo, and marinara sauce from scratch. The end result was a yummy meal for our students!!!





JKO made the global finals! We're going to Abu Dhabi!!! Sonia Domlan, Fatima Koita, and Yanin Thammaarangsri's designs earned these spots. To put it into perspective, the only other U.S. school to make it is in Rhode Island. Now we compete globally...and our kids get to go!!! Thank you Ms. DeGregorio for spearheading this!!!



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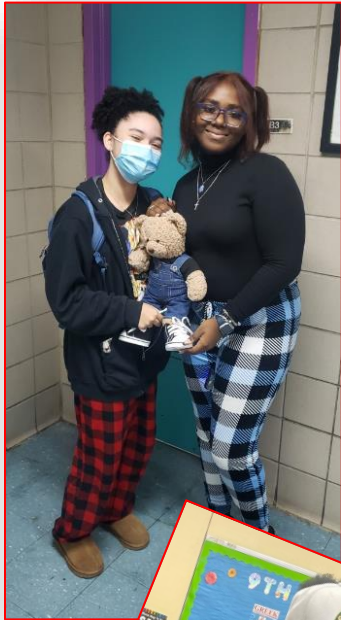
On the week of October 24th, JKO had a Spirit Week as well as Slime Creation, and Haunted Catch activities. Thank you to Ms. Okwabi and Ms. Kadison for spearheading these events!!!



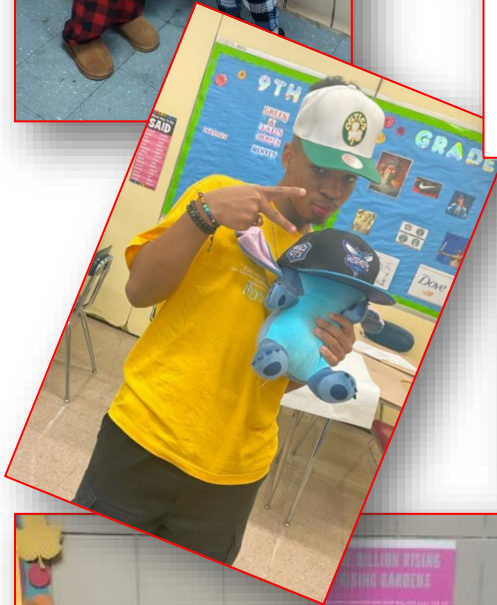
TRICK OR TREAT
HALLOWEEN IS COMING

SLIME CREATION Date: 10/26 Time: 2:50 pm Room: LAB 311	HAUNTED CATCH Date: 10/27 Time: 2:50 pm Room: GYM
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SPiRiT WEEK



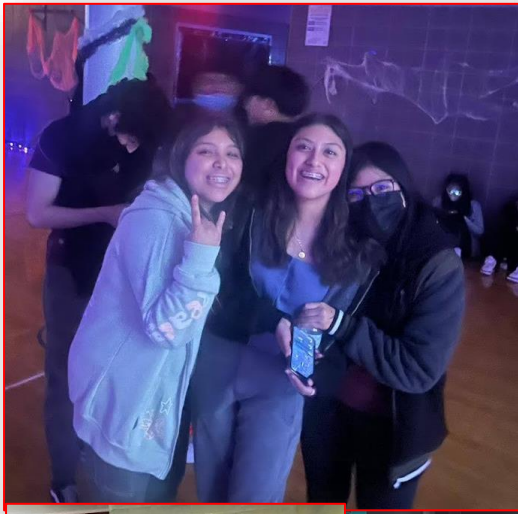


In the JKO Spotlight



On Friday, October 28th, we had our annual Haunted House and Halloween Dance. Students had scary good fun!!! A big thank you to all the NHS students, Ms. DeGregorio, Ms. Okwabi, Ms. Kadison, and all of the other members of our school community (staff, former and current students) who made this happen. A special thank you to our Parent Association, Ms. Conte (President) and Ms. Romano, who volunteered to help with the events. See pictures below:





In the ^{JKO} Spotlight



On Thursday, October 27th, Ms. Kadison conducted Movie Night. Students viewed Hocus Pocus 2. Thanks Ms. Kadison for ensuring that our students had a wonderful time!!!

