

2024-25 Parent Newsletter #9

Mother's Day

Mother's Day falls on May 11. The staff at JKO want to take this moment to wish all of our JKO student's moms a very happy and enjoyable Mother's Day. May the day be replete with moments of love and happiness.

Anna Jarvis Turns Mother's Day Into a National Holiday

The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900s as a result of the efforts of [Anna Jarvis](#), daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children.

After gaining financial backing from a Philadelphia department store owner named John Wanamaker, in May 1908 she organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at a Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia. That same day also saw thousands of people attend a Mother's Day event at one of Wanamaker's retail stores in Philadelphia.

Following the success of her first Mother's Day, Jarvis—who remained unmarried and childless her whole life—resolved to see her holiday added to the national calendar. Arguing that American holidays were biased toward male achievements, she started a massive letter writing campaign to newspapers and prominent politicians urging the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood.

By 1912 many states, towns and churches had adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday, and Jarvis had established the Mother's Day International Association to help promote her cause. Her persistence paid off in 1914 when President [Woodrow Wilson](#) signed a measure [officially establishing](#) the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.



Jarvis Decries Commercialized Mother's Day

Anna Jarvis had originally conceived of Mother's Day as a day of personal celebration between mothers and families. Her version of the day involved wearing a white carnation as a badge and visiting one's mother or attending church services. But once Mother's Day became a national holiday, it was not long before florists, card companies and other merchants capitalized on its popularity.

While Jarvis had initially worked with the floral industry to help raise Mother's Day's profile, by 1920 she had become disgusted with how the holiday had been commercialized. She outwardly denounced the transformation and urged people to stop buying Mother's Day flowers, cards and candies.

Jarvis eventually resorted to an open campaign against Mother's Day profiteers, speaking out against confectioners, florists and even charities. She also launched countless lawsuits against groups that had used the name "Mother's Day," eventually spending most of her personal wealth in legal fees. By the time of her death in 1948 Jarvis had disowned the holiday altogether, and even actively lobbied the government to see it removed from the American calendar.

Source: History.com

PARENT COORDINATOR CONNECTIONS

From the Desk of the
Parent Coordinator
Ms. Bernabel

ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov

Tel #929-617-0122

Announcements

- Our next PA meeting is on June 2nd @ 6 pm and SLT will take place on the same day at 4:30 pm.
- We are still accepting student photos for any grade level for the yearbook. Parents/guardians can send photos to jkoyearbook120@gmail.com

Important Dates and INFORMATION

- MAY 7TH: MARKING PERIOD 2 ENDS
- MAY 7, 14, & 21: STUDENT WORKSHOP – TEST PREPARATION @2:45 – 3:45
- May 7 – 9TH: ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS
- MAY 12TH – 15TH : ELL NYSESLAT EXAMS
- MAY 14 – 15TH: ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS
- May 15 Thursday Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences (5 pm to 8 pm)
- May 26 Monday Memorial Day, schools closed
- June 5 Thursday Eid al-Adha / Anniversary Day; schools closed
- June 10 Tuesday The first administration of the new Regents Examinations in Life Science: Biology, and Earth and Space Sciences
- June 11 Wednesday The first administration of the new Regents Examination in Geometry
- June 17- 26 Tuesday-Thursday Regents Administration
- June 19 Thursday Juneteenth, schools closed
- June 26 Thursday Last day of school for students

JKO SCHOOL COUNSELOR CONNECT



From the counseling department:



- ❖ **1st period Class begins at 8:20 A.M.** Students need to **arrive to school prior to 8:20 AM** and on time regularly so they are able to effectively engage in their first period lesson. Lateness adversely impacts a student's academic performance. **The school day ends at 2:40 P.M.**
- ❖ **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 an excuse note for your child's absence and/or a doctor's note if your child has a medical appointment.**
 - **Please ensure that your child's medical documents or any other important documents are updated and we have updated copies.**
- ❖ **Please keep track of your child's academic progress, grades, and attendance in their classes through the SyncGrades website.** Please be sure that your child's NYC Student Email account is updated. If you would like to schedule meetings with teachers on Tuesdays, please contact your child's School Counselor.
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 - **MAY 26 – NO SCHOOL IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**
 - **MAY 29 – COLLEGE FAIR 4-5:30 PM**
 - **JUNE 5 – 6: NO SCHOOL IN OBSERVANCE OF EID & CLERICAL DAY**
- ❖ **COLLEGE NOW** – If you are interested in having your 11th or 12th grader take **FREE** College courses while in high school through the City University of New York Colleges/Universities, please contact **Mrs. Vega-Beltran**. This is a great opportunity for your child to have those course credits apply to their College Degree for **FREE!** **The Summer Deadline is May 10th!**
- ❖ 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. This includes iPads, Apple MacBook, Smart watches or any non-DOE issued electronic device.** 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.**
- ❖ **12th GRADE SENIOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:** Please work closely with your senior child this school year to discuss their post-secondary options (plans after high school). They will need your support and encouragement when applying to college/university, trade school, military, and/or financial aid/scholarships. Please look out for future communication regarding college trips, workshops, financial aid, and important deadlines.
- ❖ **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 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. We will send information for tutoring and extra-curricular activities in the coming weeks.

