

2022-23 Parent Newsletter #7

Friday, March 17th, is Saint Patrick's Day. Below is a brief history of this holiday:

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.



Who Was St. Patrick?

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

More than 100 St. Patrick's Day parades are held across the United States; New York City and Boston are home to the largest celebrations.

When Was the First St. Patrick's Day Celebrated?

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland but in America. Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The parade, and a St. Patrick's Day celebration a year earlier were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur.

More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in New York City on March 17, 1772 to honor the Irish patron saint. Enthusiasm for the St. Patrick's Day parades in New York City, Boston and other early American cities only grew from there.

Growth of St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Over the next 35 years, Irish patriotism among American immigrants flourished, prompting the rise of so-called "Irish Aid" societies like the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Hibernian Society. Each group would hold annual parades featuring bagpipes (which actually first became popular in the Scottish and British armies) and drums.

In 1848, several New York Irish Aid societies decided to unite their parades to form one official New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Today, that parade is the world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States, with over 150,000 participants. Each year, nearly 3 million people line the 1.5-mile parade route to watch the procession, which takes more than five hours. Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and Savannah also celebrate the day with parades involving between 10,000 and 20,000 participants each. In 2020, the New York City parade was one of the first major city events to be cancelled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; it was again cancelled in 2021.

The Irish in America

Up until the mid-19th century, most Irish immigrants in America were members of the Protestant middle class. When the Great Potato Famine hit Ireland in 1845, close to 1 million poor and uneducated Irish Catholics began pouring into America to escape starvation.

Despised for their alien religious beliefs and unfamiliar accents by the American Protestant majority, the immigrants had trouble finding even menial jobs. When Irish Americans in the country's cities took to the streets on St. Patrick's Day to celebrate their heritage, newspapers portrayed them in cartoons as drunk, violent monkeys.

The American Irish soon began to realize, however, that their large and growing numbers endowed them with a political power that had yet to be exploited. They started to organize, and their voting bloc, known as the "green machine," became an important swing vote for political hopefuls. Suddenly, annual St. Patrick's Day parades became a show of strength for Irish Americans, as well as a must-attend event for a slew of political candidates.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman attended New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade, a proud moment for the many Irish Americans whose ancestors had to fight stereotypes and racial prejudice to find acceptance in the New World.

As Irish immigrants spread out over the United States, other cities developed their own traditions. One of these is Chicago's annual dyeing of the Chicago River green. The practice started in 1962, when city pollution-control workers used dyes to trace illegal sewage discharges and realized that the green dye might provide a unique way to celebrate the holiday. That year, they released 100 pounds of green vegetable dye into the river—enough to keep it green for a week. Today, in order to minimize environmental damage, only 40 pounds of dye are used, and the river turns green for only several hours.



Although Chicago historians claim their city's idea for a river of green was original, some natives of Savannah, Georgia (whose St. Patrick's Day parade, the oldest in the nation, dates back to 1813) believe the idea originated in their town. They point out that, in 1961, a hotel restaurant manager named Tom Woolley convinced city officials to dye Savannah's river green. The experiment didn't exactly work as planned, and the water only took on a slight greenish hue. Savannah never attempted to dye its river again, but Woolley maintains (though others refute the claim) that he personally suggested the idea to Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley.

PARENT COORDINATOR CONNECTIONS

From the Desk of the
Parent Coordinator
Ms. Bernabel

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Announcements

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


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)
Registration and Zoom links will be emailed to parents on the week of March 20th

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.



STUDENTS
of the
MONTH 

Recipients for Students of the Month for January/February

Marlon Clough: 12th Grade

Carolina Vile: 11th Grade

Helen Padilla Hernandez: 10th Grade

Johann Abboud: 9th Grade

Skylla Hernandez: 9th Grade

WooHoo!!!



FAMILY SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

Now more than ever our children need strong academic and social-emotional skills. To help you reinforce effective habits at home, Elevate Education will be running a series of family engagement virtual workshops.

**Thursday and Friday
3/16 @7pm & 3/17 @3pm**

**March 16
Time Management**

**March 17
Motivation
And
Goal Setting**

JOIN THE EVENT!

Click the link
below to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88422472119>

Call in from your phone:
+1 929 436 2866
Meeting ID:
884 2247 2119

Scan QR code with your
smartphone:



JKO 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.**
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Marking Period 1 Ends March 22nd**- Please ensure that your child is up to date with their assignments and studies for quizzes and exams.
- ❖ **PSAT (Sophomores)/SAT DAY (Juniors)- Wednesday, March 22nd.** Please continue to have your child attend Saturday SAT prep at JKO HS or study at home. They can utilize Khan Academy, an online resource, to assist in preparing for the exam.
<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat/confirmed>
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Parent Workshops**- We will be providing two bilingual workshops this month via Zoom. We will send out link information to all parents. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Garcia or Ms. Bernabel. *March 16th Student Time management from 7 – 8 pm
*March 17th Student Motivation and Goal Setting from 3 – 4pm
- ❖ We will have several **College Tours** this spring to both public and private institutions. This Month:
 - **March 10th** – Iona College
 - **March 31st** – University of Connecticut
- ❖ **Parent Teacher Conferences – March 23rd (Night) and March 24th (Day)**
- ❖ 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.**



Saturday Tutoring (9 AM – 12 PM)

Ms. Nicoletta – English tutoring

Ms. Kadison – English mock AP and Regents

Ms. Okwabi – Chemistry tutoring and lab make-up

Ms. Tuli – Living Environment tutoring and lab make-up

Ms. Wicks – English tutoring



TUTORING

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

- ❖ **Please have your child join extra-curricular activities** to join the school community. This a great way for students to make new friends, network, and be exposed to various activities/hobbies.



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



A message from Ms. Nicoletta:

I am pleased to share that SLAM! Club participated in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards...and **Aracely Canalizo won a Gold Key Award for her collection of poems "Where My Memories Lie!"** Her work has been advanced to the national competition!

This is a major accomplishment for Aracely and we are so proud of her!

Sincerely,

Ms. Nicoletta and the SLAM! Team

Congrats Aracely, Mr. Nicoletta,
and the entire SLAM! Team!!!



Scholastic
Art & Writing
Awards

Alliance for
Young Artists
& Writers



We are pleased to present this

Gold Key

TO

Aracely Canalizo

Where My Memories Lie

Poetry





On Wednesday, March 8th, Seniors took their group photos. A **BIG THANK YOU** to Ms. Okwabi for spearheading this!!!



In the Spotlight



Recently the cooking club made their own yummy Shrimp ceviche. It was an amazing experience!!! Below is the recipe in case you want to make it yourself.



Shrimp Ceviche Recipe

What is Shrimp Ceviche?

Traditional ceviche is a South American dish of raw seafood tossed in an acidic marinade like citrus juice or vinegar which “cooks” the fish.

A simple shrimp ceviche for beginners that is made with poached shrimp instead of raw and finished with tomato, avocado, and cilantro.

YIELD Serves 4 to 6

PREP TIME 15 minutes to 20 minutes

COOK TIME 2 minutes to 3 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound peeled and deveined raw medium shrimp
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice (from 2 lemons)
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime juice (from 2 to 3 limes)
- 2 medium tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1/2 small red onion, finely chopped
- 1 medium jalapeño, seeded and finely chopped (about 3 tablespoons)
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves and tender stems
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 medium avocado
- Tortilla chips, for serving (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Turn off the heat, add the shrimp, and poach until the shrimp are opaque and just cooked through, 2 to 3 minutes. Drain the shrimp and set aside until cool enough to handle, about 10 minutes.
2. Chop the shrimp into 1/2-inch pieces and place in a large bowl. Add the lemon juice, lime juice, tomatoes, red onion, jalapeño, cilantro, and salt, and toss to combine. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to 4 hours.
3. Just before serving, dice the avocado, add to the ceviche, and gently toss to combine. Serve with tortilla chips, if desired.



A message from Ms. De Gregorio,

Dear JKO Community,

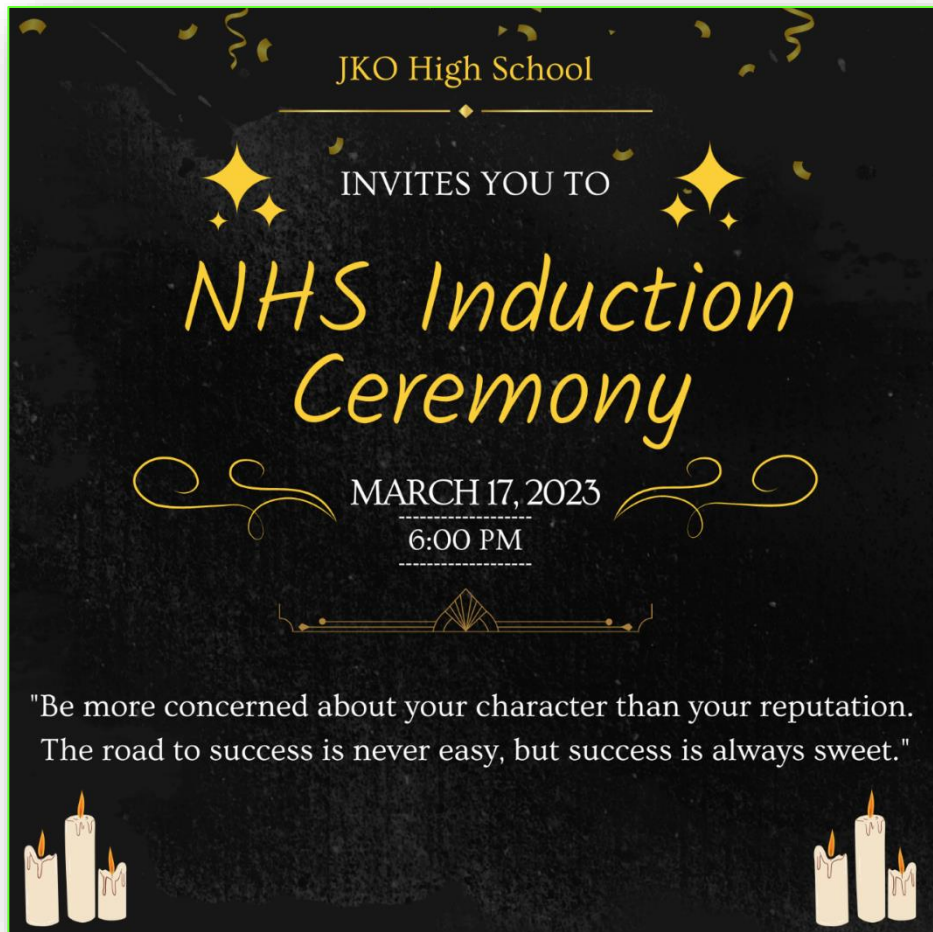
Please join us on Friday March 17 at 6:00 PM as we celebrate our students who are being inducted into the National Honor Society.

Students have been asked to select a teacher they feel has made an impact on them to pin them. Please let me know if you will be pinning a student and if you can be at the ceremony. It's customary to give the student you are pinning a small gift.

We, as a community, all contribute to the success of our students. We hope you will be able to join us in this celebration.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!
Ms. D



In the Spotlight



Recently the cooking club made their own yummy Sushi. It was an amazing experience!!!

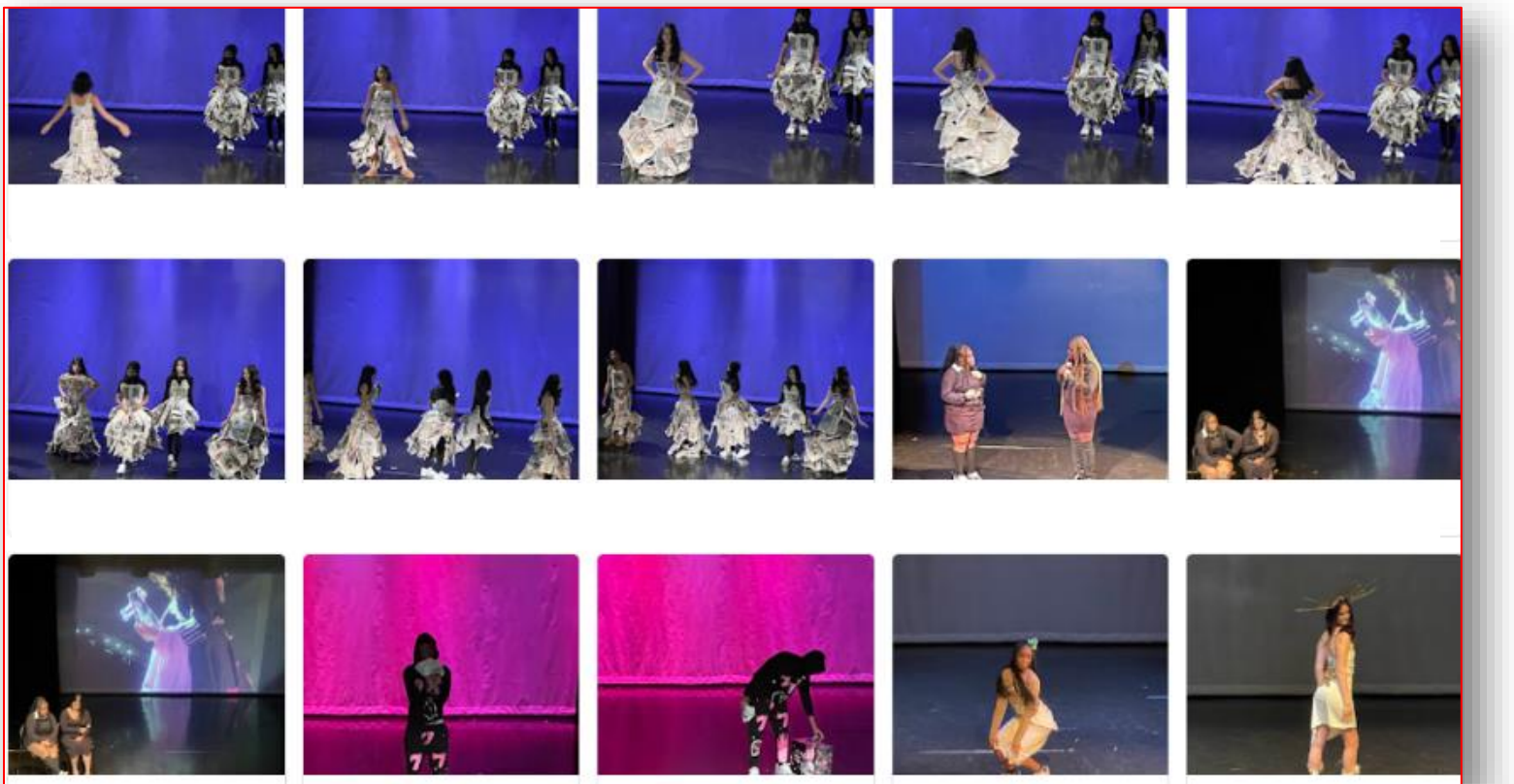




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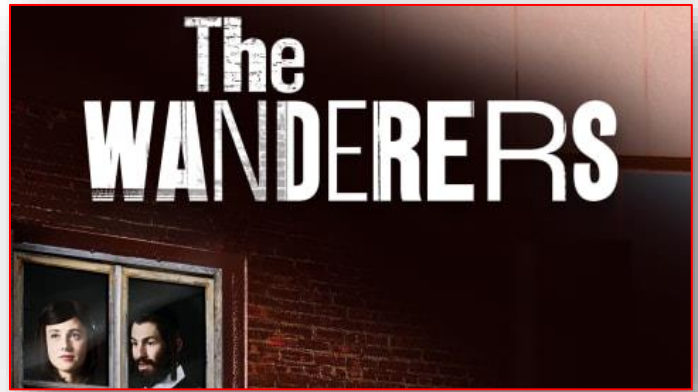
On Friday, March 3rd, JKO held its annual "Crashin" Fashion Show...It was AMAZING!!! A big thank you to Ms. De Gregorio for spearheading this event.







A message from Ms. De Gregorio:



Students in Advanced Art went to see the play "The Wanderers" at the Laura Pels Theater Harold and Miriam Strindberg Center for Theater on March 1 as part of their class residency with Roundabout Theatre Company exploring dramatic conflict.

"Off Broadway's new hit about love, faith, and Brooklyn is "absorbing, twisty, and thoughtful—and the finest play of the year" (The Wall Street Journal).

In The Wanderers, two couples from very different worlds face the joys and challenges of commitment, culture, and community—until a surprise email from a movie star puts one of their marriages to an unexpected test."

The students were thoroughly engrossed in this cross cultural and cross generational story of how family and cultural expectations can shape who we are and who we become. We also had a talkback with the cast who shared their personal journeys as actors and how they made connections with this very human story.





On Thursday February 9th, many JKO students attended our Valentine's Day Love Lane Dinner. Love was in the air and in the food!!! A BIG thank you to Ms. Kadison and Ms. Okwabi for spearheading this event and to Ms. Nicoletta for lending us her classroom. A special thank you to all staff members who donated food. This was a great opportunity for our Hotel and Hospitality students to practice what they learned.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESENTS
9TH FEBRUARY, 2023

LOVE LANE DINNER

BRING ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND JOIN US IN OUR LOVE LANE DINNER!
FOOD, DRINKS & MUSIC
 2 GUESTS FOR \$6
 1 FOR \$4
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

LOCATED IN MS. NICOLETTAS ROOM 301
 4:30 PM TILL 6:30 PM





Thank you to Ms. D and her students for decorating the lobby recently for Valentine's Day. The lobby looks AMAZING!!!





Celebrating 20 Years

Dancewave at

JKOHS

INVITATIONAL
DANCING ARTISTS



**NO EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY
ALL LEVELS OF
DANCE WELCOME**

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

2:45 – 4:15

2ND FLOOR GYM

Club Advisor: Ms. McMahon

Room 411

**March: 1, 2, 8, 9, 15,
16, 22, 23, 29, 30**

April: 5, 19, 20, 26, 27

May: 3, 4, 10, 11, 17

