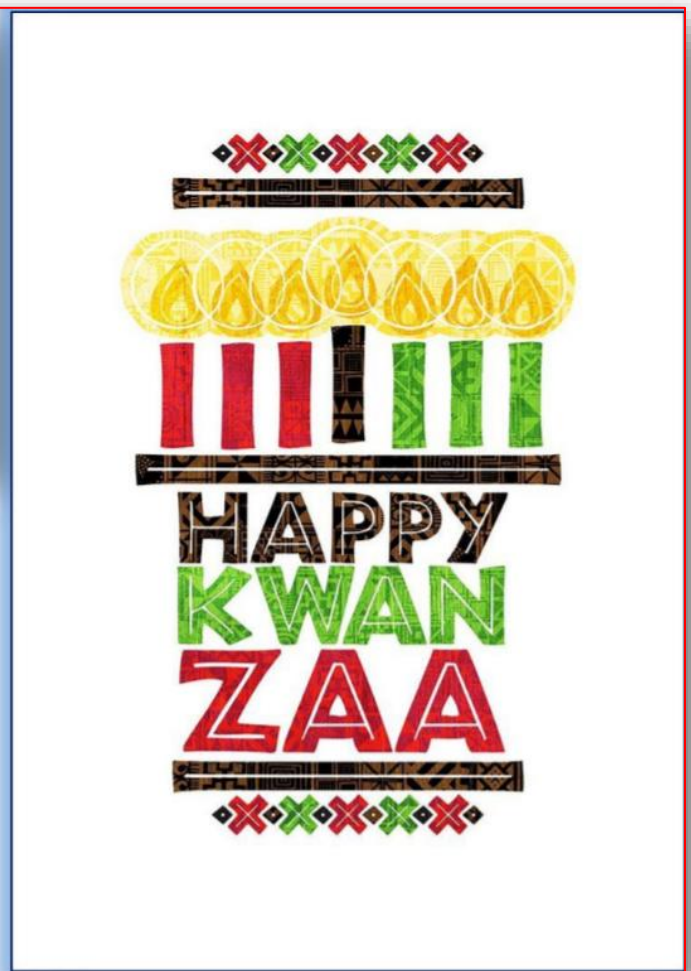


2025-26 Parent Newsletter #4



The **JKO family** would like to wish you and your families an enjoyable, healthy, and peaceful holiday season.



Announcements

- **Senior Portraits:**

Senior pictures were taken on November 24th and 25th. Photo proofs should be available within the week. Passwords to access individual galleries have been posted on the Senior Google Classroom as private comments. Retakes will take place during the first week of February—exact date to be announced.

- **Thank You for Supporting Our Potluck:**

A huge thank-you to all the parents and staff members who assisted or donated toward our Student Potluck on November 25th. It was an amazing success with a fantastic turnout. Your support truly helped make the event warm, welcoming, and memorable for our students.

Upcoming Events

- **December 10:**

NHS and Smash Arts will host *An Evening With Elves* in the gym to kick off the holiday season.

- **December 12:**

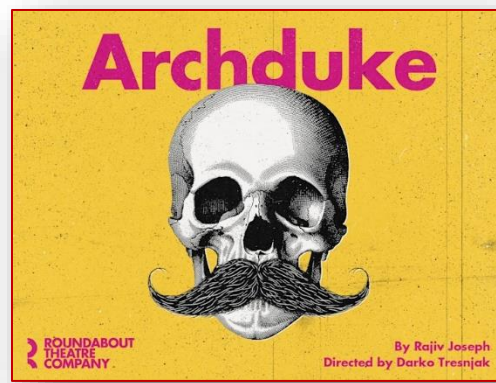
Ms. Degregorio will host a Parent Art Night—an opportunity to explore childhood through art in a creative and engaging setting.

- **December 19:**

Student Government and Helping Hand Society will host our 4th Annual Winter Wonderland. We look forward to celebrating with our JKO community!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

December 24–January 2	Wednesday–Friday	Winter Recess, schools closed
January 19	Monday	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, schools closed
January 20–23	Tuesday–Friday	Regents Administration
January 26	Monday	Professional Development Day for high schools and 6–12 schools; students in these schools do not attend
January 27	Tuesday	Spring Semester begins



A message from Ms. De Gregorio:

As part of our partnership with Roundabout Theatre Company 65 students from ELA classes, History and Advanced Art were able to attend a matinee of "Archduke" followed by a talkback with the actors.

