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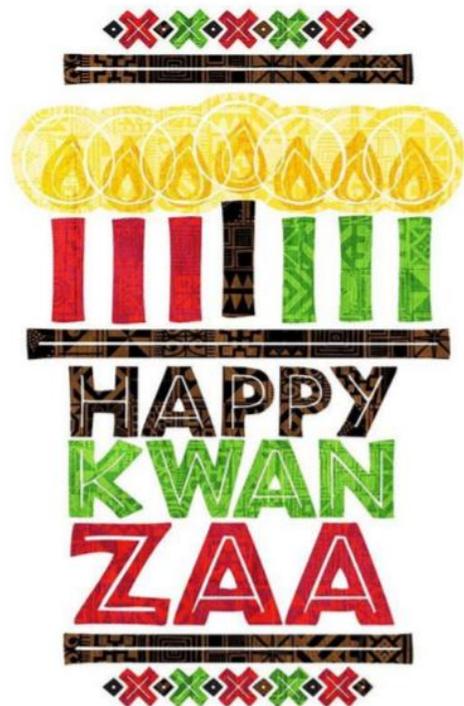
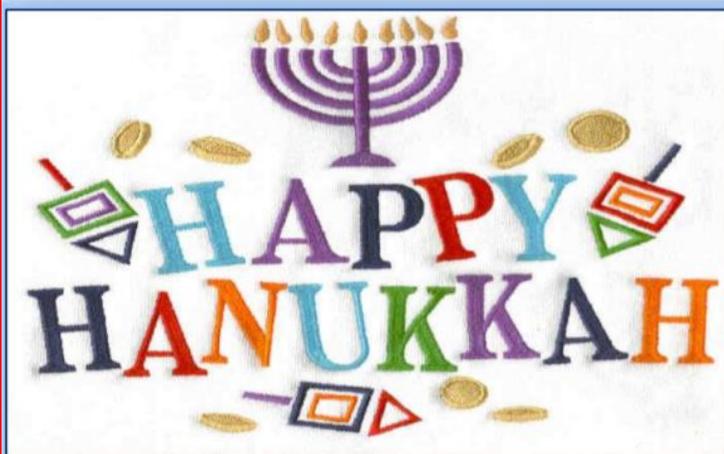
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2022-23 Parent Newsletter #4



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 #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: 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 from December 26th to January 2nd due to the winter break/recess.
- On December 19th, we will conduct a workshop on how to read a transcript. This will take place at 6 pm and will be facilitated by Mr. Vincent.
- We will conduct a Winter Festival on Friday, December 16th. Stay tuned for more information.
- NYS Regents exams will be administered in January to students who are retaking one of those exams or to students who need the exam for graduation. In other words, not all students will be scheduled to take an exam. Regents invitations will be given to students next week and mailed out with report cards for the second marking period. Below please find the January regents schedule. Students are not required to be in attendance during Regents week. They are allowed to be in the building, however, if they have an activity they plan to engage in (e.g., tutoring, club, etc.)

January 2023 Regents Examination Schedule

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

TUESDAY, January 24	WEDNESDAY, January 25	THURSDAY, January 26	FRIDAY, January 27
9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m.
English Language Arts	Geometry	Global History and Geography II	Physical Setting/Chemistry Physical Setting/Earth Science
1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	Uniform Admission Deadline
Living Environment	Algebra I Physical Setting/Physics*	Algebra II	Morning Examinations: 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations: 2:00 p.m.

*Available in Restricted Form only. Each copy of a restricted test is numbered and sealed in its own envelope and must be returned, whether used or unused, to the Department at the end of the examination period.

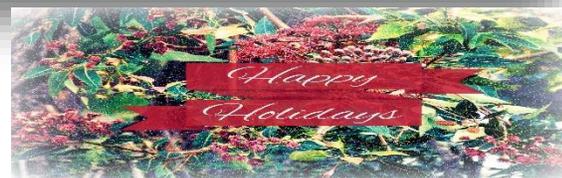
JRO SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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:**
 - **December 26th – January 2nd ; Students return to school January 3rd**
- ❖ **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.** You can schedule meetings with teachers on Tuesdays, please contact your child's school counselor.
- ❖ **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.**
- ❖ School Counselors continue to conduct in class workshops on various social, emotional, learning topics on a weekly and monthly basis.
- ❖ **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 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
BUSINESS	MS. NEWELL	WEDNESDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM	409

