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2022-23 Parent Newsletter #6

February is Black History Month. In honor of this event I will dedicate this space to highlighting a prominent Black leader. This week we will focus on Thurgood Marshall.

Thurgood Marshall—perhaps best known as the first African American Supreme Court justice—played an instrumental role in promoting racial equality during the civil rights movement. As a practicing attorney, Marshall argued a record-breaking 32 cases before the Supreme Court, winning 29 of them. In fact, Marshall represented and won more cases before the high court than any other person. During his 24-year term as Supreme Court justice, Marshall’s passionate support for individual and civil rights guided his policies and decisions. Most historians regard him as an influential figure in shaping social policies and upholding laws to protect minorities.

Education

Thurgood Marshall was born on July 2, 1908, in Baltimore, Maryland. His father, William Marshall, was a railroad porter, and his mother, Norma, was a teacher.

After he completed high school in 1925, Marshall attended Lincoln University in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Just before he graduated, he married his first wife, Vivian “Buster” Burey.

Marshall decided to attend Howard University Law School, where he became a protégé of the well-known dean, Charles Hamilton Houston, who encouraged students to use the law as a means for social transformation.

In 1933, Marshall received his law degree and was ranked first in his class. After graduation from Howard, Marshall opened a private practice law firm in Baltimore.

Did you know? Thurgood Marshall argued thirty-two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, more than anyone else in history.

Life as a Lawyer

In 1935, Marshall’s first major court victory came in *Murray v. Pearson*, when he, alongside his mentor Houston, successfully sued the University of Maryland for denying a Black applicant admission to its law school because of his race.

Shortly after this legal success, Marshall became a staff lawyer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and was eventually named chief of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Throughout the 1940s and 1950s, Marshall was recognized as one of the top attorneys in the United States, winning 29 of the 32 cases he argued before the Supreme Court.

Some of Marshall's notable cases included:

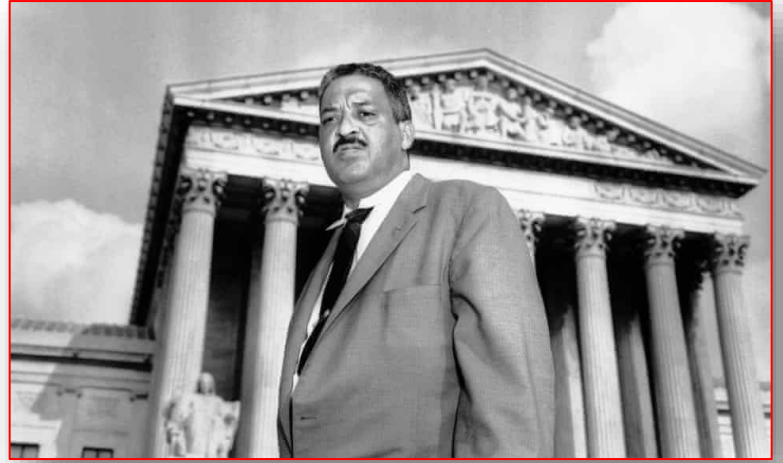
Chambers v. Florida (1940): Marshall successfully defended four convicted Black men who were coerced by police into confessing to murder.

Smith v. Allwright (1944): In this decision, the Supreme Court overturned a Texas state law that authorized the use of whites-only primary elections in certain Southern states.

Shelley v. Kraemer (1948): The Supreme Court struck down the legality of racially restrictive housing covenants.

Sweatt v. Painter (1950): This case challenged the "separate but equal" doctrine of racial segregation that was put in place in the Plessy v. Ferguson (1896) case and set the stage for future legislation. The court sided with Heman Marion Sweatt, a Black man who was denied admission to the University of Texas School of Law due to his race even though he had the option of "separate but equal" facilities.

Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka (1954): This landmark case was considered Marshall's greatest victory as a civil-rights lawyer. A group of Black parents whose children were required to attend segregated schools filed a class-action lawsuit. The Supreme Court unanimously ruled that "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."



Supreme Court Appointment

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy appointed Marshall to the U.S. Court of Appeals, and in 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson made him the first Black Solicitor General. It was clear the successful attorney was well on his way to making a case for a Supreme Court nomination.

Thurgood Marshall Quotes

Some of Marshall's best-known quotes include:

"In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute."

"To protest against injustice is the foundation of all our American democracy."

"You do what you think is right and let the law catch up."

"History teaches that grave threats to liberty often come in times of urgency, when constitutional rights seem too extravagant to endure."

"Racism separates, but it never liberates. Hatred generates fear, and fear once given a foothold binds, consumes and imprisons. Nothing is gained from prejudice. No one benefits from racism."

"The measure of a country's greatness is its ability to retain compassion in times of crisis."

"None of us got where we are solely by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps. We got here because somebody — a parent, a teacher, an Ivy League crony or a few nuns — bent down and helped us pick up our boots."

PARENT COORDINATOR CONNECTIONS

From the Desk of the
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Ms. Bernabel

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Announcements

PTA/SLT Meetings: PTA/SLT meetings will be held on the following dates: 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.

The Parent Association will provide two parent workshops in March; Motivation & Goal Setting and Time Management. We will provide further information on these workshops in the upcoming days. Both workshops will be held in Spanish as well.

The following are the key dates of the spring semester:

Marking Period Start	Marking Period End
1 st Marking Period 1/31	3/20
2 nd Marking Period 3/21	5/8
3 rd Marking Period 5/9	6/21

Spring 2023 **Non Attendance Days**-The following is a list of the days that classes are **NOT** in Session:

MIDWINTER RECESS	2/20/23 - 2/24/23
SPRING RECESS	4/06/23 - 4/14/23
EID AL-FITR	4/21/23
MEMORIAL DAY`	5/29/23
ANNIVERSARY DAY	6/08/23
REGENTS WEEK	6/14/23 - 6/23/23

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place **virtually** on the following dates and times:

March 23 Evening (5:00-8:00 pm), **March 24** Afternoon (12:00-2:30 pm), and **May 18** Evening (5:00-8:00 pm)

In order to help your child succeed and flourish during the spring semester we ask that you review the list of school expectations found below:

Punctuality:

Please note that classes begin at 8:20 am. Students should report to school at least ten minutes prior to their first class in order to put their coats in their lockers, use the rest rooms and be in their classroom to start the educational process. Losing valuable class time can sometimes

lead to failed classes. Breakfast is available to students from 7:30 a.m. until 8:10 a.m. Students are not permitted to eat in the classroom, so if your child is bringing breakfast to school, they must arrive in time to eat and be in their first period class on time.

Attendance:

Good attendance is essential for students to succeed. A missed day at school is a missed opportunity for learning to take place. Please review your child's attendance and report to us any absences for medical reasons.

Prepared for School:

All students should come prepared for school each day with their notebooks, loose-leaf paper and subject dividers. Students are expected to take notes, write down homework assignments and dates of upcoming quizzes. Please check your child's notebook and school issued agenda books on a regular basis to see that s/he is keeping up with this task as students are graded on its upkeep. Check to see if they have homework and are doing it.

Report Cards:

Report cards are distributed three (3) times a semester. Please review the dates listed above.

Dress Code:

Please be aware of the dress code.

Dress Code –

- a. Male students are not permitted to wear their pants below their waist.
- b. Female students are not permitted to wear short-shorts, mini-skirts, see through apparel or low cut tops. All tops must cover the midriff.
- c. No headwear is permitted in the building (hats, scarves, du-rags, etc.)

Pupil Path:

DOE My Grades is an online grading tool used by teachers to record assignments, grades and attendance. Parents and students can access updates of all classroom information through the parent/student NYC MySchools account which can be access at the following site: <https://www.myschools.nyc/en/account/log-in/>. We encourage you to check your child's progress on a weekly basis to ensure that he/she is on track. Feel free to contact Ms. Bernabel, our Parent Coordinator, with questions regarding registration at ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov or simply call the school number.

Change of Information:

Please inform our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Bernabel of any changes in address or telephone numbers. If an emergency occurs or a teacher is trying to get in touch with you, we need your most current information.

Cell Phone Policy & Electronic Devices:

The use of cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems at school is subject to the restrictions below.

- Cell phones and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used during the administration of any school quiz, test or examination.
- Computing devices may not be turned on or used during the administration of any school quiz, test or examination, except where such use has been explicitly authorized by the school or is contained in an Individualized Education Program or Section 504 Accommodation Plan.
- Use of cell phones, computing devices, portable music and entertainment systems and other electronic devices during the administration of state standardized examinations is governed by State Education Department Rules.
- Cell phones, computing devices and portable music and entertainment systems may not be turned on or used during school fire drills or other emergency preparedness exercises.
- Cell phones, computing devices, and portable music and entertainment systems may not be used in locker rooms or bathrooms.

Cell phones, computing devices, portable music and entertainment systems may be used as set forth below consistent with Regulation A-413:

During the school day:

- May not be turned on or used during instructional time, except for instructional and educational purposes with the explicit approval of the teacher.
- May be used during the following non-instructional times of the school day: Lunch periods in the following designated areas: School Cafeteria.

Confiscation and return of electronic items:

Measures will be instituted in a progressive fashion. Such measures may include, but are not limited to:

- Warnings.
- Confiscation of item and return at end of school day.
- Confiscation of item and return following parent conference.
- Confiscation of item and return following student entering into behavioral contract.
- Revocation of privilege to bring item to school.

Lockers:

Every student must have a locker. Coats, metro cards, wallets, iPods, etc., can easily be lost if not placed in a locker. The following staff member is responsible for lockers: **AP Williams (Cwillia11@schools.nyc.gov)**.