Thank you Ms. ElMardi, Ms. Fares, Mr. Hammond and Ms. Gordon for chaperoning!

Pulitzer Prize finalist Rajiv Joseph (Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo) brings his signature wit and imagination to the New York premiere of Archduke.

Directed by Tony Award® winner Darko Tresnjak (A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder) and featuring Jake Berne, Tony nominee Kristine Nielsen, Tony nominee Patrick Page, Adrien Rolet, and Jason Sanchez, this darkly comic play follows Gavrilo Princip, better known as the assassin of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and his fellow revolutionaries, reimagined not as masterminds but rather a hapless, helpless band of teenagers.

With razor-sharp humor, Archduke transforms a pivotal moment in global politics into an absurdly relevant theatrical experience, reminding us that too often history is written by the least qualified **(Thanks Ms. D, for spearheading!!!)**





Big Brothers Big Sisters® OF AMERICA

A message from Ms. Milan:

On November 18, 2025, we kicked off the last cohort in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City Workplace Mentoring Program. The 10th grade cohort is partnered with SONY. Everyone was completely engaged. Our students (the Littles) got to meet their mentors.

We are still looking to recruit a few more sophomores for the program.



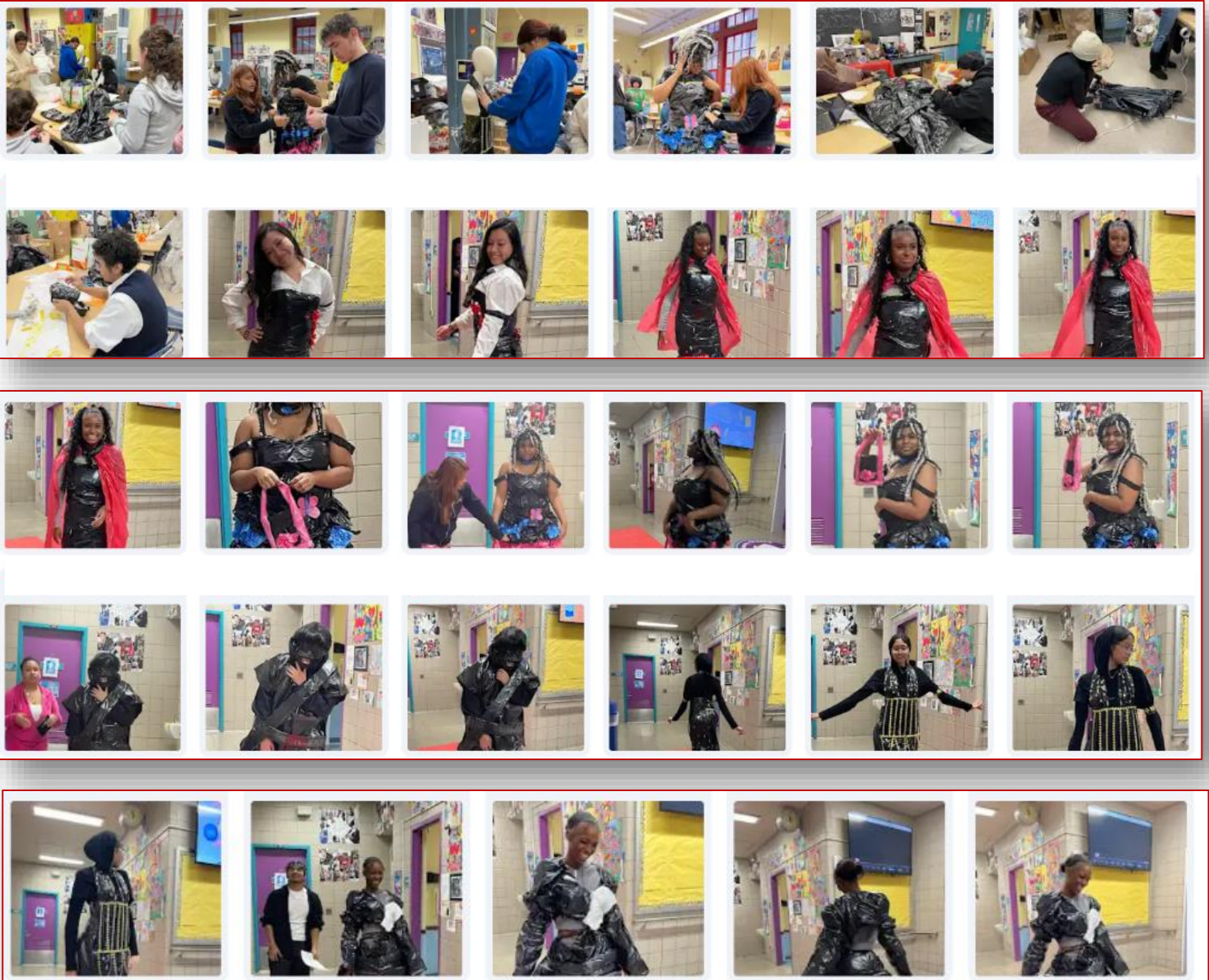
In the Spotlight

A message from Ms. De Gregorio:

Tuesday 11/28 Fashion Design students presented their 2nd collection made from trash bags and plastic. It was an interesting mix of looks from the classical to the avant- garde.

Click on the following link for a brief video:

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A message from Ms. Marshall:

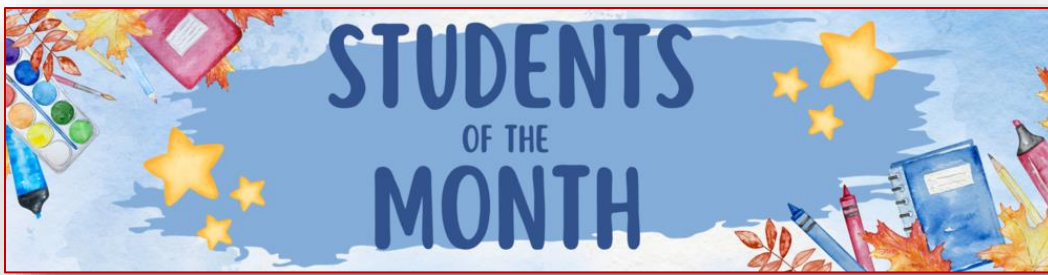
Hi everyone,

Wanted to highlight that the Food Drive run by the Next Gen Leaders Club was a success! We donated over 100 nonperishable items to a local shelter on 30th Street this past Tuesday. The people at the shelter were very grateful for our generosity and I'm proud of the members of the club for putting this together and successfully executing all with the help of the JKO COMMUNITY!!!

GO PANTERS!!!

Thank you for spearheading this Ms. Marhsall!!!!





Congratulations to all of our November Students of the Month!!!

9th Grade: Mateo White

10th Grade: Coumba Diagouraga

11th Grade: Valeria Chabla Gomez/Emily Williams

12th Grade: Viannay Palafox



CONGRATS!



On the week of November 17th, JKO students represented us PS/MS 108 HS Fair. They were AMAZING JKO ambassadors!!! A big thank you to those students...Ana Medina and Roxanne Romeleroux. Also, a BIG thank you to Ms. Kaddison and Ms. Garcia for spearheading!!!





HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

On Wednesday, November 12th, JKO participated in the high school fair at Fashion Industries High School. A BIG thanks to our JKO family who represented us there: Ms. Bernabel, Ms. Kadison, and Mr. Vincent.





A message from Ms. Milan:

Hospitality students visited One Main Financial offices. Students met with executives and toured the office. One Main's Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel spoke with our students about their career path.

After the tour, the students engaged in a "Game of Life" activity with volunteers from One Main, where students were given a specific career and had to make financial decisions and life choices. Students and volunteers then discussed the impact of those decisions.

Thank you, Ms. Milan, for spearheading this event!!!





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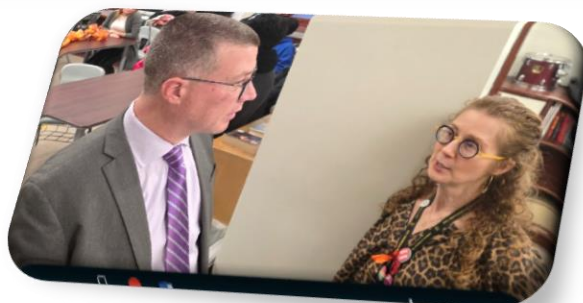
We kicked off our Morgan Stanley Mentoring Program on November 13, 2025.

Students engaged in a speed networking activity where they spoke with the mentors to begin to build their professional network.





On Monday, November 23rd, the JKO family engaged in a Thanksgiving Potluck in the library. It was warm and wonderful event! A BIG thank you to Mr. Vincent for spearheading this!!!





A BIG thank you to Ms. D and her art students for decorating the school lobby for the holidays with the Gingerbread houses they created in the past!!! The lobby looks like a winter wonderland!!!

