

Brooklyn North High Schools: Community Newsletter October 2020

[Back To High School Edition!](#)



[Greetings From The Superintendent](#)



Dear Brooklyn North High School Community,

Welcome back to the 2020-21 school year!

A new year is upon us, unlike one we have ever had before. We know that our families, staff, and students have faced challenges, both personally and professionally in the face of the pandemic, and we are here to support our communities to provide the best educational experience while we work through obstacles together.

All students were welcomed back into their schools remotely on the 21st, and students learning in-person will be arriving at their buildings on October 1st. Although this year will be different in the structure of the day, and in delivery of instruction, the Chancellor's priorities and our district goals and priorities are firmly in place to guide schools' efforts.

I want to ensure that our whole community is supported socially and emotionally as we make this monumental transition back to school. School staff received training on health and safety protocols, and in trauma-responsive practices to integrate into their academic day, and Central, borough, and district staff are providing aligned supports in these areas to school communities across Brooklyn North. Students experienced a three-day orientation back to school on September 16-18, where they met their teachers, learned about their schedules, and how to navigate the changes in their schools.

As educators, parents, administrators, and students our job is to improve our community through our practice and through our actions. We maintain that we offer the most rigorous curricula and hold the highest expectations through our "For All" programs," and teachers have prepared their classrooms with these in mind. We have successfully increased our AP class offerings and enrollment in our AP for All schools and are offering more advanced coursework in math and science, including dual credit early college classes.

We are excited to continue our work in support of the My Brother's Keeper program for our young men, and proudly announce the establishment of My Sister's Keeper @Brooklyn, where we will now engage in developing our young women into the leaders we know they can be! We intend to build on this work in the coming year, strengthening our pedagogy of critical love and helping our students grow into well-rounded and conscientious citizens.

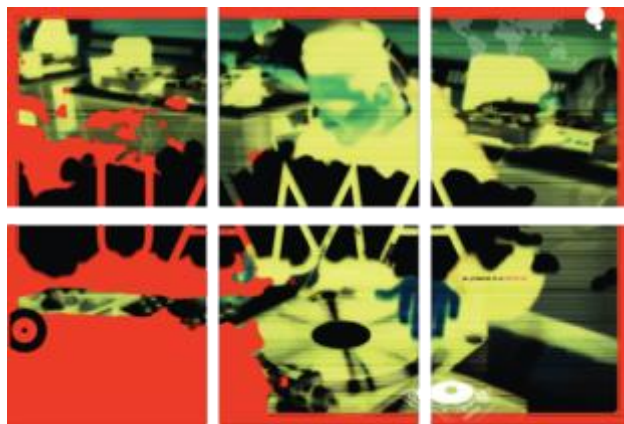
Our goal is to ensure that our school leaders and teachers are providing equitable, culturally responsive learning environments, whether students learn in-person, or remotely, and that our families have voice and agency in the district.

We look forward to a unique year of cultivating meaningful experiences and fulfilling our responsibilities to the vast community of the Brooklyn North High School Superintendency. We ask that you continue to partner with us to support our 26,000 students as we bravely embark on this school year together. We will do all that we can to support our students' success.

Sincerely,

Janice Ross

October Updates From Our Schools



Urban Assembly School of Music and Art



Students took part in advisory classes last week that were designed to welcome them to the 20/21 school year and to acquaint them with our remote instruction design for the Fall semester. They participated in mindfulness activities and established zoom etiquette protocols.

Students also began to explore their **IDMAP (Interdisciplinary Mastery Project)** by doing structured free writes responding to James Baldwin's 1963 speech, "Living and Growing in a White World."

In order to meet the instructional challenges before us, in August a small group of UAMA teachers and admin staff began working collaboratively to prepare for a responsible and adaptable instructional focus for this year. Through remote meetings and Google Classroom we engaged in what we ask our students to do: genuine, relevant, and personalize reading, writing, and discussion. Through this process we developed what we are calling, **IDMAP (Interdisciplinary Mastery Project)**, which is a curricular approach that is flexible to withstand the uncertainty of this school year and can provide a foundation for our staff and students to take a journey together as co-learners that will better help us understand ourselves and each other during these difficult times. This work culminated in the creation of one

interdisciplinary project that all students will be engaged in exploring titled, “What does it mean to be educated?”

A record number of our parents joined us during our town hall on September 14, 2020 to ask questions and receive updates regarding the reopening of schools.

SLT

September 28, 2020 (5:30 PM)

October 19, 2020 (5:30 PM)

PTA

September 28, 2020 (6:30 PM)

October 19, 2020 (6:30 PM)



Brooklyn Community Arts & Media High School

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Instructional Model - 2020-2021





Dear BCAM Families:

We hope this start-of 2020-21 finds you and your family well. We know this is a very tough time with COVID19 still challenging health, as well ongoing uncertainty of all sorts. Our school community has worked incredibly hard, and non-stop, this summer, to develop a safe, secure and logical school and instructional plan to support your student's 2020-21 high school experience, whether it be home remote or blended in our BCAM building. And we hope many of you attended our multiple family orientation meetings in the past months, and/or have logged on to our website, bcamhs.org¹ and BCAM Instagram **@bcamhs** for our constant sharing of information.

If you are a BCAM Blended-Schedule Student/Family, please know our school community, our custodial staff and DOE Health/Safety have worked tirelessly to prepare our building and school for you. As long as you follow the clear health/safety protocols and guidelines, you will engage in organized and well-managed learning and collaborative experiences. If you are BCAM Remote-Schedule Student/Family, you will receive the same high quality instruction and experiences as those students in-building, and from 100% BCAM teachers!

Reminders

- The school day begins at 9:05am for everyone!
- Students should mark their attendance *daily before noon*, in their grade specific Google Classrooms.
- Wednesday schedules for ALL students consist of student independent work time/ class office hours/ tutoring.
- Family Coffee and Conversations are held virtually every Wednesday at 10am.

SLT and PTA Meetings

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

SLT 4:00pm

PTA 6:00pm

Building Family Connections & Wellness

Thursday, October 29, 2020

A virtual space for parents and guardians to connect, learn, and have fun!

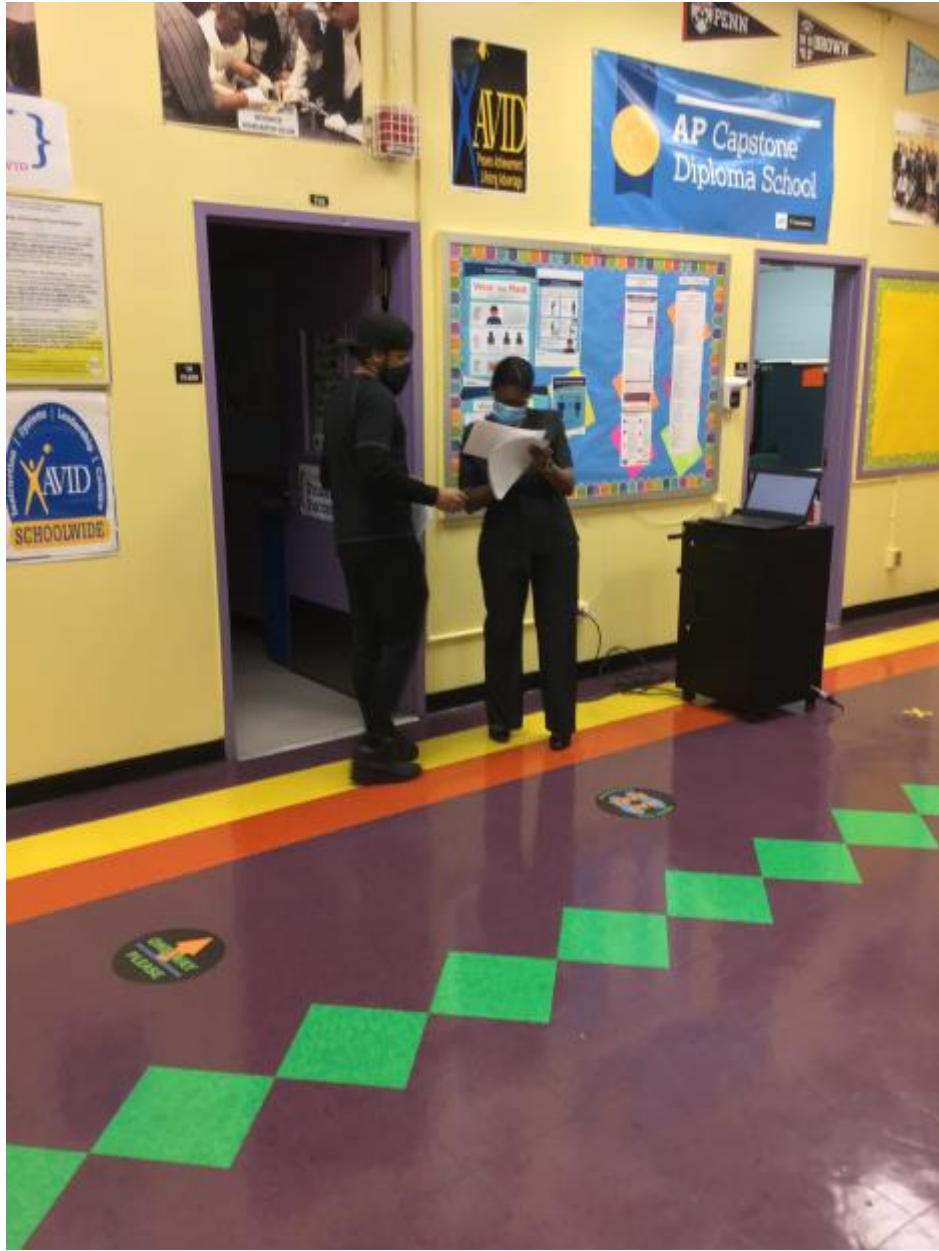
¹<http://www.bcamhs.org/>



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Science Skills Center High School For Science, Technology & The Creative Arts

















As we welcomed back students into our building procedures and policies have changed. Currently we have 414 students on remote learning (71%) and 176 students on blended learning. Parents have been moving towards remote learning in this new way of life. Students are excited to see their friends and faculty. They are learning new ways to communicate and connect. At this moment technology has become a driving force in how we interact with each other.

Teachers are eager to see students back in their classroom environment. Working with them from a socially distant view, a little louder behind the masks & shields yet focused on adventures ahead together.

PTA/SLT Virtual Meeting Calendar 2020 – 2021

Microsoft Teams

SLT Meeting

6:00pm – 7:00pm

PTA Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2020

7:00pm. - 8:00pm.

PTA Nominations

Microsoft Teams

SLT Meeting

6:00pm – 8:00pm.

PTA Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2020

7:00pm. - 8:00pm.