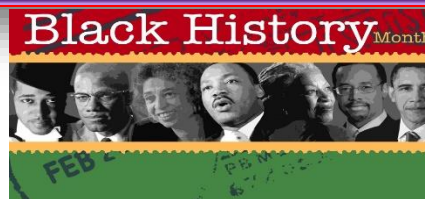
JRO SCHOOL COUNSELOR

CONNECT



From the counseling department:

- ❖ **If your child is or will be absent**, please contact Ms. Garcia (9-10th Grade Students) at ext. 5052 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 ; or 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.**
- ❖ **Respect For All Week – February 13th-17th** : Our community will participate in various activities that promote respect for diversity, promote acceptance and understanding for all people, and focus on preventing bullying, intimidation, and bias-based harassment. Every day will be a different theme that coincides with various attire and activities.
- ❖ **Students have No School:**
 - **Mid-Winter Recess – February 20th – 24th ; Students return to school February 27th**
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ School Counselors continue to conduct in class workshops on various social, emotional, learning topics on a weekly and/or monthly basis.
- ❖ **During the cold weather, 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.**



<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
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

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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



class of **2023**

Recently JKO held its annual Senior Hoodies Day. A BIG thank you to the Parent Association for funding this year's senior hoodies!!! See pics below...





STUDENTS of the MONTH



Congratulations to the Students of the Month (SOM) for November and December!!! We are proud of each and every one of you!!! The SOM received a pizza party as well as gift cards. Keep up the great work JKO!

December

9th: Lisett Hernandez
10th: Deisy Quezada
11th: Erik Aspiroz
12th: Cathleen Conte-Marrero



November

9th: Damian Hernandez
10th: Anuva Singha
11th: Sylvia Gutierrez
12th: Cristal Garcia



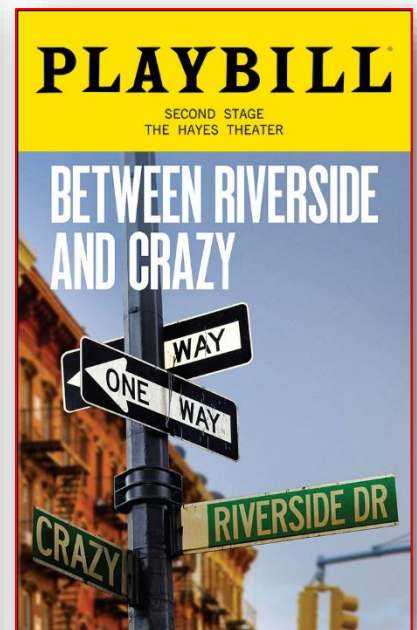


A message from Ms. De Gregorio:

On January 11 students went to see the Pulitzer Prize winning play “Between Broadway and Crazy” at the 2nd Stage Theater.

“City Hall is demanding more than his signature, the landlord wants him out, the liquor store is closed — and the Church won’t leave him alone. For ex-cop and recent widower Walter “Pops” Washington (Stephen McKinley Henderson) and his recently paroled son Junior (Common), the struggle to hold on to one of the last great rent stabilized apartments on Riverside Drive collides with old wounds, sketchy new houseguests, and a final ultimatum in this Pulitzer Prize-winning dark comedy from Stephen Adly Guirgis.”

Students also participated in an intimate talkback with the cast after the show.





On January 11th, in partnership with the producers of Topdog | Underdog, JKO hosted, an intimate chat with Yahya Abdul-Mateen II and Corey Hawkins for 200 teens in person. The conversation/chat were streamed live for a few thousand other NYC students who saw the show. There was dedicated time for an interactive Q&A chat for those joining. A special thanks to Peter Avery, NYCDOE Theater Director, and Ms. D for making this happen!!!





In the Spotlight

Prior to the holiday break Ms. Acosta (Superwoman/Do It All Secretary), Ms. Vega-Beltran (Bat woman/School Counselor), and Ms. Garcia (Wonder woman/School Counselor) had our migrant students fill out their wish list for the holidays. Next, they went above and beyond by purchasing and wrapping the gifts for the students. The students and their families were invited for a luncheon at the school where the gifts were tendered to them with great fanfare, enthusiasm, and gratitude. Thank you to Ms. Vega-Beltran, Ms. Garcia, and Ms. Acosta for spearheading this!!!



In the Spotlight

JK Cooking CLUB

EST. 2021

On Tuesday, January 10th, the Cooking Club was led by Carolina Vile. She facilitated the class of students in making cheese steak sandwiches as well as buffalo chicken rolls-AMAZING!!! THANK YOU Carolina!!! A special thank you to Ms. Acosta, Ms. Bernabel, and Ms. Jimenez for always helping and supporting the cooking club!!!

See pics below...






A message from Ms. De Gregorio:

JKO has been participating in the *DiverCity Lens Photography* program for over 8 years. The program is made up of a consortium of art teachers from 16 schools across all five boroughs under the direction of Zion Ozeri, photographer and founder of the program. It challenges students to see beyond the surface and to find meaning in a single moment. It is about the relationship between image and text. This year's theme was "In the Moment." 4 student photographers will represent JKO at the end of year gallery with the other schools. We wanted to share the digital gallery with you. If you'd like, please send me your thoughts on which photographers expressed the theme best through their photograph and writing.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1mX76FyIVchfbxFUIMj061YguAQ331q00teLtvF57KCI/edit?usp=sharing>



DiverCity Lens
“In the Moment”

Ms. De Gregorio 2023

Photo by Carissa Alanna Colon



No more distractions

My house 2023

Aaliyah Jimenez (Ally) grade 11

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Darkness, fire, peace, and quite. No more distractions. No more running away from your problems. No more procrastination. No more giving up. Set the mood, enjoy your time, and live in the moment. This is your time to stop and focus. Trust your gut, do that essay, learn a new skill. This is your time to stop and focus, believe in yourself, think of how you can start that business, start studying the future career you've been wanting to chase. Stop procrastinating. Get started. Darkness, fire, peace, and quite. No more...distractions.

This image is in the moment because I was behind on almost class, I needed to get out of my head, I needed to stop procrastinating and get my work done. I'm a junior I can't be behind, I realized it was time to stop joking around and start taking things seriously therefore, I set the mood and canceled out all distractions and there it was.. "No more distractions"



Promises VS. Forever

NYC train station 2023

Aaliyah Jimenez (Ally) grade 11

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

What are promises really.. A swear? Something to be kept or something to be broken? Something to convince someone.. Something to get some believe you simply because it's all they want to hear..? "a declaration or assurance that one will do a particular thing or that a particular thing will happen." but how do they know that...do they even know that? Promises & the word "forever" is kind of the same thing if you really think of it isn't it? No matter how much a person might mean it, no matter how genuine a person might be or sound.. Both promises & forever have expiration dates. Eventually it will fade away.

This image is in the moment because prior to this image I was going insane trying to figure out where my promise ring was because I had remembered putting it on the morning of but once I got on the train I realized it was not on my finger. I took this image to show my bestie that I had found it and I was panicking for no reason.



2008

Elder Avenue, Bronx 2022

Artist: Nicole Flores Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

I am constantly reminded of how my home is a warm sanctuary for me to always confide in as I make my way back to the house where I have resided for the previous years. I'm mindful that no matter what challenges I encounter outside of myself, all I need to do is return to the neighborhood where I spent my early years. Even if others could view this street differently than I do, I confidently say that I have countless memories from it. I know that the world can rain, but at the end of the day, beautiful rainbows can form from this rain.



My Future Perfect, Our Future Perfect

39th Street, 10th Avenue, Manhattan 2023

Artist: Nicole Flores Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

The words ***Future Perfect*** refer to an English verb tense that is frequently used to express events that are anticipated to occur in the future. When I think of my future, I think of my present self first, then the person I want to think about in the future. I never think about the past, because the past is something that I have already fully left behind. Not only do I think about myself, but I also think about others who I am close to. We can all advance to our ideas of our perfect futures through our determination, skills and capabilities. I can work towards my definition of a perfect future, but can you also work towards yours?



Free

The Bronx, New York

2023

Artist: Nixzmary Portillo, 9th grade

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

This photo is of my paternal half-sister a few days prior to her 1st birthday. I snapped it as we were in a cab heading home. I never expected to have another sibling again after my younger brother. It took a bit getting adjusted but it's one of the best things quarantine has granted me. I like to think that this photo captures the freedom and happiness a baby experiences. As the night flashes by, my sister remains free as can be.



Elder Avenue

Elder Avenue, The Bronx, NY

2023

Artist: Nixzmary Portillo, 9th grade

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Ever since I was a year old, I've lived in Elder Avenue - a stop on the 6 train. I took this photo through a window from the Elder Avenue train station. This photo captures the vibe of Elder. It's not too loud nor too quiet, too crowded nor too small. It's always been just adequate and right.

Unusual Dining

Midtown

Artist: Jean Chimbo Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

A cuy, or guinea pig, is shown in this image. Since not many cultures have eaten this kind of animal, my family, who comes from Ecuador, is recognized for doing so. This shows how unique we are. Despite the fact that we are unique, we should not feel ashamed or embarrassed about who we are.



Everyday

Midtown

Artist: Jean Chimbo Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

This building makes me think about the daily problems I face. I was a pretty small kid, and nearly everyone I met was taller than I was. I tried everything to get taller, including playing sports, getting more sleep, and eating more, but I never grew. All my life, all I wanted was to be the same height as everyone else. In contrast, the building serves as a constant reminder of how short I am.