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

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE ASESORAMIENTO:



- ❖ **1 periodo La clase comienza a las 8:20 A.M.** Los estudiantes **deben llegar a la escuela antes de las 8:20 A.M.** y puntualmente regularmente para que puedan participar de manera efectiva en su lección del primer período. La tardanza afecta negativamente el rendimiento académico de un estudiante. La jornada escolar finaliza a las 14:40 horas.
- ❖ **Si su hijo está o estará ausente**, comuníquese con la Sra. García (estudiantes de 9.º a 10.º grado) en la ext. 5052 o correo electrónico a NGarcia33@schools.nyc.gov; Sra. Vega-Beltran (Estudiantes de 11º y 12º grado) en la ext. 5091 o por correo electrónico a NVega11@schools.nyc.gov; o la Sra. Bernabel, Coordinadora de Padres, en la ext. 1012 o correo electrónico a ABernabel@schools.nyc.gov. **Asegúrese de enviar una nota de excusa por la ausencia de su hijo y/o una nota del médico si su hijo tiene una cita médica.**
 - **Asegúrese de que los documentos médicos de su hijo o cualquier otro documento importante estén actualizados y que tengamos copias actualizadas.**
- ❖ **Realice un seguimiento del progreso académico, las calificaciones y la asistencia a clases de su hijo a través del sitio web SyncGrades.** Asegúrese de que la cuenta de correo electrónico estudiantil de NYC de su hijo esté actualizada. Si desea programar reuniones con los maestros los martes, comuníquese con el consejero escolar de su hijo.
- ❖ **FECHAS IMPORTANTES PARA RECORDAR:**
 - **7 DE MAYO: FINALIZA EL SEGUNDO PERIODO DE CALIFICACIONES**
 - **7, 14 Y 21 DE MAYO: TALLER PARA ESTUDIANTES – PREPARACIÓN PARA EXÁMENES, 14:45-15:45 h**
 - **7-9 DE MAYO: EXÁMENES DE COLOCACIÓN AVANZADA**
 - **12-15 DE MAYO: EXÁMENES ELL NYSESLAT**
 - **14-15 DE MAYO: EXÁMENES DE COLOCACIÓN AVANZADA**
 - **26 DE MAYO – NO HAY CLASES EN CONMEMORACIÓN DEL DÍA DE LOS CAÍDOS**
 - **29 DE MAYO – FERIA UNIVERSITARIA, 4-5:30 PM**
 - **5 Y 6 DE JUNIO: NO HAY CLASES EN CONMEMORACIÓN DEL EID Y EL DÍA DEL CLERICAL**
- ❖ **UNIVERSIDAD AHORA** – Si está interesado en que su hijo de 11.º o 12.º grado tome cursos universitarios GRATUITOS mientras está en la escuela secundaria a través de las universidades de la City University of New York, comuníquese con la Sra. Vega-Beltrán. ¡Esta es una gran oportunidad para que su hijo obtenga los créditos de esos cursos para su título universitario GRATIS!
¡La fecha límite de verano es el 10 de mayo!
- ❖ Para mantener un ambiente de aprendizaje positivo, **se espera que los estudiantes se vistan de manera profesional. Esperamos que los estudiantes vistan apropiadamente** para garantizar la seguridad y mantener el enfoque en la enseñanza y el aprendizaje. **Nos gustaría que todos los padres y tutores recuerden a los estudiantes los protocolos de vestimenta adecuados en el campus.**

Las formas de vestimenta prohibidas en la escuela incluyen, entre otras:

- 1) Ropa que contenga referencias a drogas, alcohol, sexo, violencia, racismo o afiliación a pandillas.
- 2) Ropa reveladora que no cubra el torso, la ropa interior y las partes privadas del cuerpo, incluidas prendas transparentes de cualquier tipo.
- 3) Gafas de sol mientras esté en el interior.

