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Thinking BIG For Our Children

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Pope Francis In NYC!



"Pope Francis is the leading global voice on issues of social justice and income inequality, and New Yorkers from all backgrounds will be tremendously humbled and honored to hear his message right here in our city later this year." - Bill De Blasio, Mayor of New York City

This year Pope Francis made his first visit to the great Empire City. His presence had a big impact on the people of New York City regardless of culture or faith. Pope Francis attended a multi-religious service at the 9/11 Memorial and held mass at Madison Square Garden.

About Pope Francis by Paige Hall, 4th Grade

Pope Francis was born December 17, 1930. He is the 266th pope and current pope of the Catholic church. He received his education from the Milltown Institute of Theology and Physiology. His parents are Mario Jose Berglio and Regina Mario Sivori Beglio.



Source: abc7ny.com

Our Next President?

Students choose who they would vote for and give their opinions on the 2016 presidential candidates.

2016 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL RACE

| THE DEMOCRATS | | | | THE REPUBLICANS | | | |
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| HILLARY CLINTON | BERNIE SANDERS | TED CRUZ | RAND PAUL | MARCO RUBIO | BEN CARSON | CARLY FIORINA | MIKE HUCKABEE |
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| MARTIN O'MALLEY | LINCOLN CHAFEE | RICK SANTORUM | GEORGE PATAKI | LINSEY GRAHAM | RICK PERRY | JEB BUSH | DONALD TRUMP |
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| JIM WEBB | BOBBY JINDAL | CHRIS CHRISTIE | SCOTT WALKER | JOHN KASICH | JIM GILLMORE | | |

If I could vote, I would vote for Hillary Clinton. Hillary Clinton is a part of the Democratic party. Hillary Clinton used to be Secretary of State. Even though she is in first place for the Democratic party, she has made some mistakes. For example, she shared secret job files, but apologized later. -Makiyah Turner-Hicks, 4th Grade



If I could vote for a president I would vote for Hillary Clinton. I would elect Hillary Clinton because, 1) In 2008 she ran for president, but lost to Barack Obama, 2) She is a Democrat, 3) She is on top of the polls. I wouldn't vote for a Republican, especially Donald Trump because he only cares about money. Also, Donald Trump is always in the media talking about topics that are not related to the issues such as his blonde hair (which isn't genuinely blonde). This is why I would vote for Hillary Clinton. -Lordina Ampere, 4th Grade



Congratulations to Jasmine Twitty of South Carolina, the youngest person to be sworn in as a Judge at age 25.

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CYCSI Students Shine In "Live, Laugh, Love, Cry!"

This year some of our talented students performed "Live, Laugh, Love, Cry!" a York College Fall production play based on the poetry of Dr. Linda Michelle Baron. The play was conceived by Lelia Billings and directed by York college professor Tom Marion. Our star students cast in the play are Aaliyah King, Kyle Thomas, Lordina Ampere, Makiyah Turner-Hicks, Miles Harris, Noel Boone, Paris Clarke, and Victoria Fentress. Cast members also included our media activity specialist Eric Normil-Mendez and former journalism activity specialist Jessica Danielle Powell.



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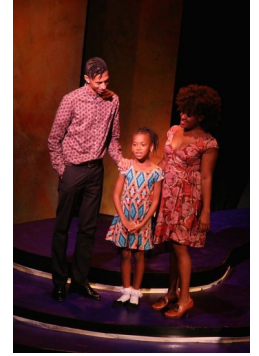
CYCSI Students Shine In "Live, Laugh, Love, Cry!"



What did you learn?

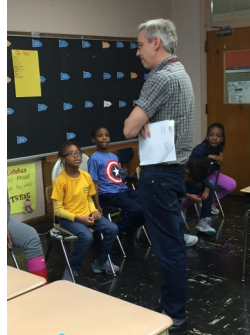
Aliyah King: I worked on several poems and I learned to use my diaphragm instead of my throat to improve my vocal projection.

Miles Harris, 5th Grade: I learned to be mindful of everyone because we all play important roles.



How did the play come to fruition?

Professor Tom Marion, Play Director: I knew a professor (Dr. Linda Michelle Baron) who had her poems featured in an off-Broadway play and I thought it would be fun to incorporate her poetry into a play.