Purple Horizon

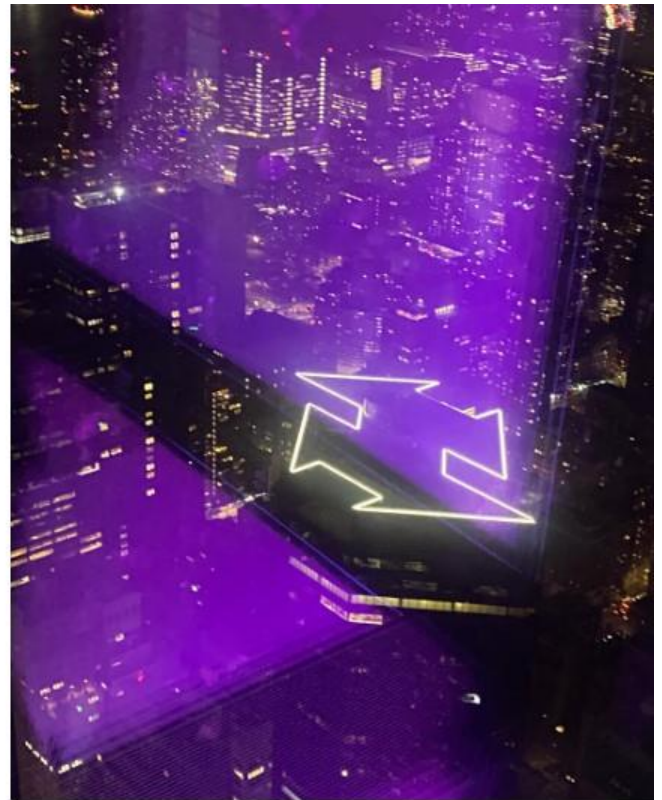
Downtown Manhattan

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Madisyne Lucas Grade 9

Art Teacher:Elisa De Gregorio

Purple is my favorite color. I enjoy seeing it shine brightly anywhere. Purple is the color of imagination and I believe that I have many imaginations flowing in my head. It represents wealth, peace, and nobility which I will conquer always.



High Night Sky

Downtown Manhattan

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High school

Madisyne Lucas Grade 9

Art Teacher:Elisa De Gregorio

Looking up from above at night you see many tall skyscrapers full of light. It brings joy for many to see you snap a photo as if the building says cheese. Using the form of night it was a better way to take a nice beautiful shot.

Colorful Sky

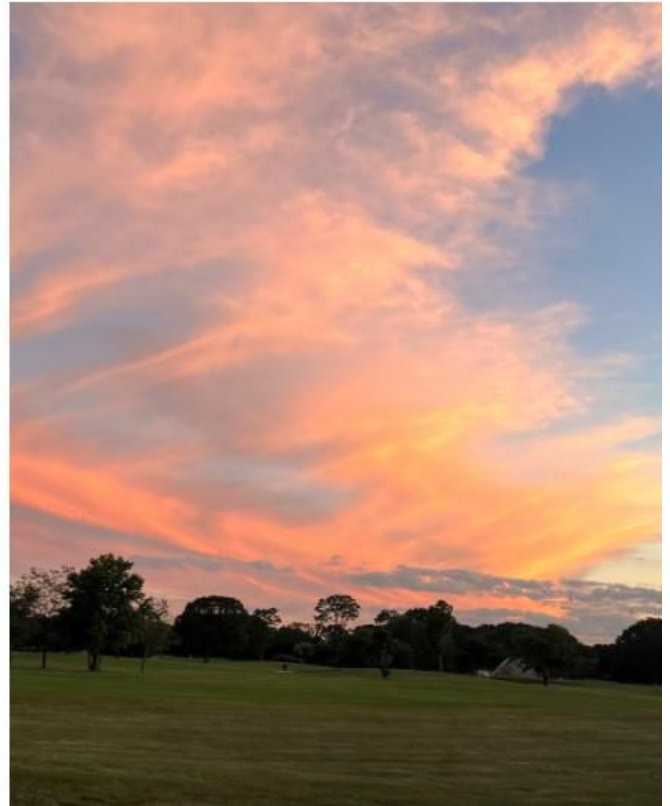
Eisenhower 2023

Artist: JuanCarlos Juarez, Grade 11

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

This picture is amazing because it reminds me of beautiful creation that nature has to give away. It gives off a peaceful feeling during the moment, birds chirping and wind blowing in your face while the sky is beautiful is amazing. Nature is beautiful in it's way but also dangerous.



Food

Mexican Food 2023

Artist: JuanCarlos Juarez, Grade 11

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

The quesadillas in this picture are delicious. I enjoy going to this diner place because they serve not the typical Mexican food you make at home but a different kind of food are from each culture that is in Mexico. I always order this other than any other food in the menu, it gives a different taste from quesadillas that are made at home. They are big and two won't even full me.





The Life Of An Observer

49 st subway station
Artist: Jannat Shupriti Grade 9
Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

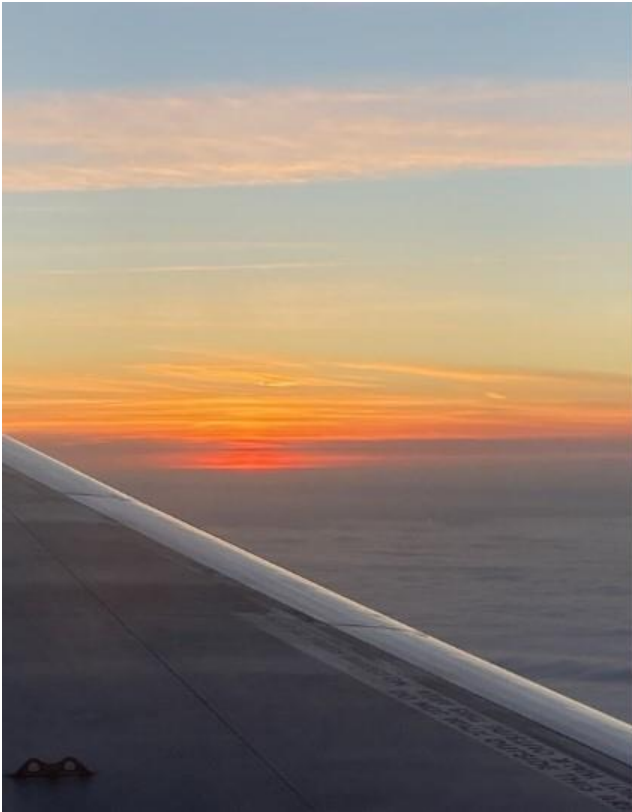
New York City, its train carries many memories from the past. We see many things upon the train. Always observing everything we see. Yet nothing new has come and happened, I wonder how long I'd have to keep travelling till the end of the train; until I reach the peak of my future life. When will the train stop forever?

Every Minute Could Be The Last

Rainey Park Queens
Artist: Jannat Shupriti Grade 9
Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School



Every moment should be captured, the happiest moments in life will last forever as memory. The sky, the feeling on sitting with nature and enjoying a peaceful, quiet moment of life I've always fantasized about. A most comforting and relaxing feeling, that matched perfectly with the sun, bright and beautiful. In this moment, in that very minute could've been the last time I feel like this. Sunsets always have been the beautifullest thing in the world, and it could sometimes end forever..



Gone

Artist:Laila Barrera Grade 10

Art Teacher:Ms.De Gregorio

Location:Plane 2022

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, High School

I dream of traveling the world, to see it in all different angles and perspectives, live in different places, to get away from everything, not have to worry about what's next. I want to travel the world and see the place we call earth, Yet there is so little time.



Alone

Artist:Laila Barrera Grade 10

Art Teacher:Ms.De Gregorio

Location: Hudson yards 2022

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, High School

I enjoy being alone. I like to walk home alone with my music, stay home alone on weekends. I like the quiet and time with myself, but i don't like being alone for too long where my bad thoughts and Anxiety take over. I like being Alone but I don't like feeling lonely.

A Way Out

Flushing Av 2022

Artist: Luci Rodriguez Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

Healing is not linear. Some days you'll feel like you've fully moved on then the next day all the pain will come flowing back. You can allow yourself to feel emotions. Sometimes it's hard to acknowledge emotions because it reminds you of hurt. Even when you feel like you're back to square one, you're not. Relapsing is a sign of healing, it's a sign of progress.



My Window Side Is Safer

1873 Harman St 2021

Artist: Luci Rodriguez Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

Being unhappy with how you live your life but not having the energy or motivation to change it is an exhausting loop of wasted time. Because it is a daily occurrence it has affected those who surround you. You realize it's better to look at them knocking at the front door through your window and not open it.





The Shining Light

Prospect Park 2022

Artist: Steven Almazo Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

This picture is one of my favorite pictures because of the sentimental value it holds. It was the time I went out with my friends and enjoyed the whole day and ended the great day with a nice sunset before we all went home afterward. It was a great picture because I used framing within a frame and symmetry to give a good look to the picture and made my subject 'Darwin' stick out more out of everything. It was an amazing view.



The Pure Blue Sea

Yankee Stadium 2022

Artist: Steven Almazo Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

The light blue sky that looked like a sea calm and relaxing and enough to soothe a person's soul from the sight of this sky. Drowning in its beauty as if you were to drown in water.



Everyone Has Those Moments

Times Square, New York

Artist: Skylla Hernandez, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Everyone has those moments when they
feel dull and sad

Everyone has those moments when they
feel happy and glad

Everyone has those moments where a
storm stumbles upon us

Everyone has those moments where
bright lights shine above us

Everyone has those moments when they
feel like giving up

Everyone has the moments when a bright
thought picks you up

Everyone has those moments so
don't feel alone

Everyone has those moments so
join me and my zone



Let Me Go

Utica, New York

Artist: Skylla Hernandez, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Let me go is a phrase that can be used in many different ways. Some are playful, some are serious, some even use it when you just want to be left alone. But in my case I'm referring to "Let me go" as wanting to be left alone with peace and quiet. Like how the snow falls so lightly from the clouds, so lightly you wouldn't know its snowing unless you look out. I chose this picture out of all the ones I have because not only is it peaceful and quiet, it's also beautiful. It shows me how beautiful it can be when you let peace into your life and how calming it can be.