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

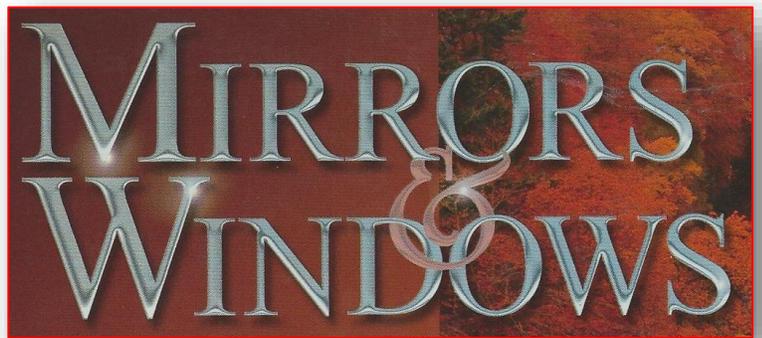
Ms. Niurkary Garcia, 9 & 10th Grade Counselor (212)391-0041 Ext. 5052

Email: NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov

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

Email: NVega11@schools.nyc.gov





Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please join us for a holiday gathering celebrating the creativity of our students on Thursday December 15, 2022, at 5:30 PM. We will be presenting "Windows and Mirrors; Behind the Glass" a theatrical storytelling program based on our students' lived experiences with family, friends, cultural identity and what it's like to feel like an "insider" or "outsider." This is the culmination of our classroom residencies with Strike Anywhere Performance Ensemble and Roundabout Theatre Company. The evening features writing and performances by our 9th grade ELA students and our Advanced Art *Smash Arts Productions* students, along with a sculpture gallery "In My Shoes" created by students in Studio Art. Our gathering will be catered by our very own Cooking Club under the direction of our principal Mr. Urena.

Tickets are \$5.00 and free for children 10 and under.

Dinner and gallery 5:30 PM

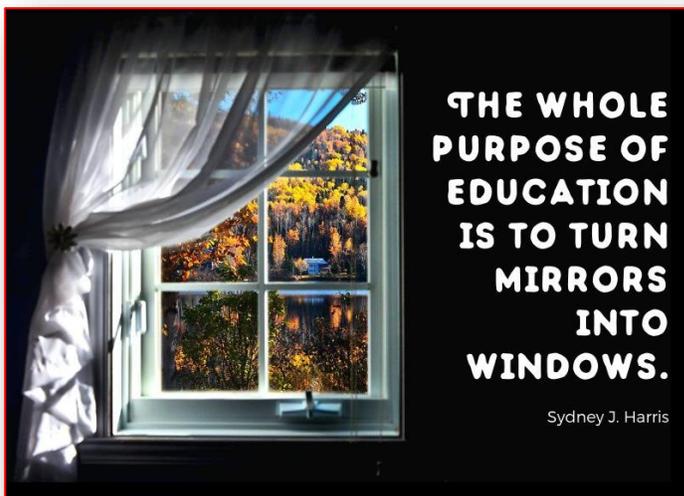
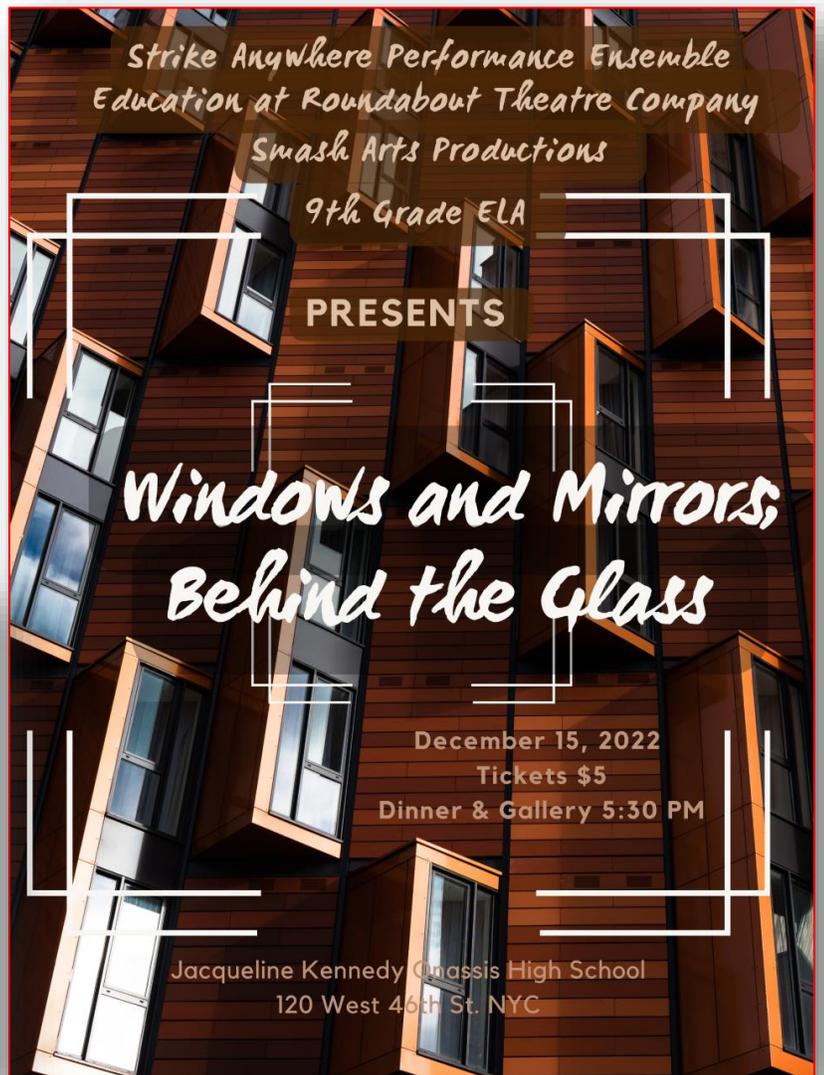
Show at 6:30 PM.