How do you engage the students to rehearse and perform?

Tom Marion: It wasn't easy because no one knew what the play was about. So I picked students that are interested in Poetry.

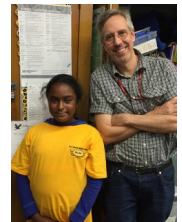


Why did you choose students from CYCSI?

Tom Marion: Mr. Eric recommended the children from CYCSI. He said they are wonderful kids.

Is being a director your dream job?

Tom Marion: Sometimes I think acting is my real dream job. I like acting. I like performing on stage, but then sometimes I think directing is better. A director gets to make decisions about the whole play. When you help everyone with their parts, it's almost like a little part of you is acting in every part. The only difference is, instead of being on the stage you get to sit in the audience and relax.



Interview by Anaya Cambell, 4th Grade



Interview with Live Laugh Love Cry Director and CYCSI cast members conducted by Aniya Cambell, 4th Grade.

Anaya Cambell met with Tom Marion, the director of "Live, Laugh, Love, Cry" and the CYCSI student cast members to discuss working on the production.

How does it feel to be in a play at York College?

Paris Clarke, 5th Grade: It feels exciting because being a part of the production allows me to experience life as a college student performer.



Lordina Amprea, 4th Grade: I feel excited because this is my first college level production. I am able to work with my friends, and I have the opportunity to express my feelings with poetry.



Is this your first play?

Noel Boone, 3rd Grade: This is my first play. I am happy because I will perform my first poem at York college.

Is this a big deal for you?

Ms. Jessica, Activity Specialist: Yes this is big. The first milestone was an all girls poetry club during the CYCSI summer program. For most of the students this is their first time performing in a theater.

Makiyah Turner-Hicks, 4th Grade: Well I started acting about 2-3 years ago so this was really easy for me. This is a big deal because the show will be running for multiple performances.



Kyle Thomas, 3rd Grade: It is a big deal because I have a huge part.



Staff & Clubs Spotlight!

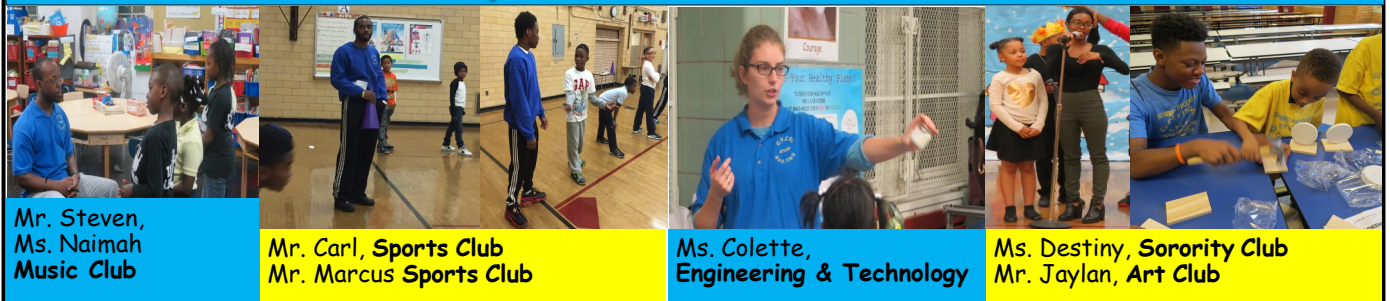
This year our fun and engaging clubs include **Sports, Music, Dance, Arts, Crochet, Sorority, Cooking and Media Club**. New clubs for the school year include **Engineering and Technology**!

Along with our new clubs we also welcome our new activity specialists and congratulate our current activity specialists who will lead new clubs or take over instruction of former clubs.

New and Improved Clubs!



New Activity Specialists & Staff Members!



Mr. Steven,
Ms. Naimah
Music Club

Mr. Carl, Sports Club
Mr. Marcus Sports Club

Ms. Colette,
Engineering & Technology

Ms. Destiny, Sorority Club
Mr. Jaylan, Art Club

CYCSI Poetry: Holidays

Winter
by **Teni Rumala**
1st Grade

Warm
Ice
Nice
Tight
Eyes
Right

Jingle Bell Chant By **Armani Medley**, 4th Grade

It is Christmas Eve, get your cookies ready. Cu-uh-uh-uh-uhz, Santa's coming tonight! Everyone cheer, I said everyone cheer. Cu-uh-uh-uh-uhz, tomorrow is Christmas day, hey! It is the best time, uh-uh-of the year. I-I say this because you get presents yeah!