Golden Essence

Bay Plaza Mall 2023

Artist: Jeremiah Jimenez, Grade 9

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School,
Manhattan

Art Teacher Elisa De Gregorio

When you overthink, your mind must
be cleared from all of those thoughts
and reach peace within yourself.



Lucid Dreams

White Plains 2023

Artist: Jeremiah Jimenez, Grade 9

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High
School, Manhattan

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Sometimes in life you see things
that draw your eyes in, and it
immediately clears your mind of
any worry or problem. It helps you
appreciate small things in life.



Place To Be

Bedford Park, Bronx 2023

Artist: Lissett Hernandez, 9th Grade

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

This location is one that not many people pass by daily. Although some people may think these stairs don't really have any use, this is one of my favorite spots in my neighborhood. Because of all the thoughts, troubles, issues, challenges that we have, sometimes it can stress us out and for some it's hard to get through that. Since not many people come by these stairs it's somewhere where I can be alone and have a moment to myself and get all stress and anxiety out for any issue I may be having. This is like a safe place for me.



Familiar Streets

Bedford Park, Bronx 2023

Artist: Lissett Hernandez, 9th Grade

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

You know when we were children, there were streets that you could almost daily pass by. These streets are mine. In these streets I spent my K-8th education in as you can see, there is a school to the left side. That was my school for 9 years. It really means a lot to me. That school is like my second home and family. These streets also lead to a park nearby in which I'd spend time with my family. Everyone has some type of connection with any street, even if we don't know what the connection is.



Manhattan

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis high School

Mukanmetkarim Zaid's Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Night streets are always lively and bright. Looking at the streets, the eyes break, they are all so colorful. The black sky and bright street lights look very beautiful and bewitching.



What Used To Be

Whitlock Avenue

Artist: Brandon Del Valle Monte, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

Around the 1900s New York City public housing was built to help low income families have a place to stay. These buildings all stood tall and they were seen as beautiful and an admirable thing. However as time slowly passed no one took proper care of these buildings and as a result many drug related crimes started to spiral. Now in 2023 these buildings are seen as a dull and dangerous place and it really shows how something used to be so beautiful became hopeless and gray.



Just Look Around

Bay Plaza Mall

Artist: Brandon Del Valle Monte, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

People normally pass by many cool things that might seem beautiful however people might not have the moment to look. This photo made me realize that the little things in this world are the most beautiful things if you just take the moment to look around. The way the red light reflects gives me a sign of comfort, even in a mall where there are people talking and crowds of people walking around this red light stays quiet. Everyone has a different way to show how their comfortable such as laying down or taking a walk, however if you take the moment to just look around you may be able to find a different way to express yourself.



Nothing Even Matters

Downtown, Manhattan

Artist: Diop Chinnery 10th grade

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

In life, you come across things that catches your attention and can make you feel like all of your worries and problems disappear. It teaches you to value life, even the little things can make a big difference.



Flashing Lights

Downtown, Manhattan

Artist: Diop Chinnery 10th grade

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

I travel to Times Square every day to get to school. Both in the morning and at night, I see Times Square. Regardless, the beauty of the lights never fails to impress me. It's a sizable area with a lot of lighting and foot flow. The center of both New York and my heart is Times Square.



Little Princess

Brooklyn, New York 2023

Artist: Kendall Jones, 9th Grade

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

The Little princess, the little girl you see is my niece on my older sister's side. I grew up in Atlanta Georgia, a small, quiet and full of love. A home not a house, which gave me comfort and warmth. Then all that turned upside down, when a fire took place and buried everything.

That's when my life in New York started, elementary school, middle school and now high school. I've always missed my little princess, a little girl who reminds me of a dreamer and I hope I can see in her eyes. Goodbye I tell you goodbye I say goodbye my little princess I say tonight.

Give It Another Try

Bronx-Crotona Park East
Artist: Evelyn Zeferino Grade 9
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan
Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Giving it another try might be your best or biggest mistake. It could also be the biggest lesson you can learn in your life. Sometimes you have to let go of people you think you love, and other times you have to prioritize your own well-being.



Take A Walk

W 44th St/Times Square
Artist: Evelyn Zeferino Grade 9
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School,
Manhattan Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

We often go through a lot that we all need a break. Sometimes you just want to step outside in the darkness of the night, look around, and reflect about things without doing anything. You may be comfortable at night with its deserted streets and chilly wind.





Light

Stanley Theater

Artist: Darvin Rincon, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

This was the first time that I have been to Stanley Theater and couldn't help but take pictures of everything around me. Everything about it was beautiful and it felt as if I was in a different world. The chandelier in the photo is supposed to represent the sun in the way it lights up the sky and the chandelier also represents the hope of a better and brighter future. Much like the way the way hope can shine in even the darkest of places, the chandelier is the the light that lights up even the darkest rooms.



The Lonely Castle

10 St Nicholas Pl, James Bailey house

Artist: Darvin Rincon, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis
High School

The rain plus the way the sky looks so dark and misty adds to the mystery of the photo. That, along with the fact that the house looks so much like a medieval castle, and is one, if not the only house that does so in New York.



Me And My Friends

Rockefeller center

Artist: Miguel Bernal Grade 9

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

This represents how I feel after school. I don't have friends, family, or anyone I talk to after school. It is not a sad feeling but it's just lonely. Loneliness is not a bad thing I like it but like everything, there is a downside. I don't tell anyone my problems and I don't have any male parent to look up to and my mom is always working. This is good tho. loneliness makes a person more stronger and independent. But most of the time it can drive a person insane to the point of suicide.



Depressing Repetition

Queens NY

Artist: Miguel Bernal Grade 9

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

I see this cat every day. It feels like he has been programmed to do the same thing every day and it makes me think about what he is thinking. Does he ever think of more than catching mice and sleeping? Is there any chance he can do something that could put him down in history as the best of its kind? All those thoughts are stupid because he will do the same thing every day and accomplish nothing in his life worthy enough of being proud of. He is in a loop that he will never get out of. Till the end of his days



Tropical Nostalgia

Peru, 2022

Valeria Torterolo, 9th Grade

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

This image on the left captures a moment in time that I will never forget. The hot sun, the cold water, and the thrill of risk. All the memories packed into one image. This image captures the moment right before a friend of mine hits the water. No worries, no thoughts, no responsibility, just you and the water and the earth.



Forest PhotoBomb

Uruguay, 2022

Valeria Torterolo, 9th Grade

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

A rare photobomb they said. Just a small girl in a big forest. This image captures a special moment on this trip of mine to Uruguay. The photo wasn't meant to capture this little girl, but you know how little kids are; they just don't care if you have to take a photo, they won't move. I think it was a beautiful mistake though. Some of the beautiful things are not always intentional.



New Year Sunset

Kennedy
Bridge
Artist: Ashley
Garcia Grade 12
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High
School, Manhattan

After spending New Year's Day with family and driving home and while looking out the car window a beautiful sunset is out disappearing behind the city the colors in the sky form a relaxing color. And listen to music while looking at it and it's a nice way to end the New Year's Day.



Silent Screams

JKO Library, 2023
Artist: Sage Hernandez, Grade 9
Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

For this picture the technique I used was framing within the frame. There are often many times where people feel trapped with their own feelings. They feel as if they're isolated with no way out. They try again and again to make loud noise in hopes that they will be freed but no sounds comes from within. The library represents feeling silenced because if you make too much noise you might distract the others.



Quiet Skies

Train Station, 2023

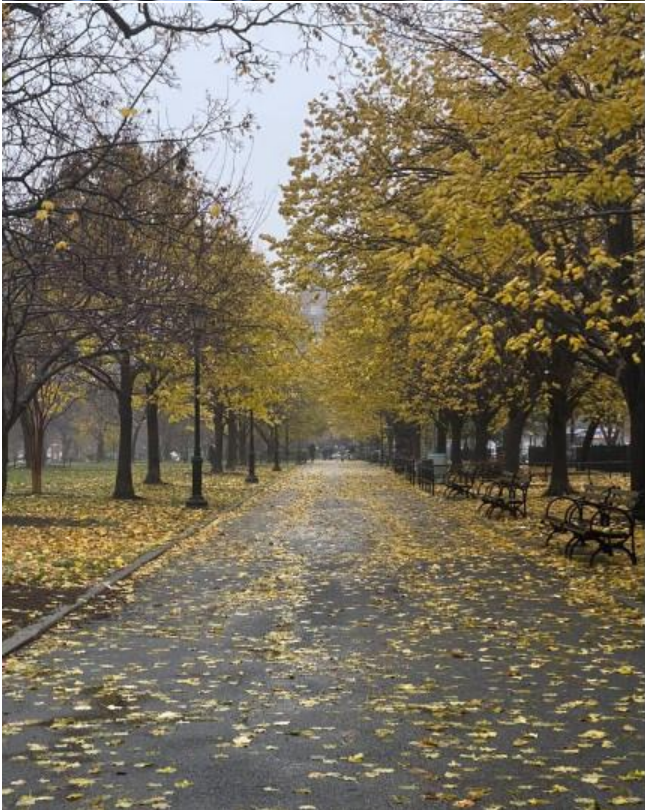
Artist: Sage Hernandez, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

The technique used in this picture is symmetry. Sometimes even things such as snow on the ground has a meaningful impact on life. Seeing something so beautiful in the quiet morning makes you see life in a different perspective.