We hope you can join us for this special evening of community sharing, dinner, conversation, and art.

Please RSVP using the QR code by December 13.

Happy Holidays,

Ms. Nicoletta, Ms. Wicks, Ms. De Gregorio



In the JKO Spotlight



On Monday, November 28th, the Cooking Club learned how to make Mexican tacos comprised of pan seared chicken breast with Pico de Gallo, and Cotija cheese. It was scrumptious!!! A BIG thank you to Ms. Bernabel, Ms. Jimenez, and Ms. Acosta for helping facilitate!!!

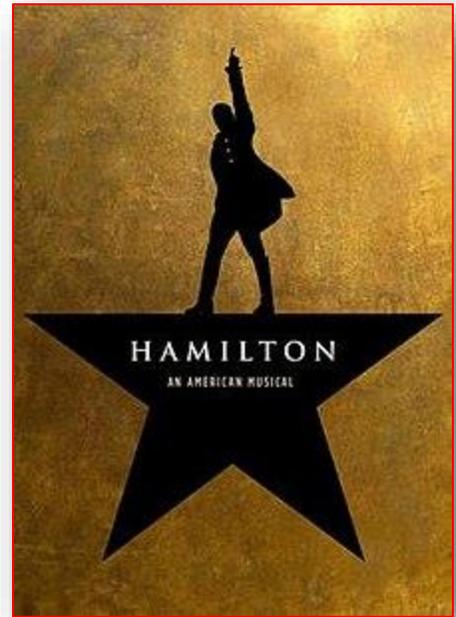


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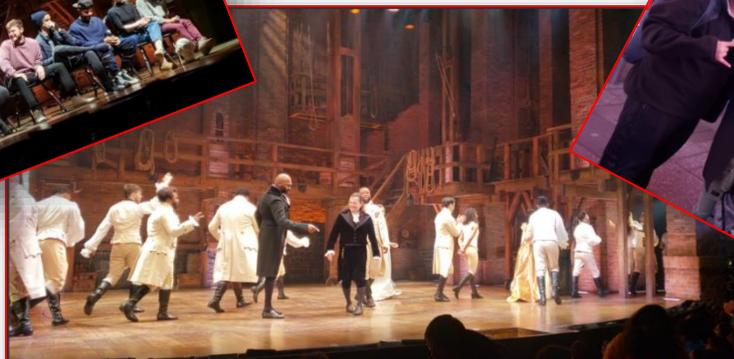
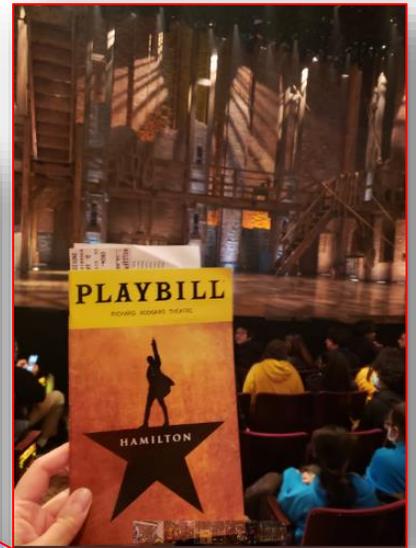
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A message from Ms. Kadison:

On Wednesday, November 16, 2022 JKO got to see the award winning Broadway show Hamilton. In collaboration with the Gilder Lehrman's EduHam program, students engaged in a unit study of Hamilton and the Founding era in their US History classes and then provided with the opportunity to see the show live. On show day, we had amazing seats in the very first section to the left of the stage where we could see every wrinkle, sweat, and tears from the cast. Serenity McFadden sang and rapped along to every lyric of the show and Kelly Lazo was lucky enough to get high fives from Aaron Burr and other actors.



A big thank you to Ms. Kadison for spearheading this trip!!!





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Congratulations to our Guardian Insurance team and Ms. McMahon for earning 3rd place at our recent competition!!! See email from Paul Presti, VE Regional Director.

Good afternoon Karen,

I want to personally congratulate you for your VE firm "**Guardian Insurance**" placing **3rd** in your division at the Lightning Business Pitch Challenge yesterday. Your team finished with an overall score of **15.175**, which was **1.3125 points lower** than the first-place team in your division. The average score among the first-place teams was **17.1725**. The average score among the top 15 teams was **16.1024**.

Paul

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Paul N. Presti

**New York Metro Area
Regional Director
Virtual Enterprises International, Inc.**



In the Spotlight



On Monday, November 21st, our Cooking club learned how to make Mac and Cheese with chicken. Additionally, they made mac and cheese and grape jelly meat balls as well for the staff potluck holiday dinner. A BIG thank you to all who contributed...we had a very enjoyable time. See pics below:





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Every Journey Needs a Guardian

JKO VE GUARDIAN INSURANCE VISIT



November 9, 2022

Congratulations to Erik Aspiroz, Isaiah Brevard, Kinverlin Cajilima, Cristal Garcia, Emily Harrygin, and Emely Sanchez for their winning last week's NASDAQ Business Planning Challenge sponsored by SuitUp.Org! A BIG thank you to Ms. McMahon for spearheading this trip and the training of our student business entrepreneurs!

On Wednesday, November 9th the Virtual Enterprise, Entrepreneurship, and selected CFM students were invited to visit Time Square Nasdaq's Marketsite to engage in a day of business planning activities and competition.

Hosted by and in partnership with  foundation, students were welcomed with a morning of meet and greet with SUITUP volunteers and Nasdaq mentor coaches - including executives from Finance, Marketing, Human Relations, Diversity, Equity, and Culture departments.

Students were divided into 4 teams:

Team 1: Erik Aspiroz, Isaih Brevard, Kinverlin Cajilima, Cristal Garcia, Emily Harrygin, Emely Sanchez

Team 2: Amira Abraham, Aya Esserghini, Janeth Flores, Shayla Mantilla, Melany Romero, Shawn Torres

Team 3: Sylvia Gutierrez, Anuva Singha, David Tellez, Elaysia Wells

Team 4: Jarolin Castillo Sosa, Marlon Clough, Estefani Mejia Jerez, Prem Rohilla

Challenge: Create an Investment Literacy App for Teens Business Plan Applying Product Description, Functions, Design, Market Segmentation, Marketing Mix, SWOT Analysis, Financial Highlights, and Outcomes.

Working under the guidance of their project mentors, students were fully engaged in their activities for 4 hours pausing only for a working lunch consisting of salads, pasta, pizza and desserts.

Once completed with their developments, each team entered the "Shark Tank" to present and pitch their product ideas to NASDAQ judges including Gabriel Hitt, Senior Director, Talent Attraction & Employer Brand and Jakayah Maxwell Digital Marketing Associate, New York who provided Glow and Grow feedback before announcing the winning team.

Highlight Comments from Nasdaq Judges Feedback Session:

Team 1: Great Job on Projections, Expense and Budget. Set up exceptions - may not want to solely on donations. Great Job!