Si necesita ayuda para proporcionarle ropa a su hijo, comuníquese con el consejero de su hijo.

- ❖ **NO SE PERMITE A LOS ESTUDIANTES UTILIZAR TELÉFONOS CELULARES DURANTE EL HORARIO ESCOLAR.** Esto incluye iPads y relojes inteligentes **que están conectados a sus teléfonos.** Deben mantener sus teléfonos bajo llave en su bolsa. **En caso de una emergencia, llame a la escuela para comunicarse con su hijo y los estudiantes pueden usar el teléfono de la oficina de la escuela para comunicarse con sus padres/tutores.**
- ❖ **12º GRADO PADRES/TUTORES MAYORES:** Trabaje estrechamente con su hijo mayor este año escolar para discutir sus opciones postsecundarias (planes después de la escuela secundaria). Necesitarán su apoyo y aliento cuando soliciten ingreso a la universidad, escuela de oficios, ejército y/o ayuda/becas financieras. Esté atento a comunicaciones futuras sobre viajes universitarios, talleres, ayuda financiera y fechas límite importantes.
- ❖ **Haga que su hijo se reúna inmediatamente para reuniones individuales de progreso académico/personal con su consejero:** Sra. García (estudiantes de 9.º a 10.º grado) y Sra. Vega-Beltrán (estudiantes de 11.º a 12.º grado). Esta reunión es importante para garantizar que estén encaminados académicamente con su progreso hacia la graduación y para controlar su bienestar personal.
- ❖ **Haga que su hijo asista a tutorías y se una a actividades extracurriculares para ser un miembro activo de la comunidad escolar.** Esta es una excelente manera para que los estudiantes hagan nuevos amigos, establezcan contactos y estén expuestos a diversas actividades/pasatiempos. Enviaremos información para tutorías y actividades extracurriculares en las próximas semanas.
- ❖ Comuníquese con la Sra. García (grados 9-10) o la Sra. Vega-Beltrán (grados 11-12) si cree que su hijo necesita apoyo social/emocional. Tenemos una gran cantidad de servicios para los estudiantes en la escuela y podemos derivar a su familia a recursos/asistencia externos.

No dude en comunicarse directamente con el consejero escolar de su hijo si tiene alguna pregunta, inquietud o si necesita ayuda:

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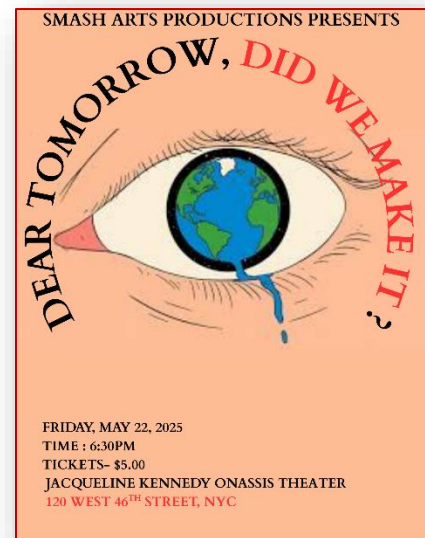
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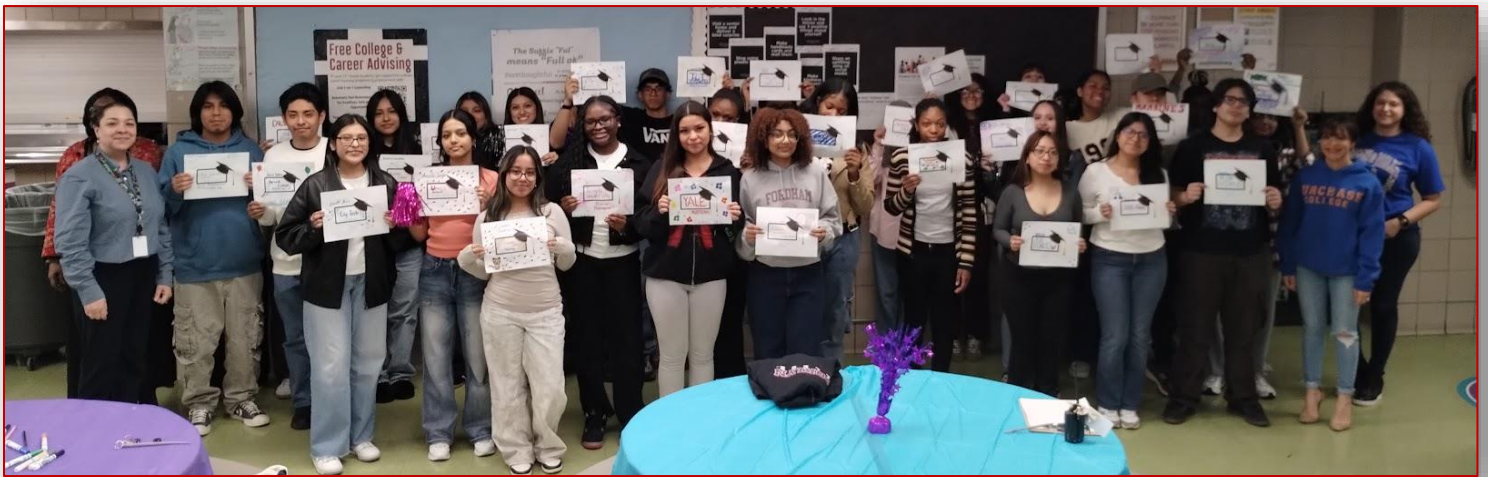
On Friday, May 2nd, SMASH Arts presented, Dear Tomorrow, Did We Make It? The production centered around the following questions: What will the world be like in 2050? Will things be better or worse? The multimedia production is based on letters the artists wrote to the future. The performance was an amazing display of student talent and true understanding for the need of sustainability. **A BIG thank you to Ms. D for spearheading!!!**