Feeling calm and collected in the morning really makes the days seem worth going through.



Evocative Trees

Joyce Kilmer Park, December 6

Artist: Jesus Flores Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

As a child I went to this park quite often, and everytime I walk past the park and look at all the beautiful trees, it brings back memories from all the times I came to this park. A lot of things have happened at this park, good and bad but I know that I can always come to this park, sit down on the benches and think about anything ,since the park is always so empty. The emptiness also reminds me of how not many people go outside now as they did before when I was a child, despite the weather being pretty good compared to what the weather would be like sometimes, but it was still somewhat crowded.



Sunset Streets

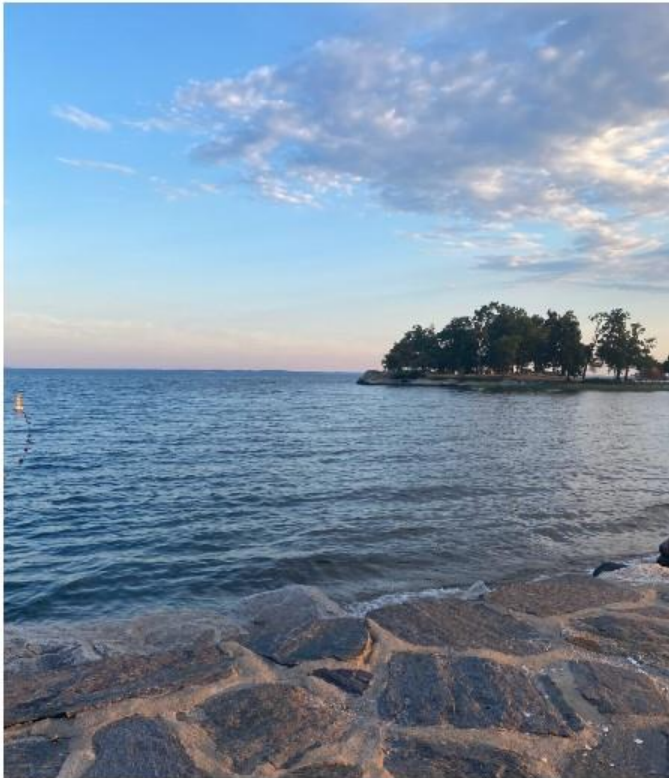
161st, November 14

Artist: Jesus Flores

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

This street is the street that I have to cross in order to get to my grandma's house which my entire family usually goes to just to eat, talk and spend time with each other. The sky also reminds me of how when I go to my grandma's house my mind goes empty because of how relaxed I get when I'm over there.



Deep Dive

Stanford, Connecticut 2022

Artist: Faiza Ramia, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

The sea animals make the ocean home but people make this just scenery. For me it's a breather, a deep dive of relaxation. People take the sky as a shield from the sun. For me it's my peace.



The Other Half

Times Square, New York 2022

Artist: Faiza Ramia, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Some people find the night dangerous and some see it as the other half of the daylight. In my eyes the night is neither of those. For me the night makes me curious of all the secrets hidden. The night makes my mind feel free.



Standing Together

Intrepid

Artist: Carissa Alanna Colon, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Just to get to this moment has been difficult. And in all the back-breaking days and all the grueling nights. Just thinking of standing with this person kept me together. In this moment I finally felt safe and happy after all these years of feeling miserable and disconnected. And I hope to stand with this person for the rest of my life and I hope they will stand with me so I may always feel safe and happy.



How Time Passes

Dante Park

Artist: Carissa Alanna Colon, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Every minute, Every second things change. It may be good it may be bad. But every minute that passes is a gift. How many people have passed this clock and how many times? Will we ever know?



Mornings Cage

On the 6 train platform on Elder Ave

Artist: Viannay Palafox

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

As I wait for the train in the morning I'm alone, alone with my thoughts and nothing to distract those negative thoughts that flood my mind. Stress is a constant factor in my life and the negative thoughts that come from being alone don't help. Everyday I see the same places over and over, there's no change. This is just how problems can feel neverending with no changes occurring to help. Revelations and more sadness comes from confronting those same problems alone and finding no solutions. It's almost like a loop just how repeating the same schedule every week feels. You surround yourself with your own dark thoughts, alone.



Rippled Flag

Elder Ave

Artist: Viannay Palafox

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

A flag hangs on top of my head and the stitches that keep the ends together are coming apart. The flag waves but what does it represent? America, the flag with 13 stripes and 50 stars constantly taking from those who gave to them. Our country was built off of the land of others. We took from Mexico by fighting a war just because Americans couldn't give up their slaves, and we made the Mexicans look evil. It wasn't just Mexico either, Native Americans who were here first were placed on reservations for the sake of westward expansion. Our country isn't our own it's stolen from others, and those same people who were stolen from face discrimination and poverty today.



Never in Vain

World War II Memorial, 2022

Artist: Fatyn Qaisarah Hishamsol, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

‘Blood, Toil, Tears and Sweat’ The first speech President Winston Churchill had given during the war. Stating whatever he shall sacrifice to achieve the glorious light that is winning a war. Showing how the deaths in the future and present shall never be in vain. This glorious monument shows how true the speech had become. That is what I had learned when I was there, this shows how knowledge is around you everywhere whether you know it or not.



Global

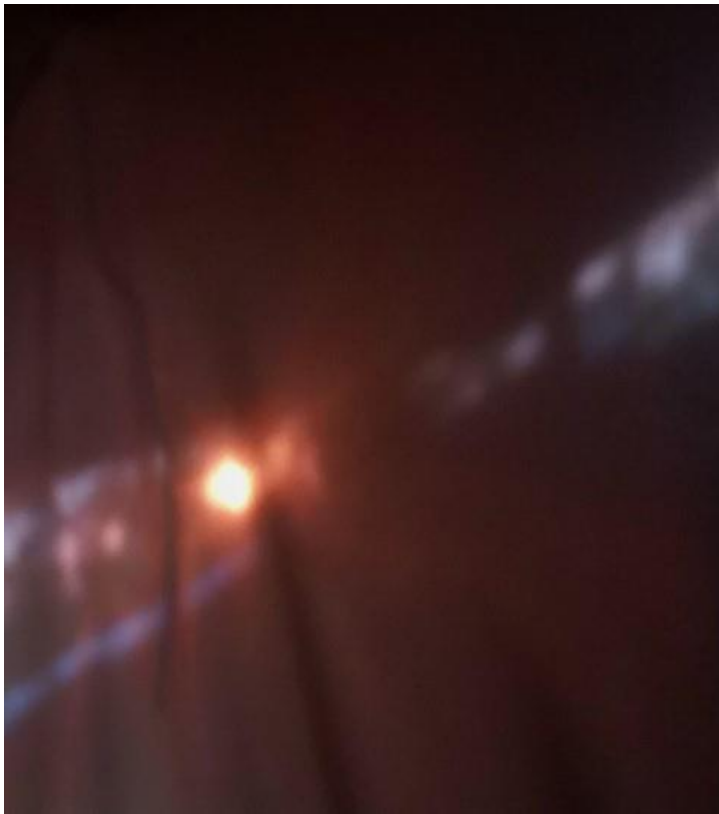
Turtle Bay, 2022

Artist: Fatyn Qaisarah Hishamsol, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Whether it is night or day in any region there are always places bustling and being filled with joy. Though in different parts of the world a smile can be shared at the same time. Asleep or not, there are others awake and energetic, while some are lazy from their daily activities. The world is run globally, somewhere there is always someone being busy.



Trip To Mexico

Mexico , Puebla, 2022

Artist Delinda Vega Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

I took this picture at my grandma's house in Mexico. The sun was setting and it gave the most beautiful loving light. There was a thin silk covering the door and it made it look like a moment I wanted to save, expressing how I found my safe place in Mexico.



Trip To Mexico

Mexico City , 2022

Artist Delinda Vega Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Since I was a little girl, I always loved going to my home land where I didn't have to feel suffocated .Instead I felt free and alive. Taking this picture (Airport) made me save the most impacting peaceful memory I have.



Luigi's Pizza

Location: Luigi's pizza (686 5th Ave, Brooklyn, NY)

Artist: Darwin Hu, 9th grade

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Everyday there are things that come and go, like people, friendships, and love. I've always lost the things I have become comfortable with whether it would be with females or with a job, they would just lose sight of me, and then they would be off on their journey. But whatever came, I loved every minute of it, like the enjoyment of eating the pizza it was great while it lasted but once it was finished, satisfied or not it was gone.



Coping

Artist: Darwin Hu, 9th grade

Location : Marine Park golf course

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

My whole life, I will never come to terms with myself talking to someone about my problems without actually helping with my problems. But I do believe that there are other ways to keep the problem off your mind, for me, it is riding my bike. In the photo here I was dealing with stuff I won't mention, I was overthinking a lot. I had to keep my mind in check so what I believed was the best thing to do was ride my bike it was 3:30 am, and riding my bike for 16 miles did help recoup my mind together, during the ride, I saw the sunrise and I admired how beautiful it was, darkening yet bright like the middle of a volcano.

Painful Joy

Artist: Darwin Hu, 9th grade

Location: LeFrak Center at Lakeside

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Back when I was younger, it was near-impossible to get permission to hang out with friends outside of school. So once you get the chance of being able to hang out with friends, you cherish and look back upon the moments you had with your friends every chance you get. So when you're out with friends you try to capture the best moments, like here where we see Damian busting his butt on the ice. The shot was captured while he was falling, it took a lot because Damian didn't fall many times, he only really fell once or twice but his falls were the most destructive. So he was in a lot of pain after, but we all had a great laugh about it...