PTA ELECTIONS



Brooklyn Technical High School



BELL SCHEDULE						
Day	ODD A	EVEN A	ODD B	EVEN B	ODD C	EVEN C
Time	Period	Period	Period	Period	Period	Period
8:32 AM - 9:47 AM	1	1	1	1	1	1
9:55 AM - 11:10 AM	2	2	2	2	2	2
11:18 AM - 12:33 PM	3	3	3	3	3	3
12:41 PM - 1:56 PM	4	4	4	4	4	4
2:00 PM - 2:20 PM	Office	Hours	Office	Hours	Office	Hours

Dear Parents:

The rich history of Brooklyn Tech is grounded in the involvement of all constituents including students, parents, teachers, alumni, administration, and countless others. The purpose of having an Office of Parent and Student Engagement is to maintain the strong sense of community that has created such a legendary school. In order to stay aware of what takes place here at BTHS, please ensure your contact information is always current and updated. Day to day events and announcements are typically emailed, posted online, or received in a phone call, we rarely send things home via mail. Parents, please remember that you are a vital team member, along with the staff and administration, in the academic and social success of your child. We must work as a team in order to bring your child to his or her full potential. You are encouraged to be an active participant in your child's education. Our PA (Parents Association) has several events, workshops, and educational trips throughout the year that may benefit your family immensely. Joining the PA, or at least participating in a few events, can forge relationships that are bound to help your child succeed. The Office of Parent and Student Engagement is designed to make you feel welcomed by the school, creating an opportunity for full communication between you and the entire staff. We are here to answer any and all questions pertaining to your child no matter how small; everything from lost metro cards to working papers. It is our goal to provide you with as many resources and tools you may need to help your child. On behalf of the entire BTHS family, we truly wish your child an extraordinary school year!

Sincerely,

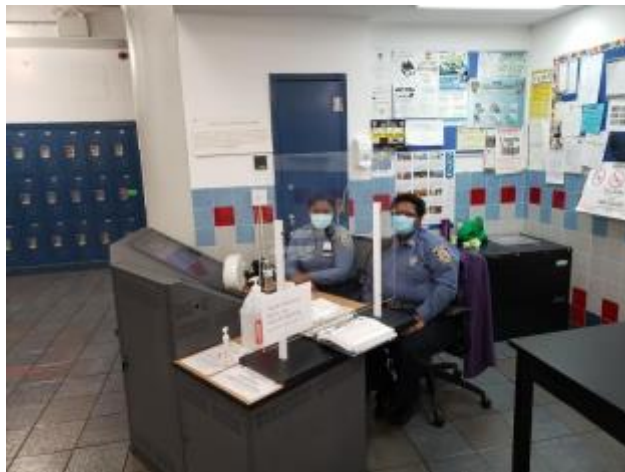
Kelly Nottingham

Assistant Principal of Parent and Student Engagement



Bedford Academy High School





We are in uncharted waters as we embark on a new school year. It is our task to make sure that our scholars receive the most rigorous and comprehensive educational experience despite the current pandemic. Of course, we are concerned about the safety of our students and staff and are making every effort to comply with CDC regulations. Remote learning is underway presently, and though there are some technology issues from time to time, we try to resolve them quickly. We are looking forward to In-Person Learning on October 1st, when we will see our scholars face to face. Onward and upward to a successful 2020-2021 school year!



George Westinghouse Career And Technical High School

NAME	DEPARTMENT
Khalid Moore	PE
Joseph Marino, Jr.	PE
Kereece Currie Cordova	Math
Grant Chan	Math
Matthew Bermudez	Electric
Gregory Craig	Special Ed
Karissa Ramsawak	CTE
Mr. Walker	Still awaiting finalization

Welcome to all our new staff members.

- We welcome back our Blended Cohort students on October 1st .
- We had our virtual PTA meeting on September 28, 2020. Our next meeting is on October 14, 2020 at 6pm.
- We had our SLT meeting on September 29, 2020. Our next SLT meeting is on October 28th 2020.



Benjamin Banneker Academy









We would like to thank each student who returned their laptop. We know that this is a big adjustment, Learning remote and the enormous change in the school scheduling. We want to thank all the students who are working patiently with their guidance counselors and school officials. If you are returning Ipad or laptops, please do so between the hours of 9am and 3pm. The same goes for Pick up. We thank all students who are patiently working with us as we get through our first month of remote and blended learning.

We would like to welcome Ms. Sara Walsh and Mr. Riley to the Benjamin Banneker Community Development Family. We look forward to working with you throughout this school year.

Hello Parents of Benjamin Banneker Academy, We welcome you to the 2020/ 2021 school year. There are a host of challenges that we have encountered, we hope that our continued partnership will be stronger than the challenges that we are facing.

A special shout out to our new PTA team member, Ms. Monique Russell, Southmore parent of Ethan Russell. We would also like to acknowledge Ms. Tamala Carter for her hard work and dedication to the PTA team as secretary. We would also like to thank Ms. Nadine Marques for all of her support and commitment to the BBACD Family.

In the face of the unfortunate circumstances of not being able to hold elections, We are unable to schedule any SLT meetings until the PTA board host elections.

All PTA meetings will be postponed until we have complete guidelines from FACE, The Office of Family and Community Empowerment.



The Brooklyn Latin School



Words of One: The Poetry, Prose, and Photography from an Activist Living in New York City is a set of poems, testmonies, and photographs from William Diep, a youth activist born and raised in New York City. From climate change to educational inequity to corruption, these texts reveal the issues the world is currently facing and emphasize how poetry, prose, and photography can be used to express feelings around these issues. Directed towards both young activists around the world and politicians not advocating for change for all of us, this book symbolizes how everyone needs to advocate for change through any medium.



Born and raised in New York City, William Diep is an advocate for youth, educational, and racial justice. He founded *Virus Backers*, a youth-led campaign striving to raise awareness of the discrimination against the Asian-American community, especially due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in March 2020. He is also a member of *Teens Take Charge*, a youth-led organization fighting for educational equity in the New York City public school system. Outside of activism, William loves traveling, public speaking, and trying new foods and ice coffees with his friends.





- Congratulations to Class I discipuli William Diep who published Words of One. The poetry, prose and photography from an activist living in New York City. Available on amazon.
- Ms. Meghan Dunn, received exciting news that her first book of poems, *Curriculum*, was selected by poet Jessica Jacobs as the winner of the 2020 Barry Spacks Poetry Prize and will be published by Gunpowder Press in April 2021. Here is the link to the announcement and to Jessica's blurb about the book: <http://gunpowderpress.com/barry-spacks-poetry-prize/> Congratulations Ms. Dunn!
- PA Meeting: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. via zoom.
- SLT Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. via zoom
- PA Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 6: p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- PA Elections: Elections will be held for all positions on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.



The Williamsburg High School of Art and Technology



Hello everyone! It was lovely to see so many of you during orientation last week.

This week we embark on a new school year. Even though we are not starting off in person, we are committed to starting off the WHSAT way, centering ourselves in our community and love for each other. The summer has been spent making sure that your courses continue to provide you with the opportunity to explore your identity, work collaboratively, and find new and innovative solutions to the problems of today.

We are here to support you in any questions or concerns that you have. Everyone has a coach that is here to push your thinking and make sure that you have all that you need for success. Please do not ever hesitate to reach out.

This year may not be an easy one. It definitely will not be the one that most of us pictured when we thought about high school. One thing that I can promise...we will be continuing to find ways to work together and to find joy.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Have a great evening everyone,

Cara Tait-Fanor

Principal



Progress High School for Professional Careers





Romaizo Brown- thank you for being the studious 10th grader that you are.

Mr. Chavez- thank you for your leadership in which you demonstrate daily. Our students need leadership in which you offer daily to help them navigate throughout the world we share. today

PTA Time 4pm- 3rd Thursday of each month

SLT Time 5pm- 3rd Thursday each month



East Williamsburg Scholars Academy

We want to give a special shout-out to the following students that have demonstrated a strong work ethic within the AP English Literature and Composition Class specifically as it relates to class participation and attendance during Messam-Spike's period 2:

Javeonte Boston

Kayla Delgado

Emani Manning

Gernyah Marcano

Mia Vega

Teniah Jackson

We also want to recognize the Junior Cohort for Exceptional Citizenship and Participation:

Frank Reyes Fernandez

Isaac Aviles

Our EWSA community could not thrive without our EWSA Scholars helping one other. We want to give a kind thank you to EWSA Scholar, Jasmin Martinez for offering support to our EWSA Freshmen.

Thank you, Ms. Bravo for offering social-emotional support to our EWSA Scholar. We valued your hard work to ensure that our school community continues to succeed.

Please join us for our Let's Pay for College night, this event will provide EWSA scholars and parents with information on finding financial resources to pay for higher education.

Date: 10/23/20

Time: 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Address will soon be shared

We will be hosting our PTA election meeting on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020.

Date: 10/15/20

Time: 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Address will soon be shared



The High School for Enterprise Business and Technology (EBT)

The High School for
Enterprise, Business and Technology

Welcome to the 2020 Graduation

We will begin shortly







Welcome back! We know this is not ideal, nor is it what we hoped for to start the opening of the 2020 school year. But the important thing is that we are all coming back, happy, healthy and ready to see this as a new beginning. EBT is here for you and we are doing all we can to make the beginning of the school year as special as possible. We have been working non-stop trying to keep up with the changing tides to ensure you have the best beginning that is possible right now.

- We want to give the Class of 2020 the recognition they deserve. Hats off to such a remarkable group! They never had the opportunity to attend an in-person graduation with family and friends due to ongoing social distancing restrictions.
- Shout out to our students and teachers who are braving the challenges of in-person learning.

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome Back to the 2020-2021 School Year. I hope everyone is healthy and ready to begin what is sure to be a challenging year. I wanted to congratulate you all for the great work done today. We did it!! We opened our doors to our students and welcomed them back to our classes. We received excellent feedback from visitors regarding our structured entrance procedures, class periods, and the excellent collaboration of staff to ensure that all safety mandates are in place. I know that a lot of long hours, and

hard work went into preparing for our students. I am grateful and amazed by all you have done and continue to do for our students.

Thank you again for a great first day and for your willingness to work in collaboration with each other.

Yours;

Holger Carrillo, Principal

- Shout Out to Mr. Luis Vergara who recently received the prestigious Superintendent award for his exceptional work ethics and dedication to our school community. Mr. Vergara went above and beyond to ensure that his students were supported during the transition from traditional school to remote learning.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to The High School for Enterprise, Business and Technology (E.B.T). It is our goal that each child will learn, grow, and develop every day at E.B.T. We know these are not normal times. The many challenges of Covid-19, will not defeat us, but it will make us stronger. As author Vivian Greene once said, "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain." Let us dance and make the most out of this very unique time.