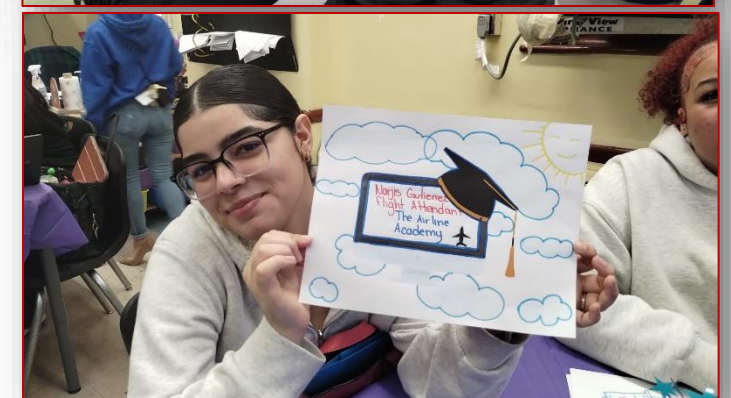






On May 1st, seniors engaged in College Decision Day activities. Together they revealed their decisions for college. A BIG thank you to Ms. Vega for facilitating!

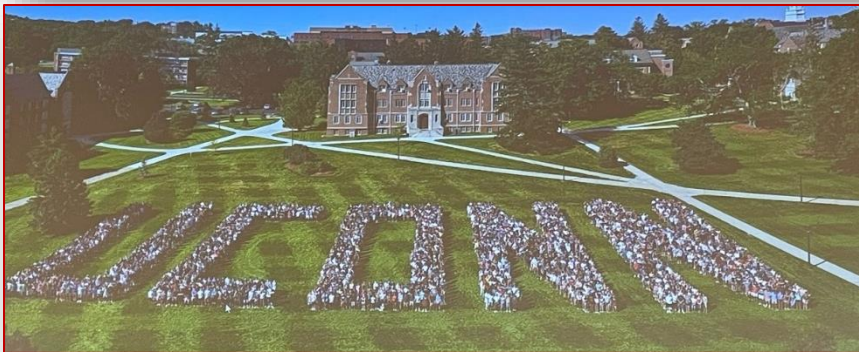








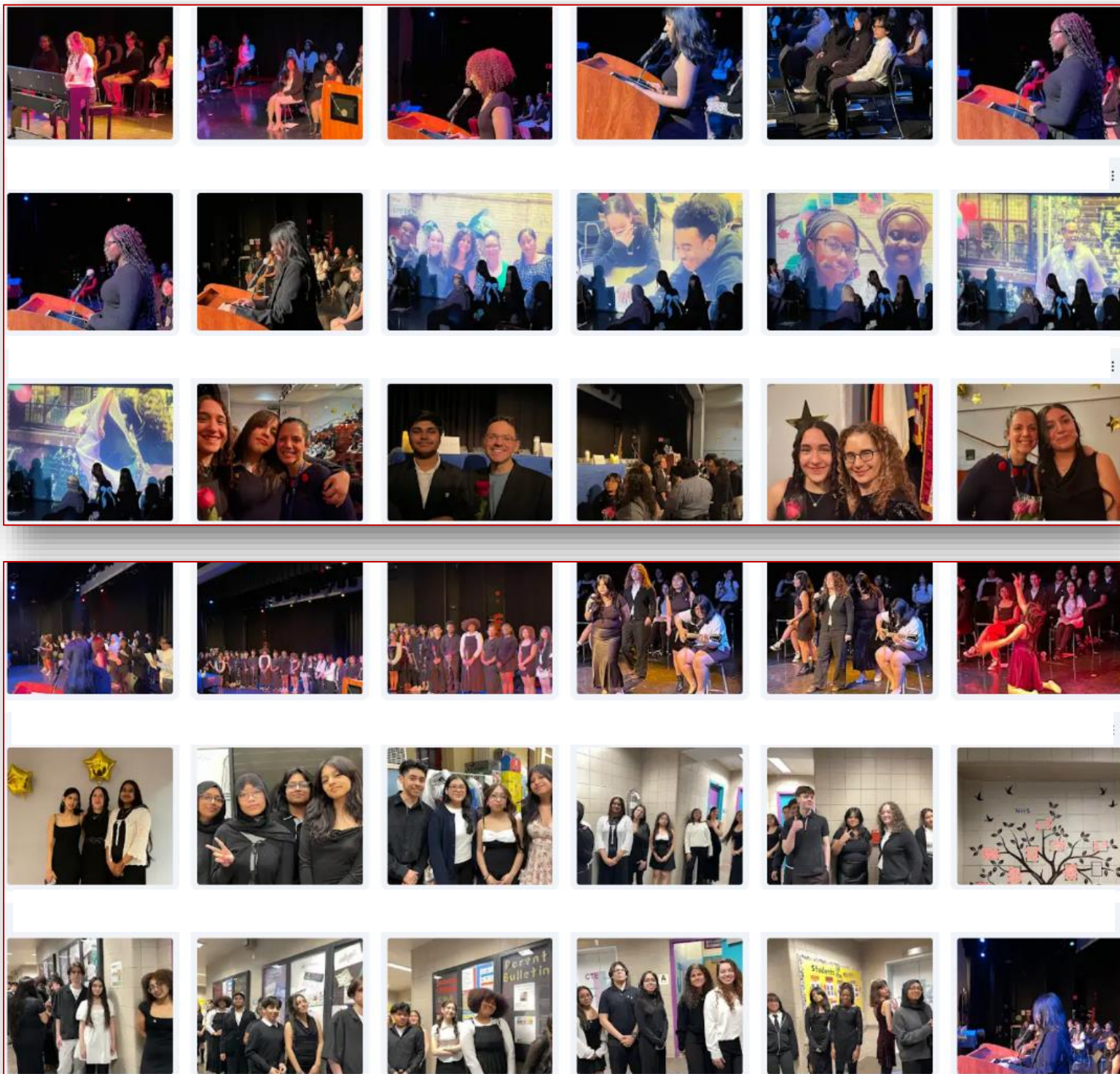
Recently many of our juniors visited the University of Connecticut. They had an academic great time!!! **A BIG thank you to Ms. Vega-Beltran for spearheading!!!**