As It Sets

Prospect Park, Brooklyn, 2022

Artist: Damian Hernandez, 9th grade

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

I was ice skating with my friends before I took this picture, we were heading to get food. I see the beautiful sky as the sun sets. It feels peaceful and it illustrates the beautiful cycle of life. The trees would soon grow their leaves again, the sun would rise back, and the frozen body of water would melt. It sets an example for the future.



Light and the Dark

Harlem 125 St Station, Manhattan, 2023
Artist: Damian Hernandez, 9th grade
Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

One day I decided to take the Metro North as I thought it'll be quicker, but me and my friend ended up getting lost. The picture was before we even knew we were going to get lost and it was peaceful with a lot of views. The story and the picture connect to how even in the dark there is some light with a reflection of yourself a part of it. There isn't always a fully bad, you'll have to find the good that is a part of it. And you can see a reflection of yourself. To find the good, you'll have to find good in you. Usually this could be hard to find since that reflection is fate, but it's still existent.



Perspective

Time Square, New York
Artist: Yu Jie Wang
Art Teacher: Elisa de Gregorio
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

I grew up in a small village in the countryside till 6 years old. You know nothing about the world when you're young especially when you never leave a place. People don't like leaving their comfort zone to go into the unknown. I was the same, thinking that I was never gonna leave the village. That was until 6, when I moved to New York City. A place where I have no prior knowledge about including it's language. The moment I stepped into Manhattan and see the skyscrapers that seemingly pierce the sky. My mind was blown. I never knew buildings could be that tall and the world was so vast. The village I previously lived in is but a tiny corner compared to the vastness of the world. This photo relates to the theme of "In the Moment" as it shows the vastness of the city and how it refreshed my view of the world.



Pause and Look

My Home (Brooklyn, New York)

Artist: Yu Jie Wang

Art Teacher: Elisa de Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Living in this seemingly meaningless and monotonous world, we often forget about the good things in life. When you go on the internet or meet people in real life, people are becoming more pessimistic and bleak about the future. People should pause and look around for the good things in life. Your blurriness and cloudy outlook towards life is just an obstacle till you could see the clear and positive side of life. So, pause a moment and look.



Home Sweet Home

Bronx New York 2023

Artist: Admire Darden

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School,
Manhattan

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

This image is actually very important and outstanding to me. When I laid eyes on this sunset it made me feel like I was apart and I was seeing the world from a different perspective. I felt like I was in a movie or a fairy tale. I know most people probably seen it out their window, or just looked up in the sky and felt very connected and in the moment. When I wasn't in the mood as much then it actually made me see the bigger picture, then it made me feel way better.



Emanated Lights

Ridgewood 2023

Artist: Joseph Velo, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

This photograph named “Emanated Lights” expresses a glimpse of what it’s like to be “in the moment” and rained upon from the sky while taking a picture with the pouring rain in your eyes and getting soaked. It was raining down so hard that night and I was trying to get home with 2 hoods on to protect my head from the rain, and I see a red light beaming on the floor. I look up and see it’s from the street light. I took some steps back and snapped this photo.



Below The Skyline

Midtown 2023

Artist: Joseph Velo, Grade 9

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

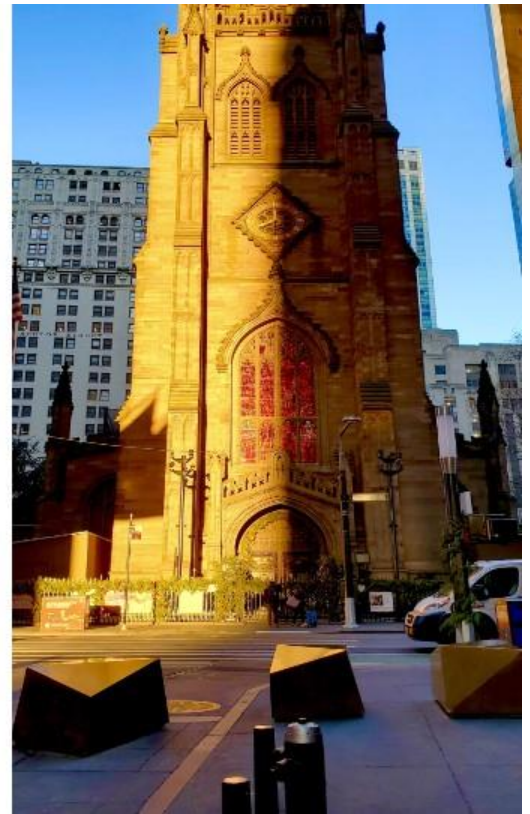
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Below the Skyline suggest the vast skyline that Manhattan has to offer and that below the skyline is under the tall heights of all the skyscrapers in the city. We the people who walk around being captured in the moment, as we look up and see the tall buildings once in a while it makes you think “wow people built these things?” and really makes the people of this city look up once in a while.

“Half & Half”

Lenox Avenue
Artist: Darvint Nunez Grade 9
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School,
Manhattan
Art Teacher:Elisa De Gregorio

I took this picture the same day I came out of the hospital after my baby brother was born. This means a lot to me because this is one of the few pictures I took that day. This relates to in the moment because we were crossing the street into the Uber with the baby and my mom. I looked at it and decided to take a picture at its perfect time.



Destroy Lonely

Lenox Avenue 2023
Artist: Darvint Nunez
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan
Art Teacher:Elisa De Gregorio

This picture I took not too long ago when I was in debt of assignments and failing every class. I felt like the stress was destroying me in a way. And I didn't have anyone to even talk to basically I was lonely. This relates to in the moment because it was how I was feeling at that moment. My life was coming down on me and I took a walk to try and fix it out.



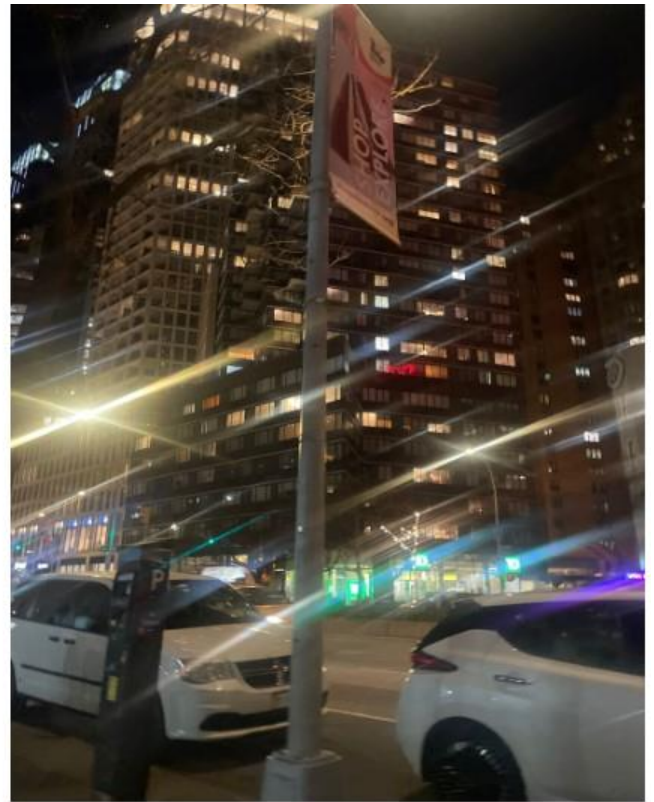
City Nights

New York, Lincoln Ave

Artist: Amara Guadalupe Grade 9
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School,
Manhattan

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

During Day and Night I see these building but they are all unique different shapes and lights. I feel like me and maybe other people have a hard time to accept who we are, and act different with other people just so they don't know what's really happening. And the lights are there to make us shine or trying to make us open but many thoughts run through our head... wondering what will others think or happen because of our decision. Who can help us or can they? Can they really understand...? No I don't think they can...

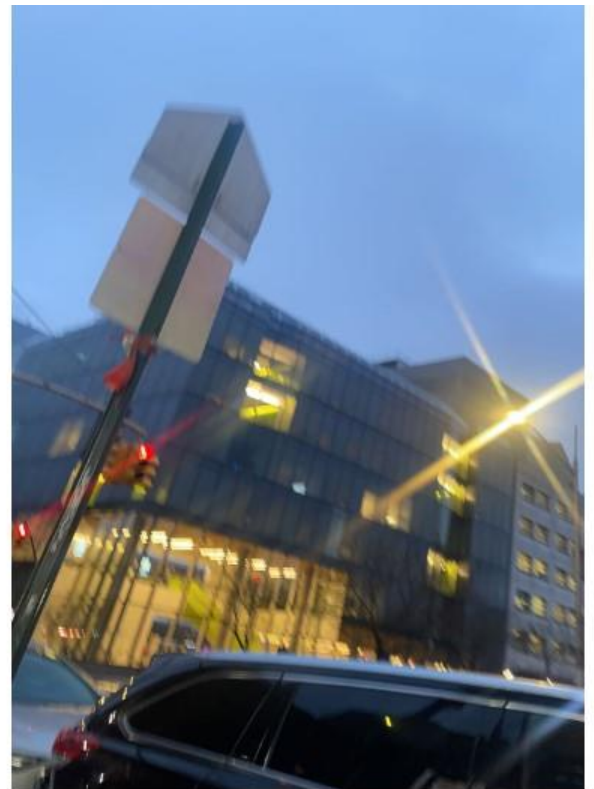


Any Opportunity?