Team 2: Loved the use of ad space and multi-tear view but consider how cost will change from year to year and external factors that impact cost. Excellent presentation!

Team 3: Loved differentiated and well developed departmental Marketing strategy. Would like to see more detail in the financial planning and cost. Overall Great Job!

Team 4: Loved the knowledge sharing of your platform; a smart way to connect. Would love to see more visuals on user experiences. Great job!

Drumroll... Winner Announcement

At the end of a most productive learning day, it was hearty Congratulations to TEAM 1: Erik Aspiroz, Isaih Brevard, Kinverlin Cajilima, Cristal Garcia, Emily Harrygin, and Emely Sanchez



Amazon online.

Before heading home to JKO, all groups were treated to a photo shoot in front of the opening bell podium.





In the Spotlight

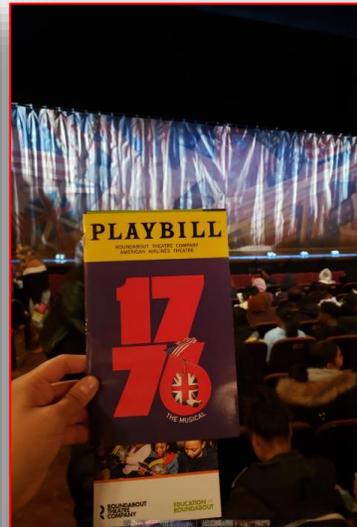
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A message from Ms. De Gregorio:

Students from Ms. Nicoletta and Ms. Wicks 9th grade ELA classes along with Ms. De Gregorio's Smash Arts Productions class went to see Roundabout Theatre Company's production of "1776." This modern adaptation re-envisions the story of our nation's founding fathers, and the creation of our Declaration of Independence, through a diverse cast of female and non-binary actors bringing to the forefront issues that still permeate our society today. Students also took part in a talk-back with the cast where they learned how artists today interpret historical material and how that impacts them as artists and human beings. Seeing the production was part of the Education at Roundabout Theatre Company residencies in 9th Grade ELA and in Advanced Art.



Thank you Ms. Nicoletta, Ms. Wicks, and Ms. De Gregorio for making this happen!!!





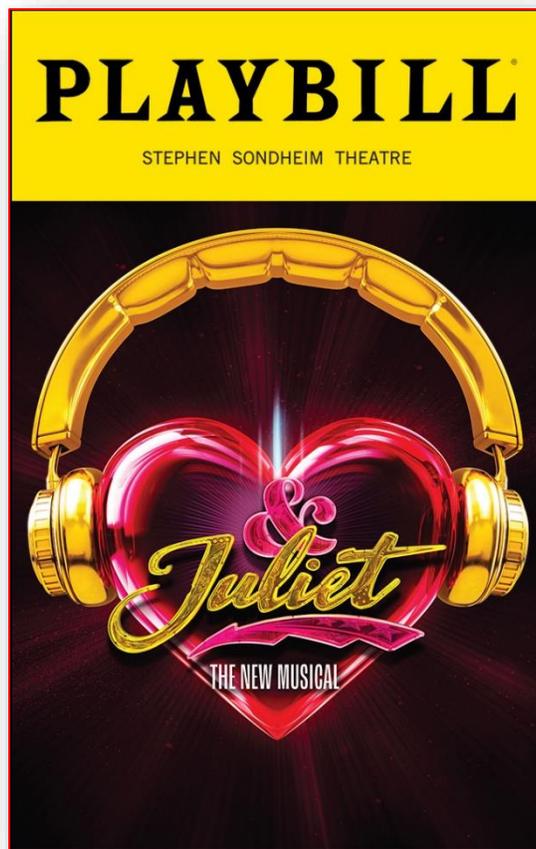


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On Thursday, November 10th, JKO students attended the Broadway show “& Juliet.” Thank you to Ms. Kadison for making this happen.

“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.”





Congratulations to all of our students who earned awards for Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, and Student of the Month, at our recent Awards Ceremony for the 1st marking period! A BIG thank you to Mr. Williams for spearheading this event.