It is Christmas Eve. Put up the big tree, and the ornaments with the ginger bread co-oo-oo-kies! Then we'll spread Christmas cheer because tomorrow is a party for everyone yeah! We're all getting presents from everyone because you know what time it is. Its Christmas Eve oh!

My Favorite Time of the Year

by **Talise Peele**, 4th Grade

Christmas is my favorite time of the year because of all the presents and cheer. Thank God and Jesus for all we have. We have friends, family and pets too. They even gave us life too, because of them we have Christmas. So let's give a holiday cheer!

Our Children



As I reflect on the past year, the accomplishments of our children continue to inspire me in "Thinking **BIG** For Our Children". Thanks to the parents for believing in the vision of Community Youth Care Services (CYCSI), providing many new experiences to promote growth and learning in designing our Out of School Programs (Afterschool, Spring Break, and Summer). We would also like to thank Mrs. Bartlett, PS 176 Principal, for trusting and supporting the management team.

We thank Senator Leroy Comrie of District 24 and Councilman Daneek Miller of District 27 for their ongoing support and our community partners; Cambria Heights High School, Home Depot, Queensborough Community College, LAGCC Workforce Education Center, Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology, Youth and Tennis Academy, Friends of Laurelton Playgrounds, "Live, Laugh, Love, Cry" York College Theater Production Team, Crystal Davis, Campus Magnet, Cradle of Aviation Museum, Cheiris McKnight, Astoria Bank, Delicia Dazis Author of "Dear Diary Bullying Won't Stop" and Officer Washington of Precinct 113 for providing human resources and programs to enhance our Out of School Time programs.



..... Truly Inspiring

As we move forward this year we will focus on improving the quality of our academic segment. We will recruit partners in an effort to provide engaging programs for our children. We will also continue to leverage project based learning (PBL) with a STEM/STEAM overlay to provide excitement to our children about learning in the technology and science areas. We look forward to your continued support!

Earlier this year we launched our Jobs of the Future initiative to introduce students to the importance of new careers emerging with the advancement of math, science and technology. This year we plan to continue our Jobs of the Future initiative. We will focus on college readiness and the career growth process, which we believe should commence in elementary education.

Happy Holidays!
From the CYCSI Board,
Staff and Students
of PS 176 Out Of School Programs



It's The Holidays

The students had a wonderful time at this year's Holiday event. Students enjoyed a four-course meal, performed for their peers and exchanged gifts.



Holiday Mix-Up by Alicia-Marie Ford, 4th Grade

Inspired by Santa, the Wild Turkey, the Pumpkin King, the kids and Ms. Babbiegosha.

It was a snowy day in November. Paige, Angela, and Alicia were having a snowball fight. Suddenly everyone stopped and turned around to look at a man passing by. "Is he in his Halloween costume?" Talise mocked. The man had a round orange head and looked like he wanted to puke. "Hey, it's not Halloween" shouted Paige. The man looked up and fled. "Great you scared him away" said Alicia.

The next day in class Angela whispered "Why is that fat guy riding a reindeer?" "Is that a beard?" asked Alicia. "No talking" squeaked their teacher Ms. Babbiegosha.

During the lunch period there was someone drawing on tables and stepping on everyone's food. This person was dressed in a turkey suit.

Later that day Paige, Angela, and Alicia received an anonymous note telling them to meet at the schoolyard. At the schoolyard stood three men disguised in black trench coats and sunglasses. "I'm Santa" said one man, "I'm the Pumpkin King" said the second man, "and this is The Wild Turkey" they said pointing to the third weirdly shaped man. "You're coming with us!" the men shouted.

"Aaaah!"

Talise, Angela and Alicia woke up screaming at the same time. "Did you have the same dream?" asked Alicia. "Yeah, I think so...well that was weird. Let's go back to sleep!" said Talise. And the girls closed their eyes and went back to sleep.



My Christmas Wish by Talise Peele, 4th Grade

Hi my name is Talise and I am a member of the Media club. My favorite holiday is Christmas. At CYCSI we have a special Secret Santa gift exchange at the holiday celebration. We trade gifts and have fun. We also have a wonderful presentation by the dance group. It's going to be an awesome party.

My Christmas wish is to go to Guyana to experience how the holidays are celebrated in the Caribbean Islands. In Guyana it rains, but it never snows. One thing I want for Christmas is a Shopkins toy. If I get more Shopkins I can expand my collection. My favorite part of Christmas is decorating the Christmas tree. I always put the star on top. Also, I like visiting my family for a gathering in Staten Island. Our traditional holiday dinner includes duck and turkey. That's why I love Christmas.



It's The Holidays



New Year's Resolutions
My New Year's resolution is to complete my work quickly and accurately. If I complete my schoolwork and homework quickly, I will have more time to participate in other activities. I will have more time to draw, play with my sister and spend time with my family. Completing my work will allow me to excel in all my studies. -**Alicia Marie Ford, 4th Grade**

Top Ten Things I Want From Santa
by **Sterphe Lafague, 4th Grade**

1. Girl Scout Cooking Oven
2. Monster High School Toy
3. Monster High Boo York Boo York Doll
4. Barbie Life In The Dream House Doll House
5. Yummy Yummy Donut Maker
6. American Girl Doll (Isabella)
7. Glow In The Dark Cotton Candy
8. Magic Dough Machine
9. Glow In The Dark Pink Nail Polish
10. Ever After High Dolls



Starting this new year I will change my attitude and listen to the staff. I will not get up without permission. -**Bryan Fabrice Paulemon, 4th Grade**

Top 3's of 2015 by Media Club

TV Shows - 1. Game Shakers 2. Witz Academy 3. Bunk'd

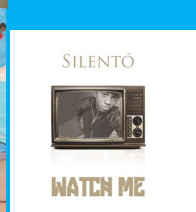


Music Artist - 1. Ariana Grande 2. Stephane Hienzfield 3. Taylor Swift

Video Games - 1. Super Mario Maker 2. Splatoon 3. Lego Jurassic World



TV/Film Stars- 1. Ms. Piggy 2. Zendaya Coleman 3. Chris Hemsworth

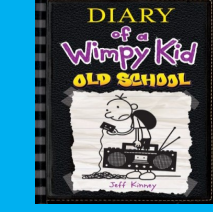


Mobile Devices - 1. Apple Watch 2. iPhone 6s 3. Surface Pro 3

Songs - 1. "Watch Me" By Silento 2. "Hit The Quan" By iHeartMemphis 3. "Uptown Funk" By Bruno Mars



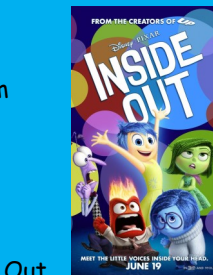
Books - 1. Diary of a Wimpy Kid #10: Old School by Jeff Kinney
2. The Isle of the Lost (Descendants Series) by Melissa de la Cruz
3. Dork Diaries 9: Tales from a Not-So-Dorky Drama Queen by Rachel Renée Russell



Athlete - 1. Usain Bolt, 2. Serena Williams 3. Stephen Curry

Websites - 1. Skoolbo.com 2. CYCSI.org 3. CartoonNetwork.com

Apps - 1. Free For All 2. Pokemon Shuffle 3. Sonic Dash 2



Cartoons - 1. We Bare Bears 2. Descendants Wicked World 3. Star VS The Forces of Evil

Films - 1. Hotel Transylvania 2. Descendants 3. Inside Out

Join us for Winter, Spring and Summer Break

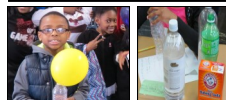


During the **Winter**, **Spring** and **Summer** breaks we provide an enrichment program to help prepare students for the NYC standardized ELA and Math Tests. During the Summer Program we provide curriculum review in the mornings to reinforce student learning over the school year. In the afternoon the students participate in clubs. The Club program choices include The Arts, Music, Technology, Science and Sports.

Winter



Spring



Summer



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