

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2023

Stuyvesant High School Weekly Update

2023-2024 -- Issue #12



School will be closed this week on Thursday, 11/23 and Friday, 11/24 in observance of Thanksgiving. Wishing everyone a happy one with family and friends! We welcome back students on Monday, 11/27.

Beginning on November 27, we will be instituting **two-factor authentication (2FA)** on all systems for staff and students to increase security of accounts on our platforms. 2FA requires two forms of identification to verify an account holder's identity and grant access to the account. Staff and students will be required to have 2FA on stuy.edu and Talos accounts. Additionally, staff will have 2FA on Jupiter grades. This mandate will add an additional layer of security by making it harder for attackers to gain access to online accounts. Detailed instructions will be provided.

Tomorrow (11/21) is the **SLT Meeting** at 3:45 where Ms. Pedrick will provide an overview of the college application timeline. There will also be a **Diwali and Garba celebration** with students and staff in the cafeteria on Wednesday, 11/22 at 4pm!

If you missed our special presentation last week by Assistant Principals, you may watch the recording at this [link](#) and view the slides at this [link](#). Many thanks to the Parent's Association, the 317 attendees, and our department chairs for answering over 100 questions live and submitted in advance!

Last week we held fall parent teacher conferences via phone calls. Over 6500 individual phone calls were made by our teachers and counselors to families in English and eight additional languages! 1483 different families were engaged in their child's performance. If you missed the opportunity to speak with a teacher, know that the conference dates are only one opportunity to find out more about your child's performance. Feel free to reach out to a teacher or counselor using the [staff email list](#). Each month, they engage in parent outreach and are happy to address your concerns.

Be sure to look over the [reminders](#) in this update for attendance reporting protocols, including COVID absences, and forms we need from all families.

Here's what's coming up:

November 21 - SLT Meeting 3:45pm (in person)

November 22 - Diwali/Garba Celebration 4pm

November 23, 24 - **SCHOOL CLOSED in observance of Thanksgiving**

November 30 - Chinese-speaking Parent Workshop 7pm (virtual) **DATE CHANGE**

December 8 - Choral Holiday Concert 6pm

December 12 - Open Safety Meeting 1:30pm (Virtual)

December 15 - Holiday Concert 6pm

December 12 - PA General Meeting 7pm (Virtual)

December 19 - SLT Meeting 3:45pm (in person)

December 25 through January 1, 2024 - **SCHOOL CLOSED** for Winter Recess

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UPCOMING STUY EVENTS & DEADLINES

SLT Meeting - November 21, 2023 @3:45pm

The monthly meeting of the SLT (School Leadership Team) will take place on Tuesday, November 21, at 3:45-5:45pm. The meeting is held in-person at Stuyvesant High School in the Principal's Conference Room (107).

The agenda for the meeting is posted on the school website calendar date at www.stuy.edu.

There is an opportunity to sign up for comment at the meeting. Please read Article V. D. of the SLT bylaws to understand the role of observers and commenting at SLT meetings. You may view previous meetings' approved minutes and recordings on the Talos SLT Info page of the Document Hub.



Enter the Stuy Annual Holiday Card Art Competition by 12/11/2023

The Art Department is inviting Stuy students to participate in a contest to create an original design for a holiday card that best represents the winter season. The winner will have their artwork become the e-card sent out by Principal Yu in December. The winner and two runners-up will be chosen! Each year artwork

submitted is used to wish a happy holiday season on Stuy's official social media pages. The judges will be looking for:

- creativity and originality
- quality of artwork
- interpretation of the subject matter/theme



Here are the rules for the contest:

- Only one piece of artwork per student may be submitted.
- Artwork must be completed by one student only. Group participation for one piece of artwork is not permitted.
- Artwork must incorporate the contest's theme – a winter holiday and/or the winter season. It must **not** contain any religious content (no Santas, religious symbols of Christmas, Hanukkah, etc.)
- Artwork can measure up to 8" x 8"
- Original or digital artwork may be submitted
- Artwork must be original content created by the contest participant.
- Artwork may consist of one or multiple mediums -- photography, graphic design, collage, digital (with proof, progress shots/sketches), watercolor, oil paint, acrylic paint, charcoal, textiles, pencil, pen and ink.
- Artwork can be still life, portrait, abstract, landscape, etc.
- Winners will be notified by email and two or more entries will be selected by the principal to use as the school's holiday card.
- Be creative!

Deadline: By the end of the school day, **Monday December 11, 2023**

Join the New Cope with Crochet Group!