Our desire is to provide academic excellence in a warm and supportive school climate. Strong parental and community support enhances the quality of education at E.B.T. We know that your involvement, combined with the efforts of our outstanding faculty, will make this school year a rich and rewarding one for your child.

All our meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

School Leadership Team Meeting

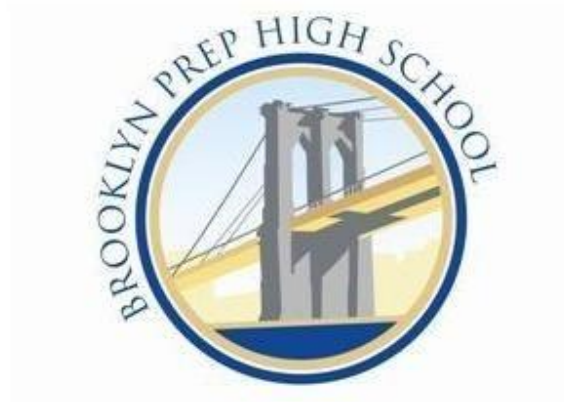
September 17, 2020

4:00PM – 6:00PM

Parent Association Meeting

September 17, 2020

6:00PM – 8:00PM



Brooklyn Preparatory High School

- We held a return to school safety meeting for students the day before they returned for in person instruction on September 30th
- We held a Futures and Options information session for students to share internship opportunities with them on 9/17
- We had an unconference professional development run by and for teachers on 9/14
- Every teacher was anonymously shouted out on 10/1 for something specific each has contribute so far this school year
- Parent and student Futures and information session was hosted on 9/17 to share internship opportunities for students
- Senior breakfast was hosted on 10/2 where colleges and our Brooklyn Prep college counselor shared information about this year's college application process and how it will be affected by the unique circumstances of 2020
- An SAT Prep. Info. Session will be hosted on 10/6 where parents and 11th graders will learn about Brooklyn Prep's unique SAT Prep program and its partnership with NY Cares

SLT meeting date & time

Monday, 10/4 from 5:00-6:00

PA PTA meeting date & time

Monday, 10/4 from 6:00-7:00



The Williamsburg High School for Architecture and Design





Welcome back!!!

On behalf of the WHSAD family, we want to extend a warm welcome to all the students and families to the 2020-2021 school year.

For the last few weeks, our teachers have been planning and collaborating together for a smooth and seamless school opening. Our students' success depends on the support offered both at school and at

home. We are looking forward to building a strong partnership with all the stakeholders of our school community and continue to provide positive outcome as the year progresses.

SLT meeting date & time

October 13, 2020

4pm

PA PTA meeting date & time

October 3, 2012

10 am



Williamsburg Preparatory High School

SO HAPPY TO HAVE OUR STUDENTS BACK!

It has been long overdue that the schools have had students walking the halls and participating in live instruction. With our first week complete, students are happy, healthy and working hard. We are looking forward to a successful year.

This month we are shouting out our Asst. Principal Mr. Termini and a very special teacher Mr. Eckert. Mr. Termini and Mr. Eckert has worked nonstop since the summer, programming our students for remote and blended learning. As soon as they think they are done they are not. They have students

emailing them every day saying we filled out the survey to go remote. Every time a student changes to remote their schedule needs to be changed and Mr. Termini and Mr. Eckert get it done.

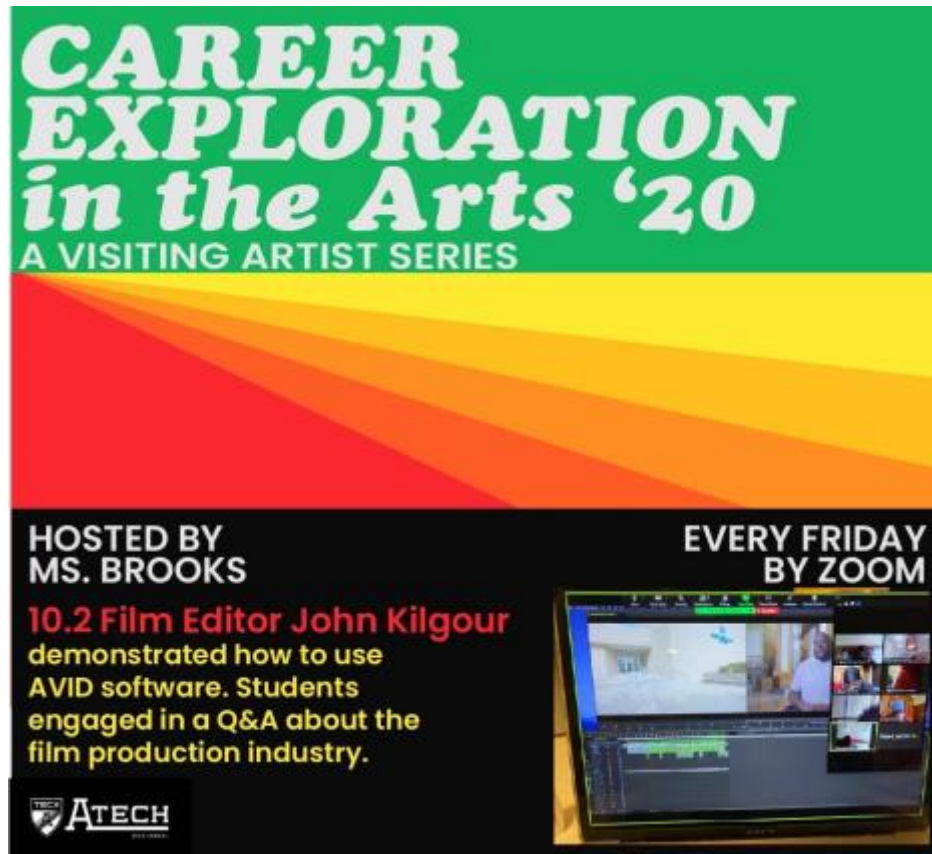
We will be hosting a parent meeting on Tuesday, October 6th at 6pm on Google Meet. We have been having meetings every Tuesday to keep our parents updated with all the latest changes that have been going on.

SLT meeting date & time

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, 2020



A-Tech High School



We are pleased to have significantly increased our overall enrollment, and especially the number of incoming freshmen.

At the recommendation of some students and staff, we will now use songs in our Bell system to signal the end of class periods.

Ms Brooks, has introduced a "Career Exploration in the Arts: Visiting Artists Series 2020" for the schoolyear. She will feature a different artist each Friday.

Our PTA President and Treasurer from last school year, Ms Rosser and Ms Baron-Jeanty, both graduated in June 2020 from three years of sterling service to our school community along with their sons. They have both graciously agreed to run the upcoming PTA election and first meeting

SLT and PTA Election/Meeting dates TBD



Digital Arts and Cinema Technology High School





Our students' photographs are being featured in this year's Photoville Exhibition Teaching Creativity: A Case for Art Education². The exhibit is at Brooklyn Bridge Park from September 17 through November 29.

Our Virtual Family Engagement Workshops begin on Wednesday, October 14. The first topic: Reinforcing Strong Time Management Habits.

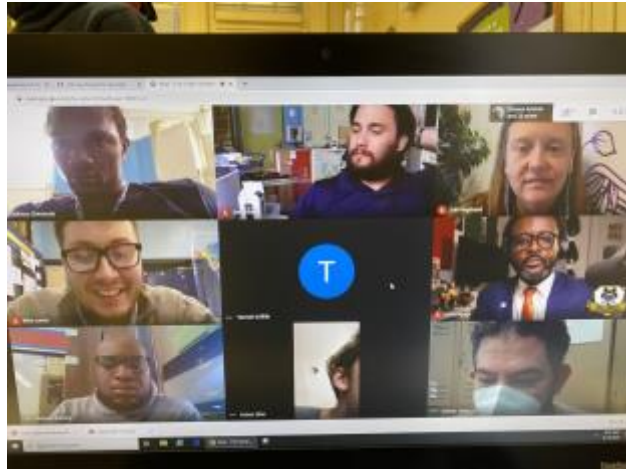
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John Jay School for Law







ABOUT JOHN JAY SCHOOL FOR LAW

With a strong commitment to the ideals of justice and equity, John Jay School for Law aspires to empower students to think critically, write analytically and speak passionately.

The John Jay School for Law community is committed to developing all students into productive contributors to our global society, while empowering them with 21st century skills. Our beliefs are embedded in all of our endeavors, which contribute to establishing full, responsible, and meaningful lives.

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year. I am Carmen De Los Santos, John Jay Law's Parent Coordinator. I want to personally invite you to our School Leadership Team meeting September 29th at 6:30 PM. Please check your email for the invitation, but save the date now. We look forward to sharing our community goals for the school year and answer any questions.

First SLT Meeting of the school year:

Date: September 29

Time 6:30 to 7:30

Location: Virtually



Cyberarts Studio Academy



" Our staff and students are ready to learn with big hugs and mask for Fall 2020."



Park Slope Collegiate



PSC welcomed students back in Person on October 1st! It's great to have students back in the building.

PSC celebrated the return to school with over 60 families attending our virtual PTA meeting. Parents were excited to have children return to school and were eager to get involved in the coming school year.

Cobble Hill School of American Studies



Welcome Back!!

We would like to give a special recognition to our wonderful students who started the school year ready to do what's necessary to make sure they succeed regardless of the situation at hand.

Students have been eagerly waiting to start class and get back into school and get to learning

Opening Act has started taking application and will begin Tuesday, September 29th

Deloitte Academy will continue to mentor our students starting

Friday, October 2nd

Kudos to our social emotional learning team who developed lessons and activities during our grade orientation from September 16th -18th. The SCL team will be meeting frequently to create ways to incorporate social emotional supports within the classroom lessons.

KUDOS to Principal Mule, AP Rodriguez, Ms. Leborious, Ms. Back, Ms. Vemic, Ms. Yusupova and Mr. Pandey

GO TEAM!!!

On Thursday, September 10th at 2 p.m. we had our School Reopening Orientation for families. Important information was disseminated to families regarding safety and health protocols school reopening plan and student schedules. Parents left well informed of what to expect in the upcoming school. The meeting was well attended.

Shout out to our wonderful parents who have been supportive every step of the way!!!

S.L.T meeting is September 29th at 3:30 p.m.

P.T.A meeting will be September 29th at 4:30 p.m.

Please visit our website for more information

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



Sunset Park High School



We have had close to 200 students return for in-person learning.

We have worked to accommodate 106 teachers with varied needs including Reasonable Accommodations, and as of last week, identifying which UFT-represented titles also qualify for the recent work from home memorandum of agreement.

Our PTA elections will be Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 5pm.