New York, Audubon Ave (168)

Artist: Amara Guadalupe Grade 9
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan
Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Mostly everyday people ask "When?" I ask myself that, wondering when are my wishes "gonna come.". When do I get the opportunity? Other people may get their opportunity but when is mine coming? It's hard to answer that because problems get in the way, such as my fear... People have fears which can interfere with their opportunities. It makes it harder for them to get it because they are sealed away until someone comes in and helps them.





Light Up The Past

Waterbury, Connecticut 2023

Artist: Daisy Uzhca-Loja, Grade 10

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Lately, I've been looking back at my past. I thought life would get better especially after I turned 15 since I thought I wouldn't make it this far. Luckily I did make it, but sometimes I wish I didn't. My life seems to be going back to how it used to be 7 years ago. A place I don't want to go back too. This photo was taken in Connecticut, with my grandma and my parents. We were having a good time and everything seemed just great. I make sure to enjoy these moments while it lasts since I'm not sure what's going to happen next or if I will be with both my parents for another year.



It Never Ends

Waterbury, Connecticut 2022

Artist: Daisy Uzhca-Loja, Grade 10

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

I'm honestly grateful for everything I have, although I lack to show it. I took this photo when I went to work with my father to finish a garage roof. Going to work with him makes me realize how hard our parents struggle to give us what we have. Watching him stress out over his jobs and not being able to finish it on time makes me realize I shouldn't take things for granted especially since he goes through this on a daily basis. .



Verisimilitude

Myrtle-ave broadway subway station
Artist: Carolina Vile
Art Teacher: Elisa de Gregorio
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

I love little flaws and imperfections that give something its character. There's something very endearing about little flaws to me, things like forgetting lyrics to a song you're singing and mumbling along instead or grammatical errors in conversations and texts; I love the little imperfections that make people human. This is an example of beautiful imperfections to me. The rust on the side of the platform and gloomy day in the picture paint a moment of perfection I had to capture.



Cotton Candy Clouds

Elevated subway platform
Artist: Carolina Vile
Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio
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I love the pinkish hue among a blue and orange sky that comes from the rising sun. I saw the clouds, like something from a novel or movie focused on visuals, and thought the colors were beautiful, so I took a picture.



Ancient Blessings

Saint Mary the Virgin Church 2022

Artist: Anissa Ruiz Grade 11

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Spiritual connections are just so powerful and important to me and it plays a huge role in my virtues and beliefs. When I saw the church, I felt some kind of calling and I felt comfort walking through those doors. The intricate designs of the stone represent the wisdom within the church and the power it holds.



Shadows of the Sun

114th Road 2022

Artist: Anissa Ruiz Grade 11

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

I've always been one for the sky. I constantly stare at it and I love the fact that night and day run like shifts. I could say it's the same but the opposite for me because my nights run like my days and my days run like my nights. This is "In the Moment" because the beautiful colors of sunrise always shadow how our days are going to go. Blue, purple, and pink represent serenity and creativity. The day I took that photo was the day I was able to meditate and write some stories of life.



Moments at Dawn

Artist: Cassieann Smith, Grade 9

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

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Since the color of the sky may be the first thing you notice in the morning as you get ready for school or work, this relates to the meaning of the “In the moment.” This might feel like a breath of fresh air or even provide you with some morning inspiration. At least for me, every time I see this sky, a sensation of peacefulness comes over me, which is why I decided to capture this photograph. This same sky that I see every morning helps me to think clearly so that I can be prepared for anything that comes my way whether it be tiring, tough, productive, or even a lazy day.



Movement at Moment

Artist: Cassieann Smith, Grade 9

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

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This connects to “in the moment” because going on a train is part of some people's everyday life since it takes them from their location to another, and it can also be a significant part of their day. Even though other transportation are just as important as the subway train in my opinion, taking the train takes a big impact because it is how I get to school and and come back home. It may also create a lot of memories whether it be good, bad, happy, or even scary.



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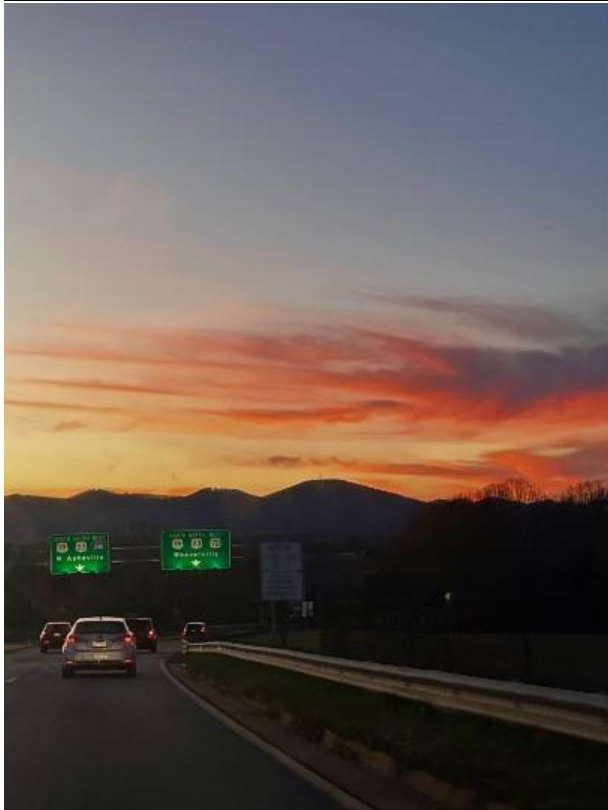
Backroad in North Carolina

Artist: Angel Romero Grade 12

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School,
Manhattan

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

This picture was taken in the middle of nowhere. Not some known site, not a tourist attraction spot. It was taken in a backroad and it just so happened that the one part of the sunrise covered by trees had this view.



Definitely not texting and driving

Asheville, North Carolina

Artist: Angel Romero Grade 12

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School,
Manhattan

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

This connects to “In the moment” because in this situation I looked up and saw the amazing sky that will never look like that again. You had to be there, at that time, at that place, In that moment.



Look up

9 w 45th, New York, NY 2023

Artist: Rahi Sore

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis high school

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Looking up makes me realise where I am and where I belong.
Life can be hard but when you look up you become at ease.
You'll never know when you could find a sign.

Tread Lightly

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, NYC

Artist: Anderson Meija, Grade 11

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

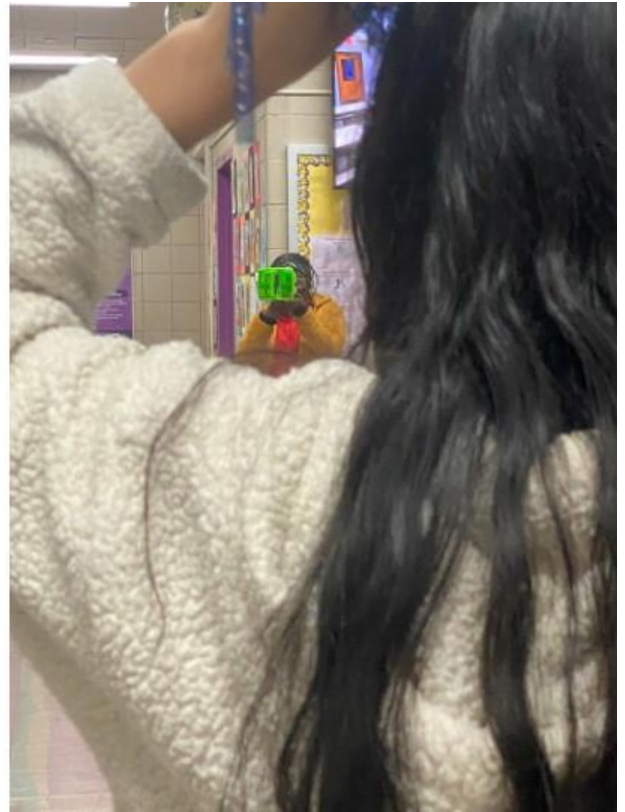
This was a moment in time that felt inspiring to take a photo of a pedestrian. It embarked a sense of exploration, but a bit of hesitation, as if something else is occupying their mind before they take a step.



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Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, NYC
Artist: Anderson Mejia, Grade 11
Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

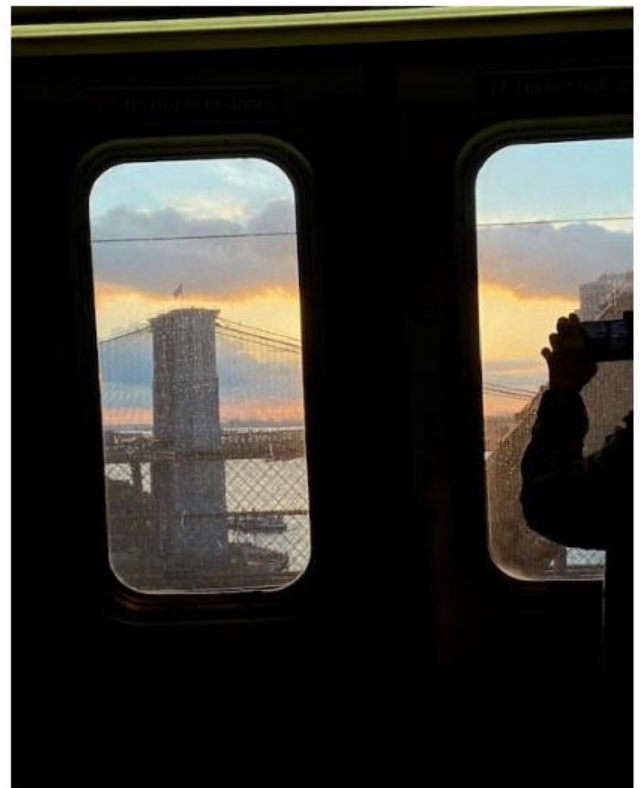
I saw someone taking a photo and it stuck me as a BTS or "IN THE MOMENT" and this came out better than i thought, so there it is. I will not be removing this photo.