The guidance department is so pleased to announce the return of Cope with Crochet! Thanks to the help and partnership of some generous students, we will be hosting weekly crochet groups for crochet enthusiasts of all levels. Crocheting is a great way to take your mind off current stressors and give yourself a chance to relax. Whether you would like to make a coaster for your mugs, increase your personal amigurumi collection, or craft a tiny scarf for ants, we welcome you! Please see attached flyer with a QR code to the interest form. We are accepting responses through Thursday 11/30/23 and hope to start this group as soon as possible.

Cope with Crochet -- <https://forms.gle/B4NfYUcaveHbaKSx7>



Garba/Diwali Celebration 11/22/2023 RSVP!



On **Wednesday, November 22nd** in the **Cafeteria @ 4PM**, the HSC, SAYA, and ICC are collaborating to bring the second **Garba/Diwali formal** to Stuyvesant! All students and staff are welcome and there will be lots of free food and henna. Accommodations will be made, ranging from halal all the way to vegetarian. Please fill out the [RSVP form](#) if you are interested.

PARENTS: Preferred language of communication not English? Tell us!

Parents and guardians – Stuyvesant’s Family Engagement Team are taking a survey to find out what your preferred language of communication is! **Please fill out this survey ONLY if your preferred language of communication is NOT English.** The form is available until October 31.

Click this link or scan this QR code to access the survey.

Reach out to Ms. Ingram or Ms. Tang if you have questions.



DATE CHANGE - Chinese-speaking Parent Workshop 11/30/23 @7pm

In collaboration with the PA's Chinese Outreach Committee and the Family Engagement Team, chinese-speaking families are invited to attend a parent workshop on November 30, 2023 at 7pm virtually on Zoom. The topic will be "Effective Parent/Child Communication Tips & Strategies" by a special guest social worker.



If you're seeking **professional insights** on how to communicate with a teenager who may be reluctant to talk, how to avoid arguments, and the best approaches to engage with them, this workshop is for you. Bring your questions and concerns. A professional from the Henry Street Settlement Parent Center will be present to guide the discussion. Don't miss out!

[Register Here!](#)

Join a School Safety Meeting/Workshop 12/12/23 @1:30pm on Zoom

The Stuyvesant community is invited to join our next School Safety Committee Meeting in an open meeting on safety. Assistant Principal, Mr. Brian Moran and members of the Safety Committee will discuss safety protocols at Stuyvesant, Tips for safety and address safety concerns. Students are also invited to this workshop to learn about safety in and outside the building, commuting tips and emergency safety protocols if they have a free or lunch period. Register to attend here:



https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dVEsfPsrRW2OuxFHksuRsO

The Q&A on the webinar will be available to enter questions. However, we wish to obtain your questions and concerns in advance. Please enter them here no later than Saturday, December 10, 2023 at 11:59pm

The meeting will be recorded so that others may view. You may submit questions in advance on this form: <https://forms.gle/dkGNrfizJqgYXWjz6>

SAVE THE DATES! Holiday Concerts coming up at Stuy!

Mark your calendars for the Holiday Concerts coming up this December!

Choral Holiday Concert – Friday, December 8 at 6pm

Instrumental Holiday Concert – Friday, December 15 at 6pm

Tickets (\$15 each) will go on sale the Monday before each concert on EventBrite that will soon be shared! Families of students performing will receive the link for presale one day before the open sale to the public.



Enter PA Raffle to see Billy Joel @ Madison Square Garden

As one of the most celebrated musicians in history, Billy Joel has captivated audiences around the world with his timeless hits and unparalleled talent. Now, you have the opportunity to witness the incredible artistry of “The Piano Man” up close at Madison Square Garden before his record-breaking residency concludes next year.

Enter to win 2 tickets for the sold-out Billy Joel at the Garden show on January 11. These amazing floor level seats are in Section A, Row 21! The winner will be announced at the Stuy Parents’ Association meeting on December 12 (winner need not be present.)

Tickets are \$20 each (or 6 for \$100.) Enter the raffle today!

[Enter the Raffle Today!](#)



FEATURED NEWS & CELEBRATIONS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Stuyvesant Classics Club reaches semi-finals at Yale Certamen

The Stuyvesant Classics club competed at the Yale Certamen last Saturday and both intermediate teams reached the semi-finals, missing out on the finals by one question. Congratulations to all participants who competed against some of the top Classics programs [both public and private schools] in the northeast. Several Stuyvesant AP Latin alumni, Andrey Sokolov [Yale], Kenisha Mahajan [Yale], and Theo Yochum [Swarthmore], also met with the club and gave students a tour of the campus.