Millennium Brooklyn High School

Oct 9: Virtual Club Fair

Week of Oct 12: Recruitment week for Virtual Club

Shoutouts to all teachers and staff for the first two days of in-person school.

PA Meeting

Thu Sep 24, 2020 6:30pm

Thu Oct 15, 2020 6:30pm

SLT Meeting

Tuesday, September 29th @ 7:30am

Tuesday, October 27th @ 7:30am



Boys and Girls High School



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 GRECIAN HARRISON-WALKER, PRINCIPAL

BGHS Instructional Focus 2020-2021

If all stakeholders collectively strengthen the cultural conditions in which teachers are supported in purposefully using balanced formative assessment data to drive and communicate actionable next steps that continually provides students with opportunities to enhance their work products, then students will develop the self-efficacy and student ownership skills necessary to succeed in rigorous Regents-aligned tasks and engage in ongoing learning experiences in which comprehensive literacy strategies are embedded.



Principal's Notes



September 21-25, 2020

Blended Learning Edition

KANGAROOS Attendance Academics Graduation



Self-Care

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020>

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Goals of the Brooklyn North High School Superintendency 2020-2021

Goal 1: Ensure that all work in the superintendency is accomplished through patience, understanding, flexibility and through the lens of critical love, equity, and social justice.

Goal 2: Ensure blended and remote model leadership expertise at all levels of the superintendency.

Goal 3: Ensure all students will graduate in four years college and career ready through active participation and performance in digitally accessible and in-person advanced academic courses in alignment to the district's Operation College and Career Ready.

Goal 4: Ensure and maximize transparent communication by providing meaningful feedback and digital accessibility of all resources, and creating space for voice and agency that will promote continuous improvement through empowering partnerships with community stakeholders, families and students.



September 21, 2020 MONDAY	September 22, 2020 TUESDAY	September 23, 2020 WEDNESDAY	September 24, 2020 THURSDAY	September 25, 2020 FRIDAY
Remote Instruction 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Instructional Coordination	Remote Instruction 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Instructional Coordination	Remote Instruction 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Instructional Coordination	Remote Instruction 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Instructional Coordination	Remote Instruction 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Instructional Coordination
1:59 p.m.-2:19 p.m. Office Hours	1:59 p.m.-2:19 p.m. Office Hours	1:59 p.m.-2:19 p.m. Office Hours	1:59 p.m.-2:19 p.m. Office Hours	1:59 p.m.-2:19 p.m. Office Hours
2:19 p.m.-2:40 p.m. Teacher Preparation Period	2:19 p.m.-2:49 p.m. Teacher Preparation Period	2:19 p.m.-2:49 p.m. Teacher Preparation Period	2:19 p.m.-2:49 p.m. Teacher Preparation Period	2:19 p.m.-2:49 p.m. Teacher Preparation Period

Upcoming Events

*September 21st
Full Day Teaching and Learning*

*September 26th
BGHS Family 'Meet and Greet'*

*September 28th
Yom Kippur (School is Closed)*

*October 1st
First Day of In-Person Learning*

*October 12th
Columbus Day (School is Closed)*

You brought me sunshine
when I only saw rain.
You brought me laughter
when I only saw pain.

-By: Donna Donathan



'Keeping it 100' at the High

The health and safety of students and staff is our priority as we prepare for school reopening. The key tenets of NYCDOE's plan align to CDC and New York State Department of Health guidance on school reopening.

Key Tenets of the Plan:

1. Promoting behaviors that reduce the spread of COVID-19.
 - Physical Distancing
 - Wear a Face Covering
 - Keep Hands Clean
 - Signage and Floor Markings
2. Maintaining healthy environments.
 - Changes to School Building
 - Cleaning and Disinfecting
 - Food Services
3. Maintaining healthy operations.
 - Testing
 - Screening Entry Protocols
4. Preparing for when someone gets sick.
 - Stay Home When Sick
 - Returning to School After Symptoms
 - Response to an Unconfirmed Case
 - Response to One Confirmed Case
 - Response to Two or More Confirmed Cases



Special Announcement

*Students in blended learning
will be learning remotely on
September 21st until their in-
person start date on October 1st.*

BGHS Parent Corner

*On Monday, October 5th, our PTA
Executive Board will be hosting their
first virtual PTA meeting for the 2020-
2021 school year. We look forward to
welcoming our new and returning
families to Boys and Girls High School!
All are invited to attend.*



Time: 6:00 p.m.



Brooklyn High School For Law and Technology





Welcome Back to School Parents and Students At BK LAWTECH!

We are excited to have you all back to school, and look forward to in-person learning with our students

Group kick off as follows: --> Day 1 for In-Person is Oct. 1st Thursday--> GROUP B reports to school -the rest REMOTE -->

Day 2 for In-Person Oct 2nd Friday, GROUP C reports to school-->the rest REMOTE (see attached Model 2 chart) IMPORTANT! HEALTH and SAFETY are our PRIORITIES! --> Follow the BELL SCHEDULE (below).

DOORS open at 8:25 --> NOT feeling well? STAY at home → DO remote! -->

Temperature will be checked at the entrance daily for all students -->

Bring your OWN supplies: extra mask, water bottle, snacks, pens, pencils and at least a couple of notebooks for the main classes. -->

Observe SOCIAL DISTANCING- All Hallways are marked with directional arrows. (No lockers available at this time in keeping with social distancing standards) -->

MASK at ALL TIMES and Wash hands/using sanitizer OFTEN -->

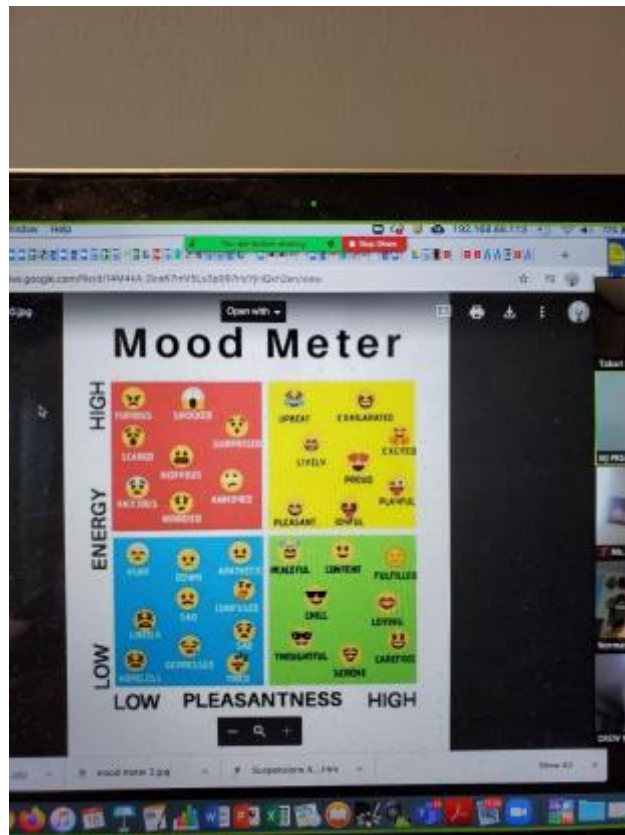
Bring fully-charged cellphone and power bank --> Classrooms can be chilly at times, wear extra layer -->

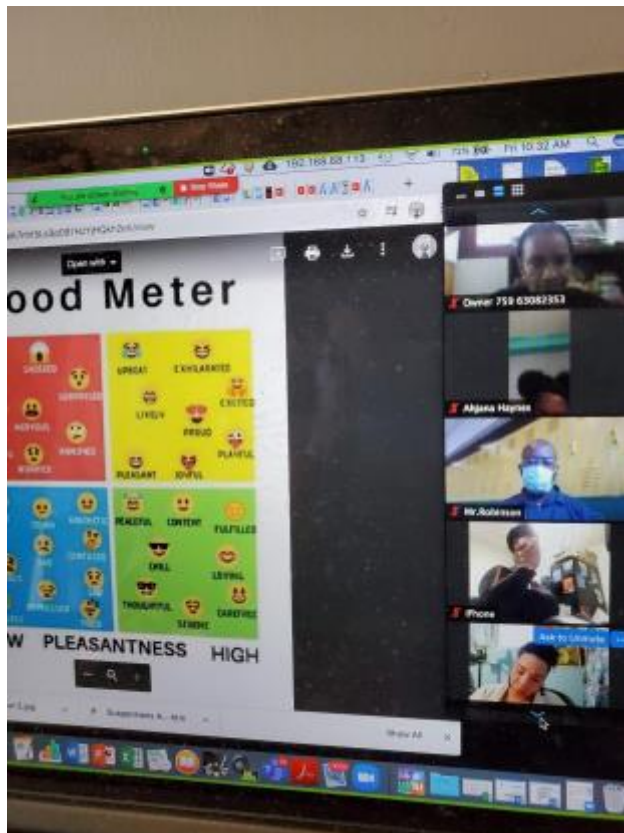
Grab and go breakfast and lunch available daily for In-person. Students must return to their classrooms.



NMSSJ

Nelson Mandela School for Social Justice









Nelson Mandela School for Social Justice held a 3 day Reopening of School Orientation last week via Zoom for all Parents and Students. We had a great turn out. During those Zoom orientations, Principal Bomani, staff and families participated in the Mood meter ruler as we discussed our feelings/emotions around the pandemic, national racial injustices, school reopening, and other topics.

Starting on Monday September 21st, Principal Bomani along with staff, meets with all students and parents every morning via a Zoom meeting. He conducts a morning libations, checks in with students, encourages them, and addresses their concerns along with other staff members before log on to their Remote classes.

Our Principal, Mr. Bomani and staff in the building, especially our UFT Chapter Leader Mr. Lester has been busy preparing the classes and school building as a whole to ensure that our Blended students are safe and healthy upon return. (See social distance class room setup & signage in the hallways).

Parent Association and SLT:

Principal Bomani, Parent Coordinator Ms. Amory-Claxton and Staff met with SLT and Parent Association Virtually over the Summer to discuss their concerns around reopening for 2020-2021 and to plan. We are grateful for their input and continued support to the school community especially PA President Ms.

Starke whose son graduated in June; she continues to volunteer and support us. The Parent Association Board and SLT will be holding a Zoom Virtual election within the next week or two; date to be determined pending collaboration of their schedules. Principal Bomani and PC Ms. Amory-Claxton will support and assist them with all that they need.

Please stay safe everyone; we will prevail through this all.



[The Academy For Young Writers](#)



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Ends: ☒ Never
☐ After occurrences
☐ On

Summary: **Monthly on day 4**

We welcomed parents back with a heartfelt virtual meeting with over 400 students in attendance at the same time.

This year has been nothing short of a test of our tenacity and adaptability, but we are excited to continue our work with you in the pursuit of academic achievement

Virtual invites! In recognizing finding their online classes can be just as overwhelming as walking the halls at a new school on the first day, To help smooth, teachers have invited students via Google Calendar to a reoccurring event, so that students have one spot to view and click and find their classes when remote.

Our community partner Urban Advantage is back again! The UA team is working with schools to determine a plan for sharing Student+3 vouchers with families that may want to visit our partner institutions. At this time all partners except the NY Hall of Science are accepting visitors in limited capacity and with modified guidelines.

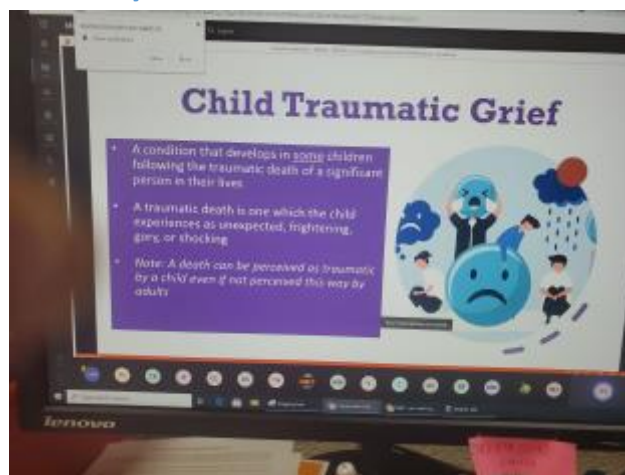
SLT: 9/26



PTA 9/30

Upcoming PTA: October 13th @5pm



East New York Family Academy



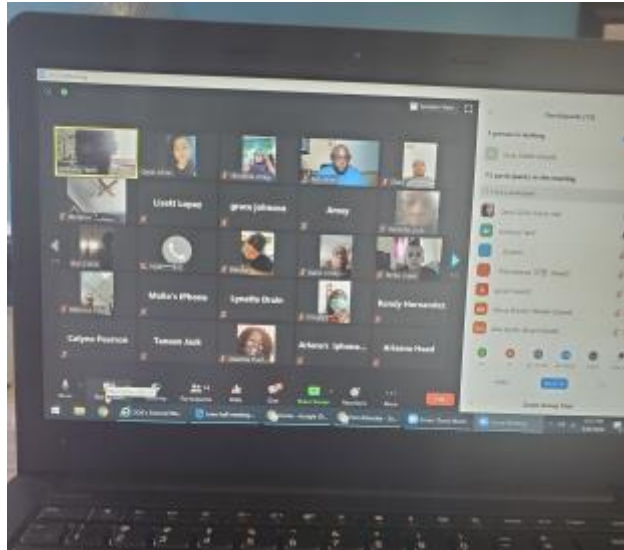


**VIRTUAL
TOWN
HALL**

With Principal Yard

Please Join us!

**Say Hi.
Ask Questions.
Stay Informed**



Dear ENYFA EAGLES, welcome to the new school year. It's a year like no other, but we will rise above any circumstance and soar. You are awesome!

Shout out to all the new incoming 6th and 9th graders, for all your participation and eagerness to begin the new school year.

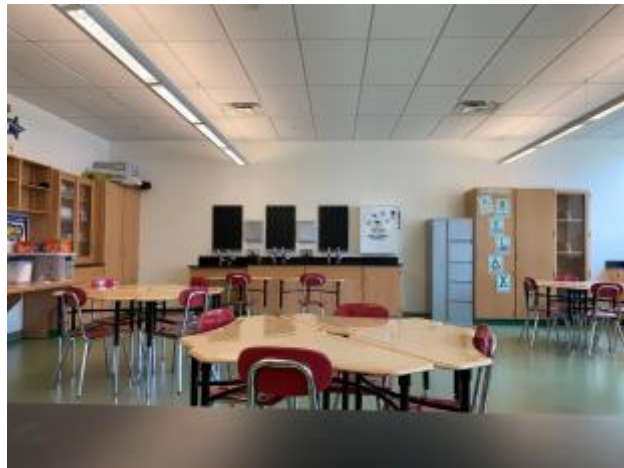
Thank you all for joining the Orientations, Town Hall meeting and grade meetings. You are fantastic!

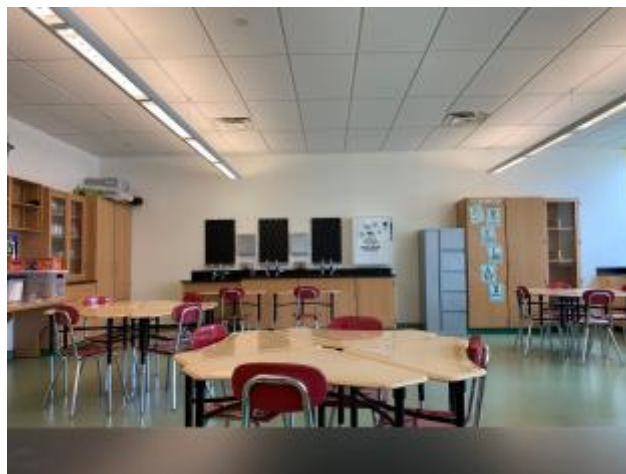
Thank you, Teachers, for changing the world one child at a time!

Thank you! PTA members for hosting a meeting to discuss ideas and plans for the very special and challenging school year. We are all in this together :)

PTA Election on October 3rd, 2020 at 10 am.

SLT Meeting October 13, 2020 4 pm.





Welcome back! We hope that you and your family have been safe during these trying times. Thank you for entrusting your scholars to our care. Our classrooms have been setup to receive all of our in person scholars.

We appreciate everyone who attended the Principal Town Hall on September 18, 2020. We will be having our next Principal Town Hall on October 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm we look forward to seeing you there.

Our food Pantry will begin on Friday, November 20, 2020 and we are currently looking for volunteers to assist with distribution.

School Team Leadership October 27, 2020 5:00 pm -6:00 pm

Parent Association October 27, 2020 6:30 – 7:30 pm



FDNY - Captain Vernon A. Richard High School for Fire and Life Safety

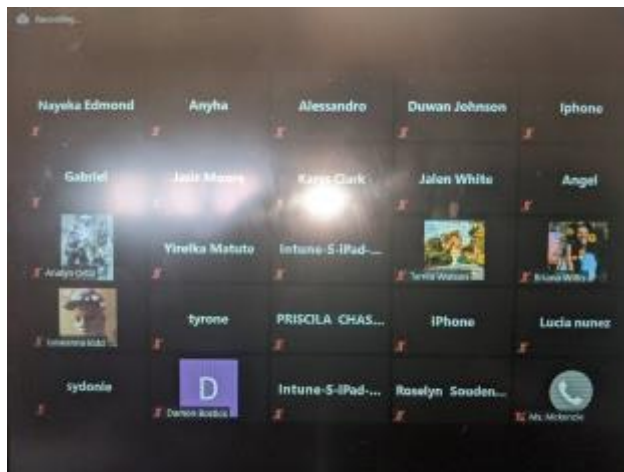
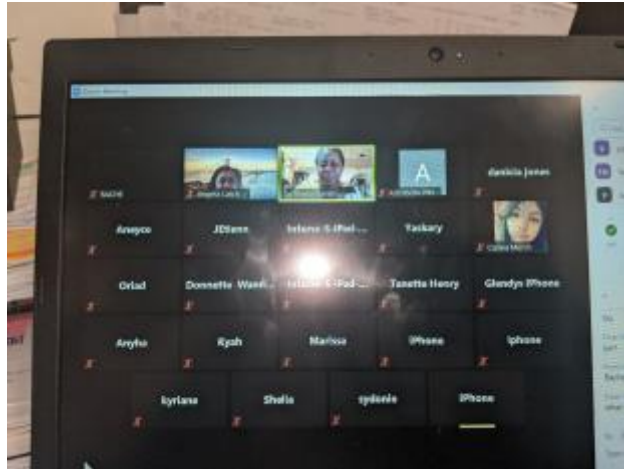
- This week we had 18 of our 202 graduates earn their EMT certification with the FDNY. They will begin their job hunting this week in the private ambulance organizations, while they start their FDNY employment process. The FDNY employment process takes about nine months.
- I want to give a huge shout-out to my programmer Ms. Shawna Love and guidance counselor Ashley Melo. Both of these wonderful ladies have worked the grueling task of programming our students for their classes while matching the enormous amount of regulations for COVID

- We will be conducting our first PTA meeting Tuesday, Oct. 13th.
- The SLT meeting time date and time will be set at our PTA meeting.



High School for Civil Rights and Law





Welcome Back Town Hall on

09/14/2020 for 9th and 10th Grade

09/15/2020 @ 5:30pm for 11th Grade

09/15/2020 @ 7:00pm for our Seniors.

Staff Appreciation Lunch

On 09/24/2020

Provided box lunches and Teachers Appreciation Certificates

Welcome Back Town Hall on

09/14/2020 for 9th and 10th Grade

09/15/2020 @ 5:30pm for 11th Grade

09/15/2020 @ 7:00pm for our Seniors.

SLT meeting 09/29/2020

PTA elections on 10/15/2020







Students got comfortable in their remote classes with Ms. Province and Mr. Isserovich and turned on all their cameras for a class picture!

Teachers created videos to model safety procedures to show at student orientations. Ms. Jones, the PATHS dance instructor, was really creative and created her own rendition of “Mask it Up” for the students.

This month, the PATHS community has leaned on each other after the untimely passing of our PTA president. She was a mother figure to all in the PATHS community, and we are all better for having had her in our lives and in our school community. We will continue to keep her spirit alive in all that we do.



Multicultural High School





En las primeras semanas del mes de Septiembre nuestros estudiantes recibieron sus dispositivos electronicos, para así poder iniciar su Nuevo año escolar.

In the first two weeks of September our students received their electronic devices, in order to start their new school year.

Nuestros maestros realizaron tres días de orientación para nuestros estudiantes desde el 16 al 18 de Septiembre. Dandoles la bienvenida a nuestro Nuevo año escolar y guiandoles en las modalidades de estudio de este nuevo escolar.

Our teachers held three orientation days for our students from September 16-18. Welcoming our students to the new school year.

Un recordatorio para todos los padres, todos los jueves tenemos nuestro programa de Charlas donde hablamos sobre temas de importancia para la preparación académica de nuestros estudiantes. Los veo ahí.

Muchas gracias a todos los padres que colaboran con nosotros para poder tener un año escolar exitoso.

A reminder to all parents, every Thursday we have our program of Charlas where we talk about issues of importance for the academic preparation of our students. See you there.

Thank you so much to all the parents who partner with us to have a successful school year.

Nuestras próximas reuniones de SLT/PTA serán el próximo Jueves 29 de Octubre, a las 3:00 p.m.

Our next SLT / PTA meetings will be on Thursday, October 29th at 3:00 p.m.



Transit Tech Career And Technical Education High School



Transit Tech CTE HS is proud to announce that their June graduation rate was 77%. Transit Tech CTE HS is expecting approximately 300 new students for the 2020-21 school year.

With the increase in student population, Transit Tech CTE HS welcomed 11 new teachers and 2 new paraprofessionals to the Transit Tech Family.

Congratulations to Ms Patricia Joseph (long time English teacher, freshman coordinator and lead cohort leader) who was appointed as Assistant Principal Administration-Instructional Technology..

Transit Tech CTE HS is scheduling two parent meetings. On Tuesday, September 29, 2020, we are hosting a Parent Welcome Back Meeting at 2pm.

College Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 5pm

SLT – Thursday, September 24, 2020 – 4:15pm to 5:15pm

PA - TBD



BROOKLYN LAB SCHOOL

The Brooklyn Lab School



During the first week of school (September 16th to September 18th) our students attended virtual informative town hall meetings that explained how remote and in person will work. A video of the entering protocol made by our staff was shown to students.

I have been making one on one appointments with freshman families to provide them with their ID, MetroCard, school email and more.



CYPRESS HILLS



**WELCOME BACK
SCHOLARS**



Shout out to:

Mrs. Emily Orbon, for taking the time to create a platform for the staff to celebrate our birthday's throughout the school year. By creating a "Birthday Interview" for every staff member in order of the month.



Congratulations CHCP Youth Leaders!

This summer the Youth Leaders started to prepare webinars to share with their peers as we go remote this year. They believed it would be important to share content topics that would help their peers through the college process. In doing so, they entered a contest hosted by CUNY called NextStopCollegeNYC. Below you can see the flyer detailing the contest.

Youth Leaders from Lane SSC, **Gabriela and Johir from CHCP** have won the video contest where they will receive a \$500 stipend each. I am so proud of our Amazing Youth Leaders. Feel free to check out their videos.

To view video search for FKL SSC YouTube Channel.





Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Elizabeth Guy, and I am the Parent Coordinator, it is important for us to keep our communication lines open. Below is information regarding my contact numbers and work hours.

- ⇒ My DOE cell phone number is 917-225-1637
- ⇒ The School number is 718-647-1672 and my extension is 4289
- ⇒ My hours are from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm

We will have our **PA Election on October 23, 2020** via ZOOM, look out for my email with for details. Thank you for your patience with what has been an unpredictable start to our school year.

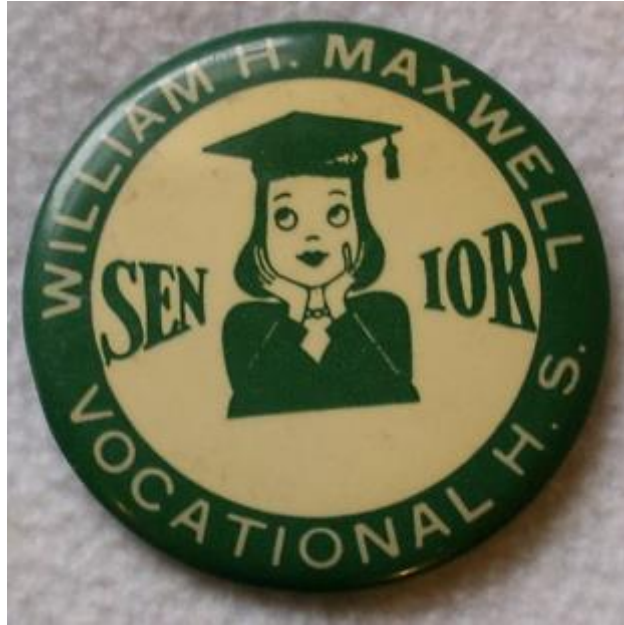
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Queridos padres y guardianes,

Mi nombre es Elizabeth Guy y soy la Coordinadora de Padres, es importante para nosotros mantener abiertas nuestras líneas de comunicación. A continuación se muestra información sobre mis números de contacto y horas de trabajo.

- ⇒ Mi número de teléfono celular DOE es 917-225-1637
- ⇒ El número de la escuela es 718-647-1672 y mi extensión es 4289
- ⇒ Mi horario es de 7:30 am a 3:00 pm

Tendremos nuestra elección de PA el 23 de octubre de 2020 a través de ZOOM, busque mi correo electrónico para obtener más detalles. Gracias por su paciencia con lo que ha sido un comienzo impredecible de nuestro año escolar.



WH Maxwell Career and Technical High School













Maxwell students on the first day of school arrived for in-person/blending learning, they looked beautiful in their uniforms ready to continue their education and very excited to meet with their peers and teachers, whom they have not seen since COVID-19 started in March.

They settled down very well and got serious about beginning their classwork. They handed in their phones, got their programs, had breakfast and were ready to enter their classroom wearing their masks and following guidelines with social distancing.

Most of our students are attending classes 100% remotely. Our school was approved to use Model 1A to support our students as they return to school. They will be grouped in one of three cycles:

Cycle A: Freshman (9th grade) and Juniors (11th grade)

Cycle B: Sophomore (10th grade) and Seniors (12th grade)

Cycle D: 100% Remote

We let our students know that we are always there for them, and rest assured that they will receive rigorous instructions with attention to their social emotional needs.

Congratulations to all our students for stepping up and showing up for continually being successful.

Our teachers greeted the students with open arms on the first day of school and were happy to welcome them back to school. The teachers were excited to begin teaching the students.

The Guidance Counselors worked very hard getting ready for the students, providing them programs, bell schedule, calendars and other related school supplies. All teachers and staff are required to wear mask that fully covered their nose and mouth and maintain social distancing. PPO supplies are available to all staff, teachers and students upon request.

We want to give a big shout out to all Assistant Principals, Guidance Counselors, Teachers, Paras, School Aids, Sub Paras, Substitute Teachers, Parent Coordinator and our Principal Mr. Jocelyn Badette for keeping our Mission and Vision to our School Community in place, as we continue to strive for Equity, Excellence and High Expectation letting our Parents and Students know that "Failure is Not An Option".



Our parents are excited about their children returning to school, whether remote or in-person/blending. The fact is, they are getting their education. It is not easy for them, but they are working it out. With COVID-19 things have been different, their lives have been turned up sided down and had to make a lot of changes, but we have resilient parents who work hard to support their families.

We tried to keep in touch with our parents during this Pandemic.

We held virtual meetings through ZOOM and now we are planning our Virtual PTA Elections which will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Our parents are looking forward for when everything comes back to normal. NO one knows when, but we just keep doing what we do best, keeping our families safe and well.

Congratulations to all our parents for staying focus and doing a great job being the best parents at William H. Maxwell CTE High School.

SLT Meeting date & time: Thursday, October 15, 2020 – Thursday, November 12, 2020. All meetings will be held at 6:00 PM

PA PTA meeting date & time: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – Virtual Election Tuesday, October 27, 2020, Tuesday, November 10, 2020. All meetings will be held at 6:00 PM.

Please enjoy these pictures from our school reopening.



### The School for Classics: An Academy of Thinkers, Writers and Performers





Last week some of our Senior Class of 2020 received their Diplomas from Mr. Garcia, our 12th Grade Guidance Counselor. They were excited and proud of themselves and each other for their hard work. Other staff greeted and congratulated the students.

Getting Ready for the School year, Our staff has created a welcoming environment in their classrooms for students to get the support they need and feel a part of the School for Classics Family whether they are fully remote or blended.

Staff also show how safety is the first priority for all students and staff

We had our First Family Town hall on Friday September 18, 2020 where families were able to ask questions about the school procedures and protocols. Families also met the staff via Video where they learned 3 fun facts about each staff member and viewed a photo.

10/22/20- SLT Meeting at 3pm

10/14/20-PTA Meeting/Elections 5pm

9/25/20- Back to School Social

9/29/20- 9th Grade Parent Meeting 5pm

10/5/20- Town Hall Hispanic Heritage Month

**Message from the Principal, Nicole Tancredi:**

***I am so excited to begin the 2020-2021 School Year and Welcome our students back to School for Classics. We know that over the last few months our time apart has been difficult, however we are so excited to be back together this year both virtually and in person. The whole staff has been working hard to welcome you back and are so excited to share all the wonderful things we have planned. Near or Far we are always together as a School for Classics Family!! Let's make this school year the best one yet!! It's a great year to be a Phantom!!***

### **The East New York Art and Civics High School (T.E.A.C.H.)**



Greetings Students,

We are in our first year of being a DOE high school.

Our Principal Mr. Davis and staff held a Welcome Zoom Orientation, which was held for 3 days for all to come and participate in. We opened with information concerning Health and Safety of Students & Staff, and then spoke on the Social Emotional piece that so important in this transition. Most of our students attended with their parents. Questions were asked and answers were given. Students and teachers who were returning it was a pleasure to see each again.

Remote Learning is a first for the city and becoming a DOE high school is a first for our students too. We know that these times are challenging but we know that our students are up for the challenge.

We look forward to this Remote Learning for now, but we look even more forward to having our students in the classrooms in the near future. However we have to Learn, weather it be Remote or Blended, “It’s a hold new World, just waiting to Explore.

***“T.E.A.C.H is ready, our students will be ready.***

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Principal Davis, AP Davey, APO Castillo:

Want to shout out to all our Teachers/Staff that returned safe and sound to continue to work diligently with our students to be the best they can be. We are thankful we had no casualties in our immediate school staff from the COVID-19 war. Even though, we were all touched in some way or form by this pandemic.

We look forward to staying Safe and Healthy so we can continue to enter new beginning of our DOE school, the East New York Arts And Civics High School. This is a new and very different school year ahead of Us.

Just like our mascot the Wolf , We will lead the Pack.

T.E.A.C.H. Administration

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Greetings Parents/Guardians of The East New York Arts And Civics High School,

I am Parent Coordinator Ms. Lovell,

I’m known as PC Lovell, I’ve worked in the DOE for over 25 years and I have been a PC for 16 of those years. I am a parent much like you, whose children all attended NYC public schools. They all have graduated and are all grown. So I can relate to the stress, problems, situations and joys that come with raising children.

Our school is only as good as we the parents make them. Use your voice and say how you want your children’s education to go. I am here to assist you with that and a lot more.

Feel free to reach out my hours are

8:00 am – 3:35pm in the main office.

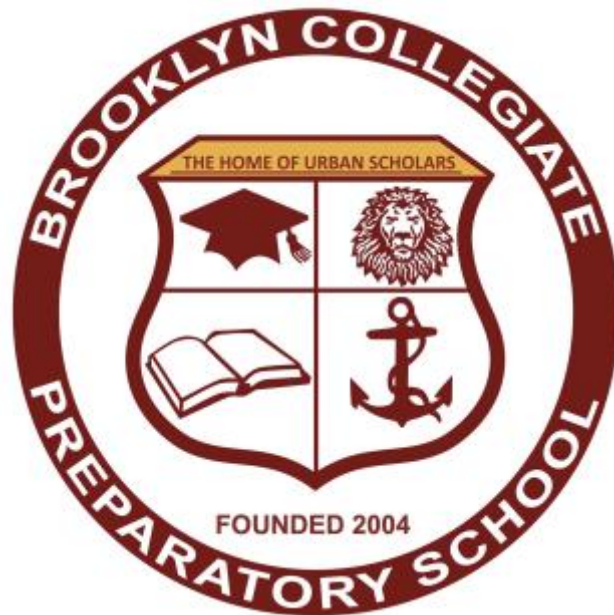
We will be holding our first PT/PTA meeting on ***Wednesday, October 7th at 5pm.***

I am asking that all parents/guardians join in; we will start establishing Nominations for elections. I will explain policies and procedures about the ***Parent Association/Parent Teacher Association (also known as PA/PTA)***, as well as ***School Leadership Team (also known as SLT)*** both of which every DOE school is required to have in place. I will explain all of these terms and more at the meeting. We will discuss our goals and objectives for the 2020-21 school year. Looking forward to meeting all of you and working with you as well.

So save the date ***Wednesday, October 7th @5pm.***



See you there,  
PC Lovell



Brooklyn Collegiate: A College Board School





Brooklyn Collegiate Preparatory High School September 2020

Students were welcomed into the building after approximately 7 months of being at home doing remote learning. Students were happy to see other fellow students on their arrival. School has now been divided into four groups A, B, C, D. We were all very excited to welcome our very own class of 2024. Our largest class today at 130 scholars.

Our Principal meets every day with staff informing us and updating us with the necessary information regarding this new system of teaching and getting student involved in remote learning/ blended learning. Educators are also sharing information with other educators to assist in the entire operation. Our first days went very well, better than we all expected. Our staff should be applauded and saluted on a job well done.

PS/IS 178 and Brooklyn Collegiate Community

Come to our Market on Wednesdays outside PS/IS 178

12:30pm-3:30pm.

FRESH PRODUCE

We hope to see you there

SLT Meeting--October 8, 2020, 6:00pm-8:00pm

PTA meeting October 21, 2020, 6:00pm-8:00pm


## Teachers Preparatory High School

### TEACHERS PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2020

**WHAT IS NEW?**

- Drumming comes to TPS
- Kings Plaza Donated 30 Laptops
- We wish Ms. Prince, Social Worker and formerly Single Shepherd, best wishes in her new position as a SST member in another NYC DOE District.


**First Day In-Person Instructions**

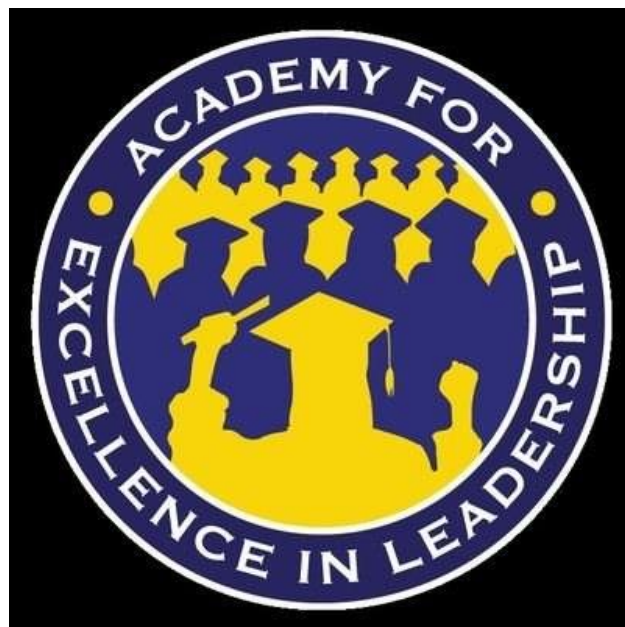


**WHAT REMAINS THE SAME?**

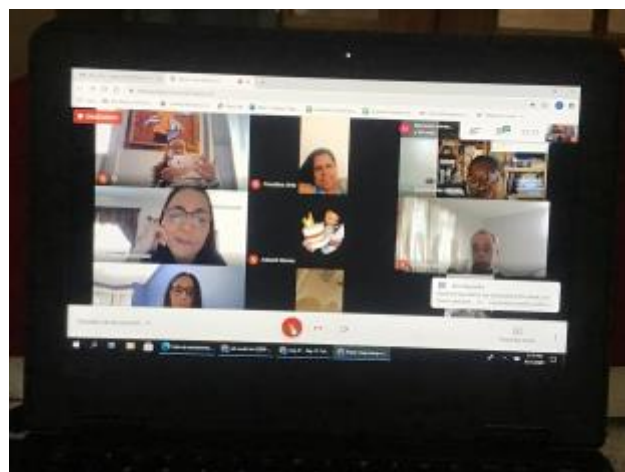
- We were Ready-Set-to-Go into an exceptionally clean building, as always! Our Custodian, David Felixiano and his team are always prepared to make sure our students, faculty & staff work in a exceptionally clean and organized environment.
- Two of our Leadership Programs are up-and-running: Peer Group Connection and Peer to Peer
- Tiger Cafe is open for business

Welcome to Teachers Preparatory High School





## Academy For Excellence In Leadership



In preparation for our 1st day of school on September 21st, AEL held 3 days of virtual orientations for our Excellent Leaders:

- On Wednesday, September 16th, the 10th Grade Student Orientation was held from 10:15am – 11:30am, and the 11th Grade Orientation was held from 11:45am – 1pm.
- On Thursday, September 17th, the AEL 9th Grade Orientation was held from 8:45am – 10am, and the 12th Grade Orientation was held from 1:15pm – 2:30pm.
- On Friday, September 18th, the AEL educational staff introduced themselves to the students.

We sadly said our goodbyes to a few educators and staff (Mr. Peña (Para), Ms. Soto (Family Worker) and Mr. Wrigley (Art Teacher). We welcomed back our old and new Excellent Leaders (Ms. Fischer (Art) and Ms. Toomer (Math)).

In the midst of this stressful transition from vacation back to the classroom, we eased into school feeling cool and ready for success due to the right amount of pre-planning and a good strategy for that first week. While preparing to go back to school, key considerations were taken by our school administrators.

- We held a number of virtual meetings:
  - a Staff Q & A on Wednesday, September 2nd from 1-2 pm
  - An AEL Staff Welcome and Professional Development Workshop on Tuesday, September 8th, from 8:15 am - 2:30 pm
- Then after much planning and preparation, from September 9th and onward, we moved into the regularly scheduled daily sessions:
  - Morning Virtual Meetings
  - Work From Home Daily Check-In
  - Blended Student Orientation
  - Fully Remote Orientation
- Regularly sent emails reminded us how very grateful they are to have every one of us as part of the AEL school community this year.
- Morning memos were sent regularly and they continually engaged and encouraged everyone in the school and the community (our families), to practice preventive behaviors.
- They concurrently implemented multiple strategies in school to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (e.g., social distancing, masks, hand hygiene, and use of cohorting)
- They communicated regularly with families, staff, and other partners to update students, families, teachers, and staff about:



- academic standards
- meal program services
- And access to other school-based essential services that students and families rely on (ie, MRNY, FACE, DML Community Chats, etc.)

A Family and Student Town Hall was held on Tuesday, September 8th at 5pm, to discuss the reopening of school.

We held our first PTA and Q&A meeting via Google Meets on Monday, September 14th at 5pm. It was well attended by approximately 84 families. We provided an explanation of what parents, students, teachers, and staff can expect when returning to school; in particular, communicating about:

- The importance of staying home when sick and staying home to monitor symptoms if close contact occurred with a person who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2<sup>3</sup>
- Considerations for COVID-19 symptom screenings
- Types of social distancing measures being implemented
- When students, teachers, staff and/or visitors will be expected to wear masks and whether masks will be available from the school.
- Everyday healthy hygiene practices<sup>4</sup> that will be implemented upon reopening (e.g., students, teachers, staff staying home when sick, hand hygiene, cleaning frequently touched surfaces)
- The importance of staying home when sick and staying home to monitor symptoms if close contact occurred with a person who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2<sup>5</sup>
- Considerations for COVID-19 symptom screenings
- Types of social distancing measures being implemented
- When students, teachers, staff and/or visitors will be expected to wear masks and whether masks will be available from the school.
- Everyday healthy hygiene practices<sup>6</sup> that will be implemented upon reopening (e.g., students, teachers, staff staying home when sick, hand hygiene, cleaning frequently touched surfaces)

SLT Meeting is pending

Our next PTA is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th from 5-7pm, in which we will hold our 1st ever virtual elections.

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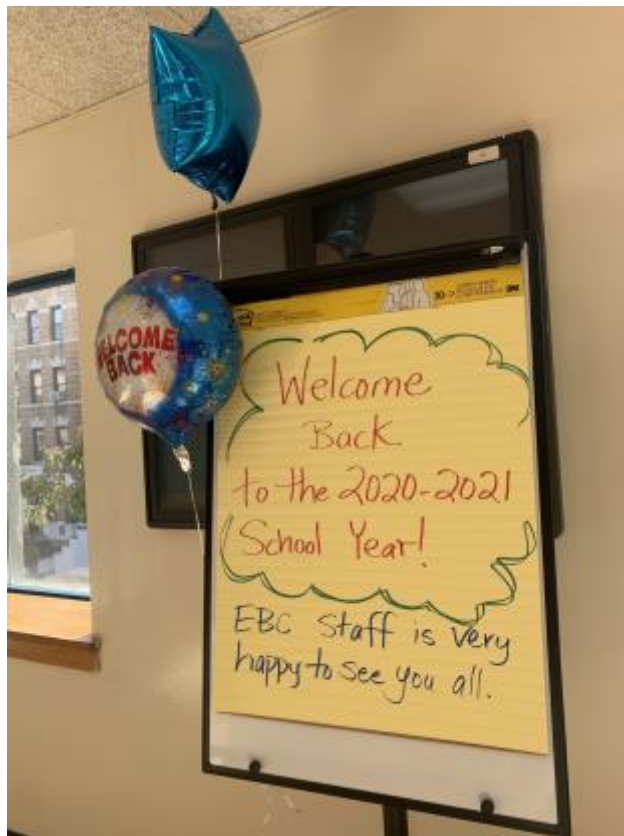
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EBC High School For Public Service















Our Students were happy to be in attendance. All ready to learn as they social distance...

Thanks to Dr. Brown, Principal who was outside welcoming our students while making sure all safety protocols were being followed by staff and students as we enter this new way of schooling. (See Photos)

I want to send a very big shout out to our Guidance Counselor's:

Ms. Acevedo, Ms. Rivera and Ms. Sencion for Welcoming our kids back to school. They decorated the entrance of our school with balloons and were cheering our students back to the school building after not seeing them in person for a long time. (See Photos)

Parents were very excited to have their children back to school. Although with some confusion and insecurities we were able to carry on with a satisfactory first week of back to school...

SLT meeting

Pending Planning

PTA meeting

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Sayed Anwar, Senior, participated in the Bluestamp Engineering summer program where he built a self-sufficient phone charger and created his own website documenting his progress. The website link is here: <https://bluestampengineering.com/student-projects/sayed-a-2/>

4 BSSJ students are Opportunity Network fellows, 3 of which were just selected this past summer. The 3 new fellows are Jeury Pena, Joshua Toribio, & Leslie Cordero!!! Proud of our scholars!

BSSJ ended the 6-day beginning of the year Professional Development with a whole staff trivia game. Great way to create bonds in seeing our similarities and we also had a lot of fun & laughs. Our PD series covered academic and social-emotional, and social justice work.

BSSJ Math Teacher Samantha Chu is selected to Join LEAP.

Ms. Chu has been selected to join the Leaders in Education Apprenticeship Program. LEAP is a highly selective and rigorous training program for teachers who aspire to become Principals. Despite being a young teacher, Ms. Chu has demonstrated her leadership capabilities since starting at BSSJ 5 years ago. We look forward to supporting her in this process as she continues her learning as a teacher leader.

The entire beginning of the year series was a collaboration between Admin and some staff, and Ms. Chu organized each day, making every day of our Professional Development series seamless, practical, thoughtful and thorough. We also created a Google Drive folder with everything covered and all materials needed to have a successful beginning of the year, which we can happily say, we have.

Enclosed is a link of just one of the many resources shared that was developed by our teachers:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1d9vRe2a8-Ofe91mxXnSz8PppLSG-jLmW/view?usp=sharing>

This was shared in English, Spanish and Arabic, like most student resources placed in our Google Classrooms.

We want to congratulate Ms. Ortiz, our parent Coordinator, who gave birth to a gorgeous baby boy at the end of July.

Congratulations Ms. Ortiz!!!

There were 6 parent information session meetings held in July and August for all BSSJ parents to keep them updated on all the guidance at the start of the school year. There were also 4 parent meetings held in September to help parents understand procedure and to ask questions.

All families have received constant communication through our Kinolved and our emailing system, in addition to personal calls. Additionally, all the information shared is being posted in all Google Classrooms under a specific heading so that all students have access and share it with parents, if they do not have email or have technology issues or are unable to open up the information on their own.

Families received once again, every staff member's BSSJ email, so that they can stay in touch and connected to the school staff. Parents are definitely taking advantage of it.

Coffee, Mindfulness and Yoga with the Principal will start at the beginning of October. These give parents an opportunity to sit with the Principal to discuss important topics like how to help students manage stress, gives them an opportunity to share questions and concerns that they may not be able to do through other methods, and to learn Mindfulness or Yoga practices to help them distress, so that they can be mentally and emotionally available for their children and their families. These have been transformational for many families and we are happy that we can continue to do these virtually.

PA/PTA meeting will be held October 15th. SLT, October 21st.

**Below is a sample from a forthcoming collection of testimonials from BSSJ students past and present--enjoy!**

#### **My story BSSJ:**

As the small bird emigrates from his nest to new unknown boundaries, I initiated my journey a year ago into this amazing brand-new world called the United States of America. Uncertainty, fear, sadness, nostalgia, and stress were the first feelings that inhabited my heart once I left the airport that afternoon. I have always been a decent student academically speaking. I have always had A's and on very rare occasions a B used to pop out in my report card. In my country, I feel comfortable with the educational system. I felt I was in my element. I knew the language, I knew the teachers, the staff. Everything was so perfect that it was boring. It was boring to the point that I was depressed and insecure because I thought that the only reason for my academic achievements was the fact that I was used to the place. I felt I was lacking intelligence. With all those insecurities I still decided to come to the U.S. and try myself. The feeling of uncertainty was stronger than ever. I did not know how to get to school. I did not know what I needed to do or to look for.

Every time I went to a school and asked how I could start studying they told me things that I didn't even know about. "You need a report card". "How many regents have you passed". I barely knew English and I was desperate. Thankfully, my uncle decided to help me, and finally, I could get to a school. They gave me tons of options, I was certainly overwhelmed. Again, everybody started pulling out fancy terms from their pockets. "This school offers AP Courses". "This school has an IB program". Honestly, everything I could think of was that I just wanted to study somewhere. Amid tears and sobs of despair, I just went for the campus that my cousin was going to attend. I chose BSSJ because the lady who was helping me told me they had support for the students that didn't know English. She was so right about that.

When I first went to the school building, I felt everybody was willing to help me. I got to talk to the principal right away. No schedules, no waiting, no fancy appointments, everything was running so smoothly that I thought something was off. But no, it was just plain kindness and desire to help. The staff and the principal were really helpful. However, what impressed me the most was how committed the counselor was. She set me up to take 3 regents at the same time in summer school and she told me she knew I could make it. It was insane for me to take 3 regents in my first two months in the country,



but I did pass all three of them and I was able to save a lot of time and effort thanks to the school staff. And as happened that day, it has been happening until today. My story was meant to be a failure, but thanks to BSSJ and my effort, I changed it, and now I'm on my way to success!



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**Semester 1**  
**1st MP:** Sept. 21-Oct. 30  
**2nd MP:** Nov. 2 -Dec. 11  
**3rd MP:** Dec. 14 - Jan. 22

**Important**  
**For 1/2**  
**Students & Families**

### LIVE Class Days

| Monday                                            | Tuesday                             | Wednesday                       | Thursday                                              | Friday                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| ELA<br>Science<br>Spanish<br>Daily Elective<br>AP | Social Studies<br>Math<br>ENL<br>AP | ELA<br>Science<br>Spanish<br>AP | Social Studies<br>Math<br>ENL<br>T/Th Electives<br>AP | Daily Elective<br>M/W/F Electives<br>AP |

**Grading Policy**  
Core/AP Classes:  
 Minimum of  
 4 Content Assignments,  
 6 Effort/Skill Assignments  
**10 Total per MP**

Elective Classes:  
 Minimum of  
 2 Content Assignments,  
 3 Effort/Skill Assignments  
**5 Total Per MP**

**20.0%**

**Workload**

**3** Expect **2+** hours of work per AP class each week *outside of class*

**2** Expect **2+** hours of work per core class each week *outside of class*

**1** Expect **1+** hours of work per elective class each week *outside of class*

**PupilPath.com**  
ALL Official Class Grades

→ Updated Weekly  
 → Missing

**Need Guidance?**

**9th Graders:**  
Mr. Roth

**10th Graders**  
(by student last name):

A-F: Mr. Roth  
 G-M: Ms. Milena  
 N-Z: Ms. Cynthia

**11th Graders:**  
Ms. Cynthia

**12th Graders:**  
Ms. Milena



At the beginning of this year we would like to go a different route by acknowledging two of our college students. Alyssa Medina, Mayleem Annahij and Yarmelin Perez. These are two AUPE greats have continued progressing through college in these challenging times.

We would like to acknowledge our AUPE Administration, teachers and support staff, as they have been so creative in working with our students in these uncertain times. They have worked on the clock, off the clock, around the clock and under the clock to provide our students with a progressive education that moves with the times we are in and into the future.

We would like to thank our PTA executive board, who have worked with us through these uncertain times and have voted to remain in office by amendment through the year rather than vote inexperienced an board in at this time.

SLT Meeting

October 13, 2020

7pm

PTA Meeting

October 13, 2012

6 pm



### All City Leadership Secondary School

The All City Leadership Secondary School welcomed students back on the first day of school and had positive news to begin the year. 15 of our students have been selected as semi-finalists for the Posse Foundation Scholarship. Additionally, we received notification that 2 of our Seniors students had earned recognition for their performance on the PSAT NMSQT College Board exam the previous school year.

The school welcomed our students through virtual meetings on from September 16th -18th. During that time teachers met with all students in Town Hall events, Meet the Teacher meetings so that all students were able to establish, and begin to build the bonds with the educators they will encounter daily for the upcoming school year. We were also proud of all the hard work the teachers put in place during the summer and the first few weeks of school. They were able to have everything up and running so that students were able to begin learning on Day One.

In the next month, we will be holding a series of workshops and meetings for parents. 8th grade families will meet with the Guidance Counselor to discuss the high school application process and

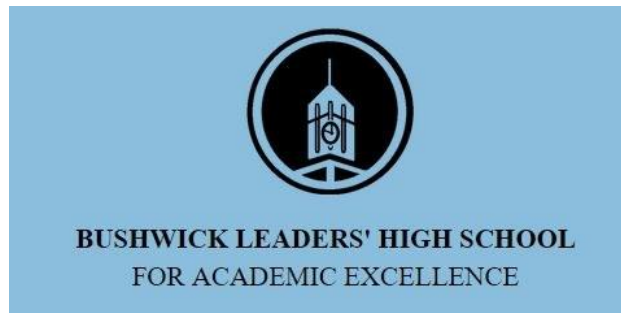
understanding how to use the My Schools application site and the how to use the view book for schools. We will hold a workshop on Financial Aid for families of our 12th grade students and discuss the college application process, trying to answer as many questions and concerns that they may have especially during this difficult time.

We at ACLA are also excited about the fact that we have launched our new school website. Families were notified and provided the information about the launch. On that site, we have included a family guide to help all families navigate this upcoming school year. \

First SLT Meeting- Tuesday September 29th at 4:00pm

Next Meeting: October 19th at 5:00 PM

First PTA Meeting and Election: October 19th at 5:00 PM



### **Bushwick Leaders High School For Academic Excellence**

Bushwick Leader`s High School Academic for Excellence. We would like to welcome all Students, Parents and Guardians to the new 2020-2021 school year. This past year has been filled with so many unexpected challenges. As always we will rise above all circumstances. We are here to support you in all ways possible.

We would like to make a special welcome to Mr. Garcia The new administrator. Thank you for your hard work and dedication thus far. I would also like to make another Special welcome to the new 9th Grade class. Thank you for your participation and engagement so far this year.

Upcoming Expedited PTA virtual meeting –TBA

Upcoming SLT virtual meeting - TBA