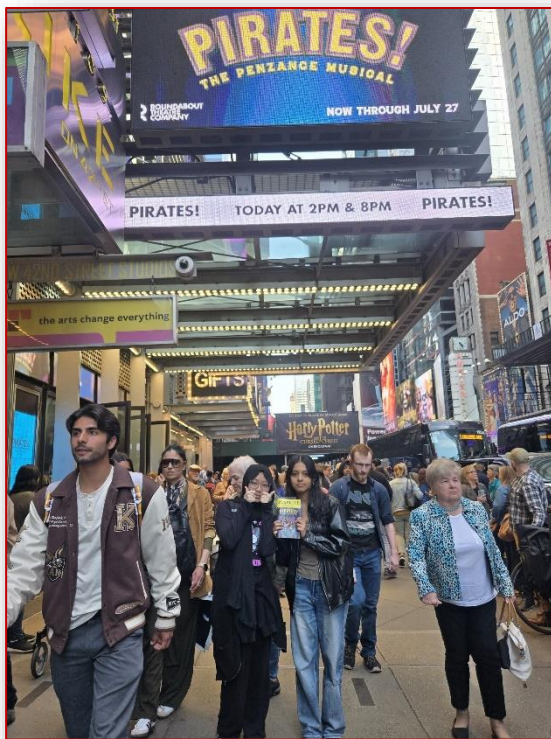
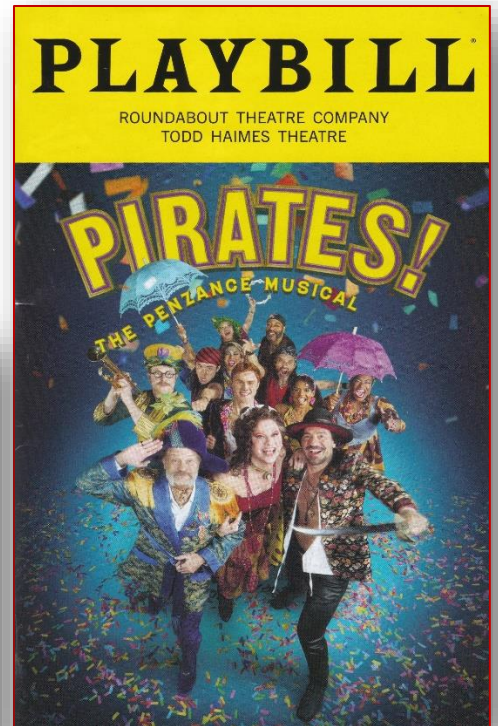
More pictures from the NHS induction ceremony...

National Honor Society
INDUCTION CEREMONY



In the Spotlight

On Wednesday, April 23rd, many of our students attended Roundabout Theatre Company's "Pirates, The Penzance Musical." They had a TREASURE of fun!!! Thank you to Ms. D for spearheading this trip.





A message from Ms. Milan:

Students and their mentors from our MORGAN STANLEY~JKO Mentoring Program came together for a fun-filled bowling event, where each frame was about encouragement, teamwork, learning from each other along with celebrating progress.





On Wednesday, April 23rd, the District held a Student Equity Leaders and Allies conference. The conference was held at Trinity Commons. Representing JKO were students Kelly, Kordell, Priscilla, Bismark, and Abdullah. Also with them was Equity ally, Mr. Williams. A BIG thank you to Chris Lagares, from District, for spearheading this event!!!



In the Spotlight

On Thursday, April 10th, many of our students enjoyed a trip to see The Great Gatsby musical on Broadway. Students stated that they were simply AMAZED at how the book came alive on stage!!! A BIG thank you to **Ms. Pelletier** for spearheading this trip.





National Honor Society

INDUCTION CEREMONY



On Thursday, April 10th, JKO NHS conducted its annual induction ceremony. Inductees and senior NHS members were celebrated during this event. It was an impressive display of exceptional students and human beings!!!

A **BIG thank you to Ms. D** for spearheading.
See pictures below...



Congratulations to our inductees!!!

Thank you to our senior NHS members for four remarkable years!!! Each of them has woven themselves into the fabric of our school community and enriched the lives of the entire JKO family.



1. Asma Ahmed
2. Benin Albawi
3. Nicole Aparicio
4. NIK BAKHTIN
5. DAMIA ANURA AZLAN
6. Nataly CAJCHUM
7. Jean Chimbo
8. Bismark Contreras
9. Gazi Fariha
10. Abigail Gonzalez
11. Lisett Hernandez
12. TANISH KUMAR
13. Kelly Lazo
14. Ana Medina
15. Stacy Puma
16. Deisy Quezada
17. Roxanne Romoleroux
18. Elina Sadatbekova
19. LIA SILVERIO-MARTINEZ
20. Angel Tochamani Ramirez
21. Allison Vazquez
22. Umay Yazal



- Karelyn Bautista
Laila Barreria
Damia Anura Azlan
Aracely Canalizo
Leslie Correa
Gabriel Diaz
Ariana Faustino
Janeth Flores
Abigail Gonzalez
Serenity Guity
MJ Huda
Sadrin Huda
Kelly Lazo
Vanessa Lema
Evelyn Lopez
Kordell Nesbit
Elle Romanova
Denise Scudiero
Adriana Smalls
Anuva Singha
David Tellez
Deisy Quezada
Anghelyz Vazquez









On the week of April 7th, our Virtual Enterprise students attended the Youth Business Summit at the Jacob Javits Center. Vanessa and her team made it through the first round.

Congratulations to both awesome teams.

Congratulations to our Panther Cubs
Vanessa and David

A BIG thank you to Ms. Newell for spearheading this trip!!!