Congrats to Stuy Girls Swimmers -- off to NYSFSSAA Championships

Congratulations to Stuyvesant girls competing at the Swimming States Competition this weekend at **Webster Aquatic Center** in both individual events and relays! Brava and all the best to: Angelina Lin, Nicole Palei, Lily Ramirez (all access), and Megan Chan.!



Personal Finance Class shares recent Projects!

Mr. David Peng shares a video of student projects from his **Personal Finance class**. For our project in the budgeting unit, students planned a Friendsgiving dinner, potluck style. Each person is responsible for bringing in a dish, with the total cost of ingredients split among each other. Students had to look up recipes for each dish as well as research the cost of ingredients, with all of the information compiled into an expense report. While not required, the goal for each group was to maintain a budget of under \$15 per person. Finally, each group had to create an attractive menu detailing the dishes that will be served.



The students had great insight into the cost of making food vs. going out to eat, how setting a budget allows them to pick dishes and comparison shop for ingredients, and how to save money by not having too many leftovers (which they will find out soon is not as easy as it sounds).

Here's the link to the project for each group. I will try to add more folders throughout the day, but figured I can send you this for now to include the link.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1exJCwXR-B3B9v5-f3V81KHefF5yF2EdP?usp=sharing>

All the best to Stuy Moot Court! Competing in QFinals!

Ms. Lisa Shuman, faculty advisor for Stuy Moot Court shares some photos of their recent competitions, preliminaries and Wild Card second round from which the team performed so well , they have advanced to the quarter finals to take place Monday, 11/20. The full group including our Mentor from Cravath, Swaine and Moore and coach , Ms. Shuman . Wishing the team good luck on the competition Monday! [See a full size collage here.](#)



Stuyvesant Classics Club Sweeps the Stony Brook Certamen and Classics Day

Congratulations to the Stuyvesant Classics Club for winning first-place in all three levels (beginner, intermediate, and advance) of the Stony Brook Certamen on Friday, 11/17. Stuyvesant competed against top programs in NYC, including Townsend Harris, and Long Island. In addition, club members were able to attend lectures on linguistics, ancient medicine, and classics in every day life, as well as participate in several classics-related art activities. *Pictured: Stuyvesant Classics Club with Dr. Kathleen De Riesthal of Stony Brook University*



Mr. Sandler's class see Harmony the Musical!

Harmony is a new [musical](#) with music by [Barry Manilow](#) and lyrics by [Bruce Sussman](#). The musical tells the true story of the [Comedian Harmonists](#), an ensemble of six young men in 1920s Germany who took the world by storm with their blend of sophisticated close harmonies and uproarious stage antics, until their inclusion of Jewish singers put them on a collision course with history. The students found it very moving and enlightening. [Full size photo collage is here.](#) [Here is an article](#) that provides background on Harmony became Manilow's passion project.



Mr. Hanna's class shares video of recent trips!

Mr. David Hanna shares a video that he made from photos of the trip to the Cloisters he and his students in his fall semester on the Middle Ages class took earlier this month (be sure to have the volume on). Students also toured St. John the Divine as well. Access the link here.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmopmT1PrRo>

Congrats to Andy Yao! Juvenile Pairs Free Skating Champ at Final in Tacoma!

Congratulations to sophomore Andy Yao who is the Champion for the Juvenile Pairs Free Skating at U.S. Pairs Final 2023-2024 in Tacoma, WA last week. Andy practices skating in the morning before going to the school, and also on weekends and school vacations while keeping up at Stuyvesant with his studies. Bravo, Andy on this personal accomplishment!



Noche de Juegos at Stuy's Puentes a la Hispanidad

The first game night at Stuy's Puentes a la Hispanidad was a blast!!! Students had a great time practicing their Spanish while learning about the history and rules behind traditional board games like Chess, Dominoes and Lotería. Club leaders took turns explaining and modeling the rules and attendees listened carefully as they applied them while munching on some of their favorite local and traditional Hispanic sweets! They bonded over learning something new and winning a game or two. Stay tuned for our upcoming Noche de Juegos Parte II and so much more. Join StuyPuentes for Latino culture and Spanish language practice outside of the classroom, for friendship, family and fun. [See a full size photo collage here.](#)



Stuy PA hosts the annual Faculty Luncheon on 11/17/23!