1st Marking Period Award Ceremony

Recognizing the achievements of our students

November, 2022



Perfect Attendance 9th Grade 22%

Steven Almazo	Fatyn Hishamol	Yu Jie Wang
Josiah Arroyo	Mariama Jalloh	Isabella Yeung
Jean Chimbo	Jordy Juarez	Joshua Fernandez
Carissa Colon	Viannay Palafox	Lissett Hernandez
Admire Darden	Nixmaria Portillo Castilleja	
Nicole Flores	Kaveon Price	
Anandy Hernandez	John Sandoval	
Damian Hernandez	Valeria Torterolo	

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

Yu Jie Wang (97.78)
 Viannay Palafox (97.52)
 Damian Hernandez (95.88)
 Valeria Torterolo (95.83)
 Isabella Yeung (95.18)

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

Nicole Flores (93.17)
 Joseph Velo (91.08)
 Anandy Hernandez (90.60)
 Brandon Del Valle-Monte (90.17)

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

Darwin Hu (88.58)
 Faiza Ramia (87.67)
 Steven Almazo (85.33)

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

Viannay Palafox

“Viannay is a natural leader and dedicated student. She engages her classmates and ensures that everyone is learning along with her. She’s a light in the JKO student body and we’re fortunate to have here at JKO”

Ms. Nicoletta

Perfect Attendance
10th Grade
28%

Johann Abboud
Karelyn Bautista
Jarolin Castillo Sosa
Chigozie Duru
Janeth Flores
Narjis Gutierrez-Martinez
Serenity Guity
Vanessa Lema
Sandra Lopez
David Tellez

Nehemiah Toliver
Victoria Toovi
Yoselyn Torres-Yanez
Daisy Uzcha-Loja
Anghelyz Vazquez
Camilo Castillo
Helen Padilla Hernandez
Stuart Sanchez Flores

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

David Tellez (98.12)

Anuva Singha (96.42)

Leslie Correa (95.93)

Johann Abboud (95.58)

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

Karelyn Bautista (92.68)

Deisy Quezada (92.68)

10th Grade Honor Roll
Achieving an average of 85-89.99%

Victoria Toovi (89.07)

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

Vanessa Lema

“Vanessa is always prepared and a delight to have in class. She participates and shares her insights which help move conversations along and influences her peer’s thought. In addition, she is always ready, willing, and able to assist others.”

Ms. Wicks

Perfect Attendance
11th Grade
21%

Alfredo Vidal
Santiago Aguilar
Erik Aspiroz
Sonia Domlan
Aya Esserghini
Cassidy Jacob
Brendan Martin
James Romano
Rahimatou Sore
Graciela Flores Galindo

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

Estefani Mejia Jerez (96.25)
Aya Esserghini (95.86)
Evelyn Ortiz-Carpio (95.13)

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

Anissa Ruiz (94.80)
Leighana Plourde (93.67)
Carolina Vile (93.20)
Cassidy Jacob (92.75)

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

Cristal Garcia (100.85)
Cyrus Hernandez (99.98)
Alexander Fernandez (98.94)
Cathleen Conte-Marrero (97.80)

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

Isaiah Brevard (92.58)
Kaliyah Jones (91.27)

Perfect Attendance
12th Grade
16%

Cathleen Conte-Marrero
Cristal Garcia
Kaliyah Jones
Juan Pacheco Romero
Keiara Reddick
Eloy Romero
Kaylie Emanuel

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

Angelina Sosa

"Angelina frequently gives her spare time after school to the community. She helped build sets for the haunted house and purchased decorations for the dance. In addition, she did not want to be reimbursed- she wanted to donate her time and resources for the community".

Ms. De Gregorio

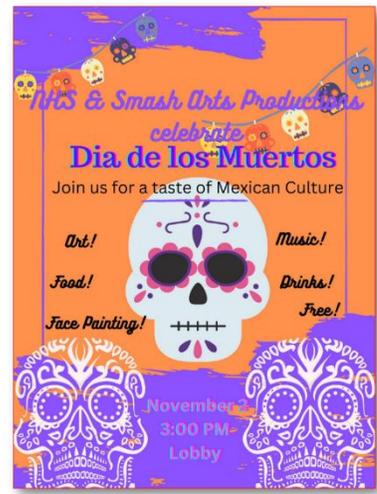
Student Awards

Congratulations!



In the Spotlight

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A message from Ms. DeGregorio:

On Wednesday, November 2nd, NHS & Smash Arts Productions celebrated Dia de los Muertos. JKO had a taste of Mexican culture in the lobby. There was an assortment of delicious Mexican breads, chips, salsa, candies, treats, drinks, music, art and face painting. This holiday honors and remembers loved ones. See pictures of the event below:

