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## 2023-24 Parent Newsletter #2

### October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

"...Domestic violence occurs at all socioeconomic levels."

— Asa Don Brown

#### *Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) History*

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981 and conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became an entire week devoted to a range of activities conducted at the local, state, and national level. The activities conducted were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors but had common themes:

Mourning those who have died because of domestic violence

Celebrating those who have survived



Connecting those who work to end violence

These three themes remain a key focus of DVAM events today. In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year marks the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline. In 1989, the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 101-112 designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Such legislation has passed every year since with National Coalition Against Domestic Violence providing key leadership in this effort. Each year, the Day of Unity is celebrated the first Monday of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

—Adapted from the 1996 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resource Manual of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

### DID YOU KNOW?



Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness among families in New York City – surpassing eviction in FY17.

### IT'S OK TO ASK FOR HELP



If you are in a relationship with an abusive partner and you fear for your safety, you can seek help by calling Safe Horizon's Domestic Violence Hotline at **1-800-621-HOPE (4673)**. Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **However, if you are in immediate danger, then you should call 911 right away.**

### KNOW THE SIGNS

Domestic violence can take many forms, and it involves behavior that is used to establish power and control over another person. This is often done through fear and intimidation over a period of time, using threats, and verbal, emotional, or physical abuse. **Domestic violence can happen to anyone, and everyone deserves to feel safe and respected.**

### GET INFORMED

Clients can also seek support with getting connected to domestic violence services by coming to the Coalition's Crisis Intervention Program. Learn more about additional resources available to domestic violence victims:

[coalitionforthehomeless.org/get-help](http://coalitionforthehomeless.org/get-help)

# JKO SCHOOL COUNSELOR



## CONNECT



From the counseling department:

**HELLO AUTUMN!!**



- ❖ **1<sup>st</sup> period Class begins at 8:20 am.** Students need to **arrive 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. **The school day ends at 2:40 pm.**
- ❖ **If your child is or will be absent,** please contact Ms. Garcia (9-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students) at ext. 5052 or email at [NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov) ; Mrs. Vega-Beltran (11-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students) at ext. 5091 or via email at [NVega11@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:NVega11@schools.nyc.gov) ; or Ms. Bernabel, Parent Coordinator, at ext. 1012 or email at [ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov) . **Please be sure to send a doctor's note if your child has a medical appointment.**
- ❖ **Please keep track of your child's academic progress, grades, and attendance in their classes through the SyncGrades website.** If you would like to schedule meetings with teachers on Tuesdays, please contact your child's School Counselor.
- ❖ **NO SCHOOL – October 9<sup>th</sup>** in Observance of Indigenous Peoples Day
- ❖ We will have **College Tours** this Fall to both public and private institutions:
  - **October 5<sup>th</sup>** : SUNY College Fair at the Jacob Javitis Center
  - **October 11<sup>th</sup>** : New York Public Library College Fair and Workshops
  - **October 13<sup>th</sup>** : SUNY Farmingdale College Tour
- ❖ In order to maintain a positive learning environment, it is **expected that students dress in a professional manner. We expect students to be dressed appropriately** to ensure safety and to keep the focus on teaching and learning. **We would like all parents and guardians to remind students of proper dress protocols on campus.**  
**Prohibited forms of dress at school include, but are not limited to:**
  - 1) Clothing that contains references to drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, racism, or gang-affiliation.
  - 2) Revealing clothing that does not provide coverage of torso, undergarments, and private body parts, including see-through garments of any kind.
  - 3) Sunglasses while indoors.**If you need assistance providing your child clothing, please contact your child's counselor.**
- ❖ **Students are NOT ALLOWED TO USE CELL PHONES DURING SCHOOL HOURS.** They must keep their phones locked in their yonder pouch. **In case of an emergency, please**



call the school to contact your child and students can use a school office phone to contact their parent/guardian.

- ❖ **Please have your child meet for one on one academic/personal progress meetings with their counselor immediately:** Ms. Garcia (9-10<sup>th</sup> Graders) and Mrs. Vega-Beltran (11-12<sup>th</sup> Graders). This meeting is important to ensure they are on track academically with their progress towards graduation and to check in on their personal well-being.
- ❖ **Please have your child attend tutoring and join extra-curricular activities** to be an active member of the school community. This a great way for students to make new friends, network, and be exposed to various activities/hobbies. Please see the schedules below

## TUTORING

<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DAY(S)</u>	<u>TIME(S)</u>
KADISON	ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM
PELLETIER	ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM
EL MARDI	ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM
CHEN	MATH	FRIDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM
HASAN	MATH	THURSDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM
COLON	HISTORY	WEDNESDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM
URENA	HISTORY	MONDAY	3:00 – 4:00 PM
CUMBERBATCH	SCIENCE	WEDNESDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM
OKWABI	SCIENCE	WEDNESDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM
MATHEW	BUSINESS	THURSDAY	2:45 – 3:45 PM

# JKO CLUBS

**CROCHET CLUB** - Ms. Pelletier  
- Meets on **THURSDAY** from 2:45 -3:45 pm

**SLAM** - Ms. Pelletier  
-Meets on Thursday from 3:40 -4:00 pm

**GLAMOUR GIRLS** -Ms. Cumberbatch  
- Meets on Thursday from 2:45 -3:45 pm

**NHS** - Ms. D  
- Meets on Wednesday from 2:50 -3:45 pm

**SMASH ARTS** - Ms. D  
-Meets on Friday from 2:50 -3:45 pm

**DANCE CLUB** -Ms. Tepper  
- Meets on Thursday from 3 -4 pm

**Tutoring Masters** -Ms. Alcorn and Mr. Hassan  
- Tuesday and Wednesday from 2:45-3:45 pm

**VOLLEYBALL CLUB**- Ms. Rushforth  
- Meets on **Monday** from 3:40-4:40 pm

**CHESS** -Mr. Chen  
-Meets on **Tuesday** from 3:20-4:20 pm

**FITNESS CLUB** - Mr. Chen  
-Meets on Wednesday from 2:50 -3:45 pm

**MUSIC CLUB** -Mr. Chen  
-Meets on Thursday from 2:45 -3:45 pm

**YEARBOOK CLUB**- Ms. Kadison/Mr. De La Cruz  
- Meets on Thursday from 2:45 -3:45 pm

**HELPING HANDS** - Ms. Kadison  
- Meets on Thursday from 2:45 -3:45 pm

**COOKING CLUB** -Mr. Urena  
- Meets on **TUESDAY** from 2:45 -3:45 pm

**Student Government**- Ms.O  
- Meets on Thursday from 2:45- 3:45 pm

**Senior Council** -Ms. O (ALTERNATING WEEKS)  
- Meets on Thursday from 2:45- 3:45 pm

**Weight Lifting** - Mr. Vincent  
-Meets on Thursday from 3-4 pm

- ❖ **Please reach out to Ms. Garcia (9-10<sup>th</sup> Grades) or Mrs. Vega-Beltran (11-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) if you feel that your child needs social/emotional support.** We have an abundance of services for students at the school and can refer your family to outside resources/assistance.

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

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

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

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

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

# PARENT COORDINATOR CONNECTIONS

From the Desk of the  
Parent Coordinator  
Ms. Bernabel

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

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## Announcements

- Reach out to Ms. Bernabel if you have not registered for your NYC Myschools account. This is very important for parents to receive information regularly from the DOE and to be able to access certain services available online. You can register for an account at: <https://www.myschools.nyc/en/account/log-in/>
- Please complete the NYC financial forms, formerly known as Lunch Forms. While lunch is currently given to all students regardless of income, schools still need parents to complete in order to qualify for federal Title I funding. All information submitted by parents is completely confidential. The following is the link for this: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>.
- PTA/SLT Meetings: Our next PTA/SLT meeting will take place on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. SLT commences at 4 pm and ends at 5 pm. PTA meetings commence at 6 pm to 7 pm. Additionally, meetings will be held virtually and in person (hybrid) until further notice from the DOE on any changes or options for the new school year. An email with the Zoom links will be sent to parents ten days in advance.
- Laptops have been distributed to all students. Please remind your child to charge their laptops daily.
- Below please find the marking period dates for this semester:

MP End Date
MP 1: 10/24
MP 2: 12/11
MP 3: 1/22

- There are 18 tickets to see the Broadway show Six on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 7 p.m. Tickets are free but first come, first served. Students can find permission slips on the activities board by the elevator on the third floor or ask Ms. Kadison.
- Lockers have been assigned. Please have your child use a lock and not share their locker with anyone.
- There will be no school on Election Day; November 7<sup>th</sup>.



NHS PRESENTS

# CORALINE

MOVIE NIGHT

OCTOBER 20 - AT 4PM

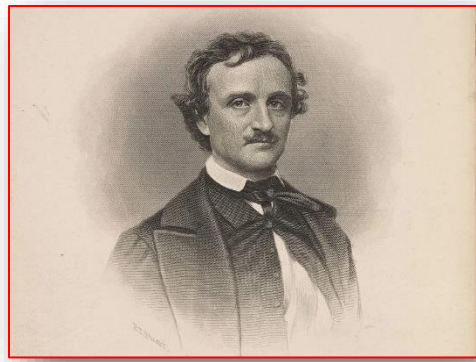
BRING YOUR BLANKETS AND PAJAMAS!  
\$2 ENTRY - \$4 SNACK BUNDLE

ROOM 301





# In the Spotlight



A BIG thank you to Ms. El Mardi and her students for putting together the Edgar Allan Poe memorial display in the lobby marking anniversary of his death; October 7, 1849





# In the Spotlight



On Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, juniors and seniors attended a college fair at the Jacob Javits center. A BIG thank you to Ms. Vega-Beltran for spearheading this trip. See pictures below:







On Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Cooking Club kicked off the “cool”inary year with a fruit salad. Students first learned about safety, food contamination avoidance, temperature, danger zones, and cutting techniques. Next, they practiced their knife skills/cutting techniques on fruit. And then they enjoyed the fruits of their labor!!! A BIG thank you to Ms. Bernabel for spearheading this event.





SMASH ARTS PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

# THE TRIALS

where freedom ends.

October 27, 2023

6:00pm

\$5 TICKETS – ENTRY TO HAUNTED HOUSE AND DANCE  
\$2 PER ADDITIONAL TICKET FOR HAUNTED HOUSE

Click on the following link for the video commercial:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ptz8BcjqZOAD5oqbhQHk1b1eZxorwnD1/view?ts=6519d5a7>





# In the Spotlight

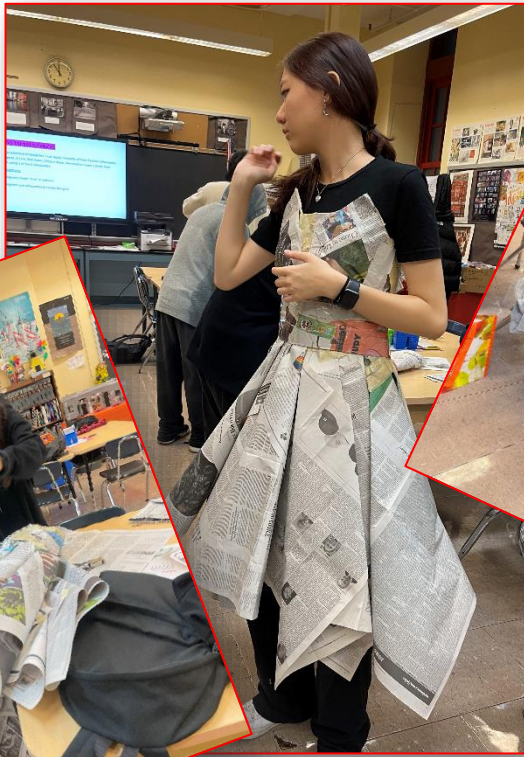


Recently, Ms. De Gregorio's fashion students finalized their creation of newspaper dresses. They were simply amazing. A BIG thanks to Ms. D for spearheading this activity with students. Click on the following link to view a video of the process and final product:

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# HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

On September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, JKO NHS students and staff took part in this year's Manhattan High School Fair. It was VERY well attended with thousands and thousands of prospective families and students. It was a welcome sign of being back to normal since it has been almost four years since our last high school fair. A big thank you to the staff who participated and our NHS students. Another shout out to the Manhattan High School Superintendent's team for spearheading this fabulous event. See pictures below:



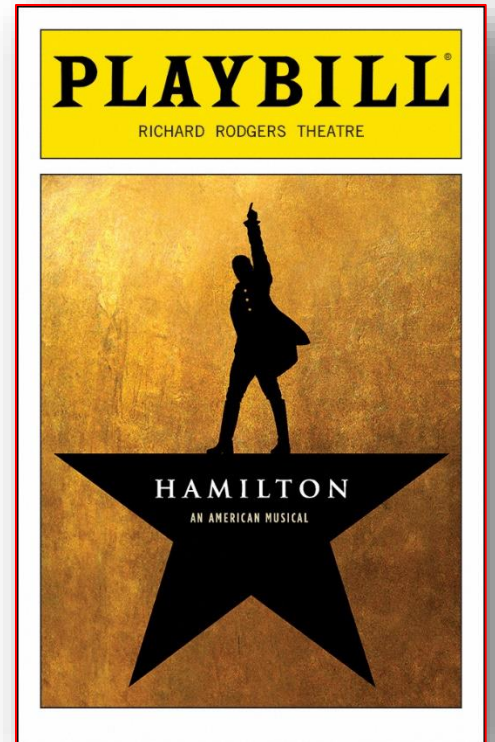




**HIGH SCHOOL  
FAIR**

A decorative graphic featuring a blue background with several black graduation caps (mortarboards) and yellow tassels. Below this, a dark blue banner contains the text "HIGH SCHOOL FAIR" in bold, yellow, sans-serif capital letters.





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

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





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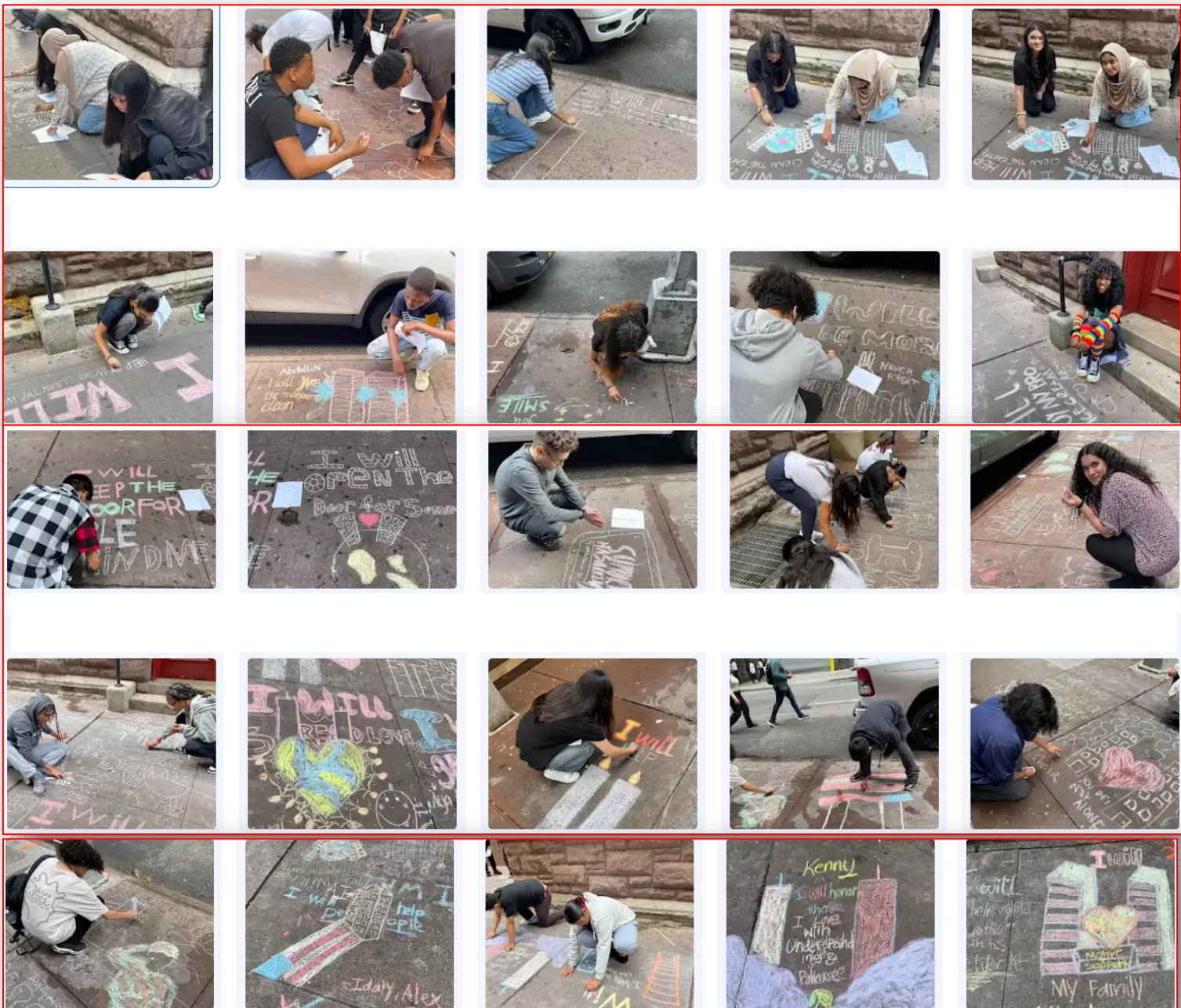
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On Monday, the anniversary of 9/11, students in art classes honored 9/11 victims by participating in 9/11 Day, pledging to do 1 small act of kindness/good deed for someone. They created a "sidewalk chalk quilt" of the artistic renderings of their pledges in the front of the building. I posted pictures of this in the previous bulletin. Below you can find more...







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Dear Fabulous Business Department!

JKO is hosting an assembly with Deloitte and Junk Kouture for NYC Climate Week on Wednesday 9/20 4<sup>th</sup> period. Your business classes are invited to attend along with my fashion design students.

*Brief:* School visit featuring a discussion with Michelle Varney - Managing Director, Office of the Global CEO, Deloitte. Michelle will speak about how Deloitte and Junk Kouture are currently collaborating to support the personal and professional development of future leaders in the fashion and climate space. Rory Kelly, SVP, US & Partnerships at Junk Kouture will also speak.

These are some links you might like to explore with your classes:

<https://www.climateweeknyc.org/>

<https://www2.deloitte.com/us/en/pages/about-deloitte/articles/about-deloitte.html>

<https://junkkouture.com/>

I've also attached a Junk Kouture photo release form for your students to sign, since they may take photos of the presentation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Ms. D







This past week we conducted awards ceremonies for the achievements of students during the spring semester of last school year. Congratulations to all the recipients! Below are the awardees. They are listed by grade based on last year's grade levels for current students.



**Perfect Attendance  
9th Grade**



Steven Almazo  
Josiah Arroyo  
Jean Chimbo  
Nicole Flores  
Damian Hernandez  
Lisett Hernandez

Nixmary Portillo Castilleja  
John Sandoval  
Valeria Torterolo  
Yu Jie Wang  
Isabella Yeung  
Jumere McGruder

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



Viannay Palafox (99.50)  
Yu Jie Wang (98.67)  
Damian Hernandez (96.75)

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



Isabella Yeung (94.25)  
Valeria Torterolo (93.83)  
Brandon Del Valle-Monte (93.25)  
Benin Albawi (91.42)  
Darwin Hu (91.17)  
Nicole Flores (90.17)

**9th Grade  
Honor Roll  
Achieving an average of 85-89.9%**



Lisett Hernandez (89.92)  
Carissa Colon (88.92)  
Sage Hernandez (88.33)  
Joseph Velo (86.42)



**Perfect Attendance  
10th Grade**



Jarolin Castillo Sosa  
Narjis Guterrez-Martinez  
Nehemiah Toliver

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



David Tellez (96.62)  
Johann Abboud (95.92)  
Leslie Correa (95.43)

**10th Grade  
Assistant Principal's List  
Achieving an average of 90.00-94.99%**



Anuva Singha (94.10)  
Vanessa Lema (93.58)  
Deisy Quezada (93.07)  
Karelyn Bautista (91.05)  
Evelyn Lopez (90.20)  
Laila Barreira (90.00)

**10th Grade  
Honor Roll  
Achieving an average of 85-89.9%**



Carissa Gomez (86.50)  
Victoria Toovi (85.50)

**11th Grade  
(This year's Seniors)  
Principal's List  
Achieving an average of 95% or higher**



Prem Rohilla (95.85)

**11th Grade  
(This year's Seniors)  
Assistant Principal's List  
Achieving an average of 90-94.9%**



Anissa Ruiz (94.48)  
Graciella Flores Galindo (93.98)  
Evelyn Ortiz Carpio (92.55)  
Aya Esserghini (92.50)





It's official...JKO is going to London!!!

**From:** Rosner Karen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 5:34:33 PM  
**Subject:** Congratulations to Junk Kouture Finalists!

Dear Brenda, Julie, Lisa, and Elisa,

Again, congratulations on your Junk Kouture finalists! According to what I have received from Rory Kelly and Nathan McEneff, the list below my signature notes all teachers and students (plus one administrator) who are planning to attend the Junk Kouture World Final on October 12<sup>th</sup> in London. How exciting!

Thank you Rory and Nathan for this opportunity to honor our students and their talented teachers in this special way.

I have been advised that certain forms must be filled out prior to the trip, and that the Superintendents of your respective District must grant approval. Your principals may have taken care of this already.

Connect here for [parental consent for international trip](#). You will find them in several languages.

A [Trip Plan](#) also must be completed.

Please contact me if you have any questions, and again, congratulations!

NOTE: If your school has decided not to send staff and students noted below to the London event, please let me know.

Best,  
Karen

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School - The High School of Fashion Industries  
Teacher – Brenda Rojas  
Student – Caroline Castro & Dalihcie Inga

School - New Design High School  
Teacher – Julie Zenobi (administrator will attend as well... Danilo Martinez)  
Students – Arianna Morales

School - Fordham High School for the Arts  
Teacher – Lisa Mota  
Students – Ashley Ortega & Elizabeth Guzman

School - Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School  
Teacher – Elisa DeGregorio  
Students – Isabella Yeung & Kimberlyn Mehia Jerez

**Congratulations to:**  
Isabelle Yeung & Kimberlyn Mejia for "Dolly"