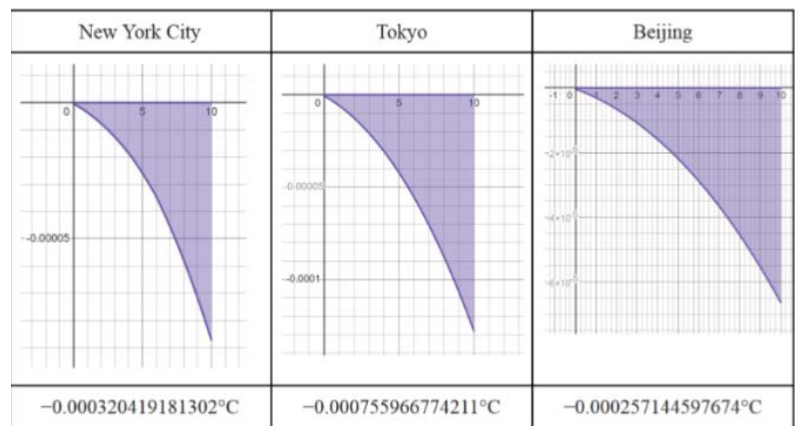
Gratitude to our wonderful Parent's Association and their amazing volunteers led by their Hospitality committee. They provided a feast for the annual Faculty luncheon on Friday, November 17, 2023 before our parent teacher conference session! The student union prepared thank you cards for faculty members that were decorating our lobby and the beautiful spread. We are so grateful to have this support in our community. #StuyFamily. [See a full size photo collage here.](#)



Mathematical Modeling at Stuy

Mr. Patrick Honner shares congratulations to the 32 Stuyvesant students who competed in the 2023 High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling (HiMCM)! Each team of four had two weeks to apply mathematics, computing, and scientific knowledge in novel ways to understand and analyze one of two real world problems: the impact of invasive species like dandelions on existing ecosystems, or the benefits and drawbacks of converting a city's bus fleet to electric vehicles.

Each team submitted a 25-page solution document that described the model they constructed, the mathematical and computational tools they used to analyze, and their conclusions and policy recommendations. The teams will find out in January how their submissions stack up against the 1,200 teams who competed worldwide! Anyone interested in learning more about mathematical modeling can ask Mr. Honner in the mathematics department.



Stuyvesant's Mathematical Modelers

Seniors

Rebecca Bao, Kevin Chan, Sophia Dasser, Theodore Landa, Eli White, Eric Zheng, Qinwen Zheng

Juniors

Ian Buchanan, Vicky Cai, Jack Cheng, Chenming Fang, Sascha Gordon-Zolov, Astrid Harrington, Andy Huang, Alyssa Kang, Filippos Kogiantis, Christopher Louie, Ryan Park, Ronny Qian, Emily Ryu, Ethan Sharma, Ethan Sie, Leonna Wang, Patrick Was, Jaco Xia, Emma Yang, Minah Yeh, Jackie Zheng

Sophomores

Janice Chan, Syed Rahman, Redita Reza, Sophie Zhao

RESOURCES & REMINDERS

Repeated Reminders - click for more information:

[Fill out the Family Income Inquiry Form for 2023-2024](#)

[Changes to Address/Phone - Who to see and How to Proceed](#)

[Attendance Policy & Procedures](#)

[How to Obtain ACT/SAT/AP Fee Waivers](#)

[Fall Term AIS \(Academic Intervention Services\) Schedule](#)

Catch the Recording & Slides - Department Chair Course Presentation 2023

Last week, over 300 tuned in live to watch and listen to our Assistant Principal Department Chairs present information on their course offerings. They answered over 100 questions! Catch the recording here <https://youtu.be/9p6ANdZiZ6o> and the slides here to refer to:



https://talos.stuy.edu/cms/documents/5964/AP_program_preso_11-14-23.pptx.pdf

College Handbook for Class of 2025 now Available!

The College Office Handbook for the Class of 2025 has been updated and is now available in your Naviance accounts. You'll find it in "Document Resources", in the folder "College Office". The Document Resources section can be found by clicking on the circle with your initials in the upper right corner of your Naviance screen. You can also find it in the Document Hub on Talos [at this link](#).

Make sure to read the handbook in its entirety before the end of the first term. It contains a great deal of information, some advice, and many very useful hyperlinks. Reading the handbook will help you to feel more informed about the college admissions process and will preemptively answer many of your questions.

Versions of the Handbook in other languages will be posted as soon as they are available.



Mr. Blumm's Opportunities Bulletin #11 - 11/17/2023

Mr. Harvey Blumm is Stuyvesant's Internships and Opportunities Coordinator. He publishes a weekly bulletin that you will see in this Weekly Update and archived on the [Talos Document Hub](#) in the folder "Opportunities Bulletins 2022-2023". His weekly bulletin will inform students, parents, and staff in a timely manner about internships, jobs, academic programs, leadership, community service initiatives, and other student opportunities in a variety of fields. Please carefully note deadlines, age



requirements, and other prerequisites for participation. You can reach Mr. Blumm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Stuyvesant at 212-312-4800 ext. 2506, in room 239, or email him at hblumm@stuy.edu.

PROGRAMS, OPPORTUNITIES & LINKS OUTSIDE STUY

Scholarship Plus' application is now live! Info Sessions this month! Apply by 1/17/24

Scholarship Plus provides a substantial four-year college scholarship *PLUS* a broad range of holistic, individualized support.

Please share this impactful opportunity with NYC seniors (class of 2024) to apply to this opportunity to not only further their education but also become part of our vibrant and supportive community.



MORE ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP PLUS

[The Scholarship Plus](#) program is a scholarship and community for New York City students who have demonstrated academic achievement in the face of obstacles. Scholarship Plus offers such students a competitive four-year scholarship PLUS individualized, wraparound support.

We celebrate students' successes and help them navigate difficult moments. The scholarship may be used to pay tuition, room and board, fees, and other educational expenses. Each scholarship will be renewable annually for up to four years of study as long as the student maintains a good academic record and makes standard progress toward a degree.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be current high school seniors who attend public, parochial, or private schools in New York City, and have demonstrated:
- GPA of 84.5% or higher
- Significant financial need (family income less than \$52,000)
- Willingness to engage with the Scholarship Plus community in events, workshops, and semester check-ins

**Preference will be given to students whose parents have not graduated from American four-year colleges or universities.*

**Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.*

HOW TO APPLY

More information about Scholarship Plus and a link to the application can be found on our site:

www.scholarshipplus.org/apply. Applications must be submitted online by Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

Attached is a printable flyer describing the selection criteria, information sessions, and application steps.

Please share! We are happy to answer any questions you may have. Please send questions to hello@scholarshipplus.org.

Want to Learn More?

Join us for our virtual info sessions on [Zoom](#) for educators, counselors, graduating seniors (class of 2024), and families/guardians to gain insight into our application process, eligibility requirements, and program offerings. We hope you can join us. Please [RSVP](#) so that we can send you reminders.

Scholarship Plus Information Session Dates:

- Thursday, November 16th, 2023 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

- Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Be the Manhattan Rep for CCHS! Parent needed!

Help the Citywide Council on High Schools find a Manhattan Representative and give a parent a voice to shape policies and priorities in New York City Schools.

Eligibility

Must be a parent of a current PUBLIC High School student in Manhattan

How to Apply

Please email the completed application to the Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) at: CCECinfo@schools.nyc.gov or mail it to [52 Chambers Street, Room 405, New York, NY 10007](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/locations/52-chambers-street)

Please do not send CCHS your application.

The deadline to apply is Friday, December 8th, 2023.

Vacancy Application Here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/16_7cnH4Ohuu4Lrl6-cZ91RGUiOaSHoft/view?usp=drive link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16_7cnH4Ohuu4Lrl6-cZ91RGUiOaSHoft/view?usp=drive_link)

Learn Know More About CCECs Here:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families/Community-and-citywide-education-councils-cecs/citywide-education-councils>



Spring 2024 CCNY College Now application deadline is 12/5/23!

The spring 2024 CCNY College Now applications process is open now through December 5 at 11:59 p.m., for new applicants and returning students. See the [program documents](#) that will assist the students in applying to the spring 2024 program.



- Guide to Application submission
- Spring 2024 Course Offerings and Descriptions
- Parent/Guardian Consent form
- Immunization Record form (applicant will submit to the CCNY Student Health Services Office when they are accepted into the spring 2024 program)
- Program flyer

All supporting documents are to be uploaded onto the **respective Dropbox file (new applicant or returning student = is one that has prior CCNY College Now experience)**

Environmental Club's Eco-Fact of the Week!

Did you know that earthworms make for excellent composters? Worms are incredibly self-sustainable - they maintain their own populations by breaking down nearly all kinds of food scraps. Worm composting bins are thus very easy to set up: simply put worms in a container with soil and bedding material, then add food scraps. These composters produce no greenhouse gas emissions and returns nutrients back to the soil, unlike food waste that goes to landfills. By maintaining a worm composting bin, like



those we maintain in room 727, you can help lessen the impact of landfill food waste! Whether by worms or by other means, **help to preserve our resources and properly sort your trash!**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ringram3@schools.nyc.gov