Shared Sunset

Manhattan Bridge, 2022
Artist: Cathleen Conte-Marrero, Grade 12
Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Enjoying a sunset is a shared human experience. Everyone can appreciate its beauty. My goal for this picture was to just capture the sunset, and I didn't notice the person within the frame until later. This picture proves that wherever you are, you're not alone. There's always someone else admiring the sunset with you.



Celebration

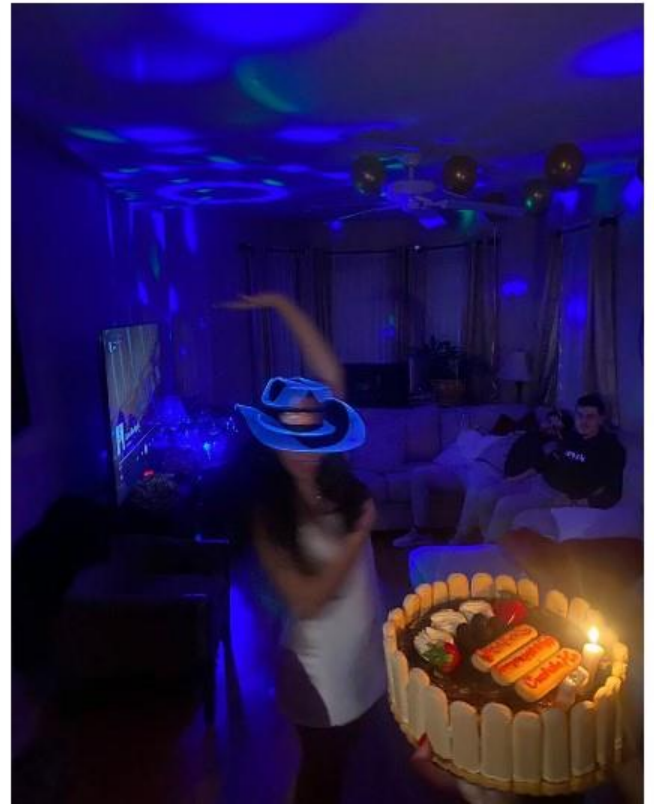
Queens, NY, 2023

Artist: Cathleen Conte-Marrero, Grade 12

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

This was taken at my close friend's birthday party. It was a special moment I was happy to share with her. I took this picture mid-celebration to capture the joy we all felt. It also serves as a reminder to live in the moment and enjoy life



My Heart

Times Square 2023

Artist: Keiara Reddick, Grade 12

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

I travel to school everyday from my house to Times Square. This is my daily routine. I see Times Square in the morning and at night. It's a big place with lots of lights and plenty of foot traffic. Times Square is the heart of New York and it's the heart of mine.





Peaceful Living

Boardwalk at Atlantic City 2023

Artist: Keiara Reddick, Grade 12

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

I was peacefully enjoying the day I had with my family when I noticed the ocean. It was a nice boardwalk that led me to the Atlantic Ocean. The most beautiful thing I've seen. I could see my whole future living on this beach.

The Bewilderment of Oreo

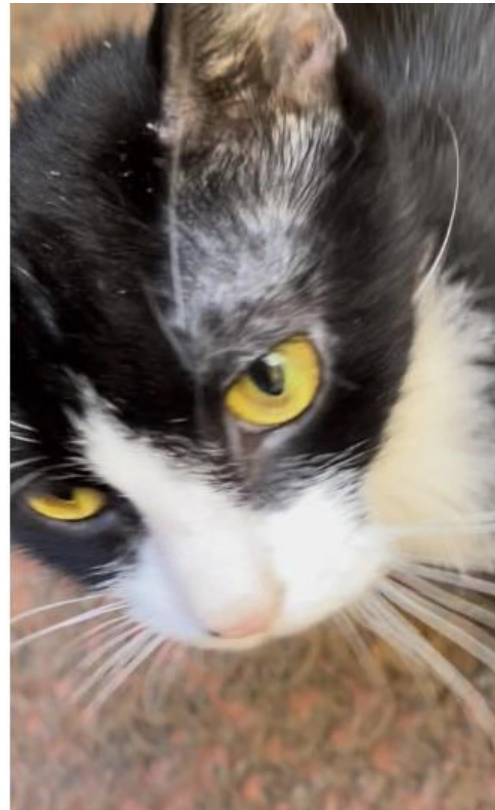
Harlem 2023

Artist: Itzel Cortes Grade 12

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

I took this photo when we first discovered a friendly stray cat in the alley behind an apartment complex. My sister and I rushed to the grocery store to buy her canned cat food. While she seemed really excited to have found human presences that were feeding her, she carried this puzzled expression. As if she hadn't fully processed her situation or understood what was happening. It was obvious that she had been abandoned, as no feral cat would ever think about getting close to a human being. I think about what her life could've been like before we found her, and if she carries any sadness in her. I took a close up shot of the cat in the moment after I socialized with her and it perfectly represents the bewildered expression she carries from time to time. Her eyes also change between yellow and green depending on her environment. She is now our cat and we named her Oreo.



Away From The City

Roosevelt Island 2022

Artist: Itzel Cortes Grade 12

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

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I was watching over a boy from Switzerland over the summer as per request from my aunt. It was a joy teaching him to perfect his English and we visited many places around the city during his time here. One of those places was Roosevelt Island which can be traveled to by accessing the Tramway downtown. Although the city is a body of water away from this tiny strip of land, the serenity and calmness I felt as we walked amongst the geese that inhabited the land was more enjoyable than anything I have experienced in the city. I snapped a photo of the view of city from Roosevelt Island.



Bird on the Windowsill

Midtown

Artist: James Romano, Grade 11

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

Looking through the lens, through the grate and onto the alley where there is no sunshine, no trees and no signs of life. But if you look carefully, you do see life where the bird perches on the windowsill. That is how my city is, life is everywhere, even where you don't expect it in the shadows of the back of a building. Sometimes you have to take a closer look.



The Textures of Central Park

North Woods Waterfall 2023

Artist: James Romano, Grade 11

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

The North Woods waterfall in Central Park is a place where you can be alone, even if a lot of people are around. There are many quiet spots where you can sit and look at the peaceful stream before it flows into the waterfall. The contrast of the calm stream and the rushing waterfall is like the contrast in the photo between the light of the sky and the dark of the boulders, and the smoothness of the water and the sharpness of the boulders.



Aurora Skies

Newton, New Jersey 2022

Artist: Gabriella Rondon; Grade 11

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School, Manhattan

Art teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

The Aurora Borealis. A wonderful series of lights that are across the sky. A sight you rarely or never see. So you take it all in at once. You pause your breath, your jaw drops and you look towards the colorful sky. One day I walked out of my living room onto the deck, and I saw these beautiful colors spread across the sky. It was so breathtaking to me, I HAD to take a picture. It caught the moment, my moment.



Good Days

West 125th Street , Harlem 2022

Artist : Gabriella Rondon ; Grade 11

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School , Manhattan

Art teacher : Elisa De Gregorio

The sun. So beautiful and vibrant. So beautiful that it's rays paint the sky with new colors. Its creating a different painting everytime it shines bright in the sky. People wake up , witness the sun shining and a smile grows on their face. " It's gonna be a good day " people think to themselves. This picture shows the sun creating a beautiful image with the sun merging with the clouds while I was on my way home from having a good day at my grandma's house. That's what this picture represents. Good days.



Cat Love

Bronx,Nyc 2023

Artist:Bianca Hernandez,Grade 9

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High school,Manhattan

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Cats have been my preferred animal for majority of my life And it all started when my mom surprised me with a cat in Elementary school. I love cats.They're so lovely and soft. Cats will continue being my favorite animal.In my opinion,cats are the best animals to play with and they will continue being my favorite.



Life with true friends

Location:Manhattan Public seating
Artist:Bianca Hernandez,Grade 9
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis high school
Art Teacher:Elisa De Gregorio

I was on a walk with friends.Life with friends is beautiful.You always have someone to count on,who to tell everything to,who to share you favorite moments with.Somone who can accompany you on good and bad days.Having Friends is the biggest blessing.Friends make you smile and laugh.Friends are for you to confide in.Friends are truly the best.Taking this wonderful picture while my friends are laughing and smiling by my side.



Night Lights

Location: Marble Hill
Alexander Fernandez, 12 grade
Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio
Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis HS

The sky is known to change from day to night and as that happens the sun rises and sets, causing a beautiful color in the sky that can only be captured in that moment.



Orange Skies

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Alexander Fernandez, 12th Grade

Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

The sun sets only when it's evening. This only gives a limited time to capture a gorgeous orange color within the sky.

Empire State of Mind

New York, NY 2023

Artist: Z.N. Bonilla, Grade 12

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

In the city that never sleeps, chaos becomes what we all know to be peace. My intention was simply to capture all the lights and buildings next to each other that are filled with New York residents who all lead a different life everyday. I realized soon after that knowing there are thousands of people around you at any given time can be extremely humbling but it's a perfect example of how all the little fish make the big



A Commuter's Best Friend

Westchester County, NY 2023

Artist: Z.N. Bonilla, Grade 12

Art Teacher: Elisa De Gregorio

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School

After a long stressful day in Corporate America, what could be better than taking the scenic route home? This view of the sunset and the Hudson river at a Metro-North station really made me appreciate simple and natural pleasures.

