

WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2024

Stuyvesant High School Weekly Update

2023-2024 -- Issue #18



As indicated via emails last week, Our telephone system has been under repair and unfortunately, the technicians have determined that additional parts are needed to resolve the issues. The necessary parts have been ordered and are expected to be delivered this week. Consequently, **our telephone system is not available**, so if you are trying to contact the school, please rely on email communication until further notice. You can either use contactus@stuy.edu or the email addresses on our [Faculty Email Address](#) list. We will update you this week with a status report on our telephone system. Thank you again for your understanding and patience.

This week, please support the Stuy Theater Community by purchasing tickets to see the **Winter Drama *Arsenic & Old Lace***. The performance will take place on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings. [Ticket](#) information and a synopsis is provided below. Funds raised by ticket sales benefit all the theater productions throughout the year.

Stuy's library is happy to announce that we now have **extended hours** available after school until 5pm for students wishing to avail themselves of this resource! There will be select Mondays, Tuesdays, and/or Wednesdays that the library will stay open after period 10 through 5pm. Be sure to check the [library website](#) for each week's schedule and any closure information. On days that the library is closed after school, students

should avail themselves of the Battery Park branch of NYPL right down the street from Stuyvesant on North End Avenue and Murray Street, which stays open even later every day. [Here is a link](#) to their schedule.

This month will conclude the Fall semester with the marking period ending on January 22. In-class final exams will take place from January 16–19. Teachers will inform students of any in-class final exams that are scheduled. There will be some departmental uniform final exams administered during **Regents week** from January 23–26. [Refer to the UPDATED schedule at this link.](#) **Please note:** Students attend school during January 23–26 *only* if they are scheduled to take an exam. Students may not be in the building during that week if they are not taking an exam unless they are escorted in and out of the building and supervised by a staff member (i.e. by appointment). The Spring 2024 term will begin on January 30. Students will receive their Spring programs in the coming weeks with more information to come on any necessary program change requests. Additionally, the **CR (credit) option** will once again be available for Fall Term 2023. **Important for Senior Families:** If you are considering changing a final grade in any/all courses for Fall Term 2023 to CR in time to be reflected on mid-year reports to colleges, there will be a very quick turnaround time for submission. Grades will be made available to senior families for review during the week of January 29 with specific instructions to be provided via email. Grades 9–11 will receive information on the CR option once report cards are distributed after the start of the Spring semester.

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. You can always see more on the Stuy calendar at www.stuy.edu.

January 10, 12 & 13 - STC Winter Drama "Arsenic & Old Lace"

January 15 - **SCHOOL CLOSED for MLK Jr. Day**

January 16 - PA General Meeting 7pm (Virtual)

January 19 - Stuy Squad Performance 4pm

January 22 - SLT Meeting 3:45pm (in person)

January 23 to 26 - Regents/Uniform Final Exams Week

January 25 - Junior College Information Night 6:30pm (virtual)

January 29 - **Student Non-Attendance Day/PD Remote for Staff**

January 30 - First Day of Spring Term 2024

February 1 - History Day Celebration 4pm

February 8 - Parent Workshop: Academic Supports at Stuy 6:30pm (virtual)

February 13 - PA General Meeting 7pm (Virtual)

February 15 - Black History Month Dinner & Celebration 4:30pm

February 19–23 - **SCHOOL CLOSED for Mid-Winter Recess**

February 27 - SLT Meeting 3:45pm (in person)

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UPCOMING STUY EVENTS & DEADLINES

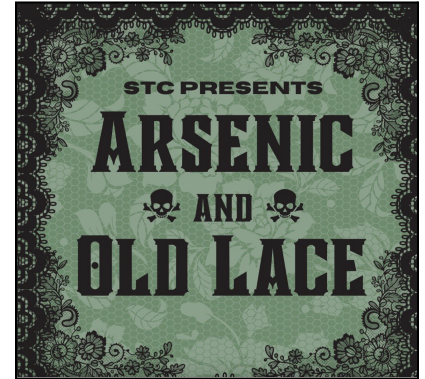
Chaperone Needed! 2/3/24 for Ethics Bowl Competition!

Biology teacher, Mrs. Hua is looking for one current Stuyvesant parent chaperone to help with the Ethics Bowl Competition at Fordham University Rose Hill Campus in the Bronx, NY on February 3, 2024 from 8 AM to 6 PM. If you are available to assist, please contact her directly at dhua@stuy.edu!



STC Presents Arsenic & Old Lace! Get Tickets Now for 1/10, 12 or 13!

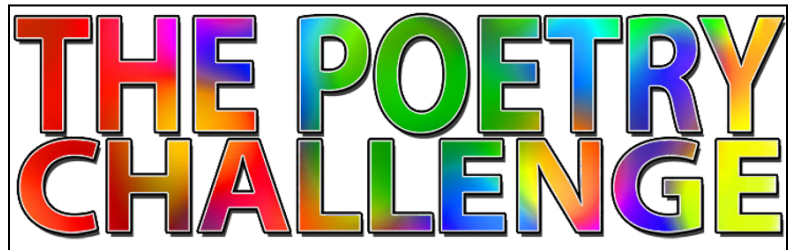
The Stuyvesant Theater Community presents the winter drama *Arsenic and Old Lace*. You can get your tickets now online at EventBrite for January 10 at 5pm, January 12 at 5pm or January 13 at 6pm. Be sure to support our student performers with a full audience to perform for at Stuy! Tickets are just \$12 each. The hero, Mortimer Brewster, is a drama critic who must deal with his crazy, murderous family and local police in Brooklyn, New York, as he debates whether to go through with his recent promise to marry the woman he loves, Elaine Harper, who lives next door and is the daughter of the local minister.



[Get tickets at this link!](#)

Poet Taylor Mali to visit Stuy 1/12/24 - Enter the Poetry Challenge by 1/9!

Dr. Emily Moore shares that the performance poet **Taylor Mali** will be doing two separate, self-contained, back to back poetry performances in the Stuy theater during 5th and then 6th periods on Friday, January 12th. Mail has issued a very fun "which is to say" poetry challenge to the Stuy community which any interested student can learn about by watching



this [3 minute poetry challenge for Stuy students video](#). The deadline for the challenge is Tuesday 1/9/2024, and students and teachers can find more info in this [document](#) if interested.

PA General Meeting - January 16/2024 @7pm (Virtual) Register!

You won't want to miss the next **Parents' Association General Meeting**. You'll have the opportunity to learn about nonprofit organizations offering valuable **free college application support**. This information is especially crucial for **Sophomores and Juniors**. Tune in virtually on January 16, 2024 at 7pm. Translation will be available in Mandarin and ASL.

Guest speaker Karen Du, the High School Fellow Recruitment Manager at Matriculate, will discuss **eligibility for this free college advising program** and how it serves as a key resource for applying to college.



Guest speaker J.C. Salinas, Director of college access program Y Tu También—**open to all high school students in New York City**—will highlight its free college application workshops, mentorship, and networking for students and their parents.

[Register Here](#)

Register to attend Junior College Information Night Zoom on 1/25/2024

The second term marks the start of our full college counseling program with the Class of 2025. We will hold our annual **Junior College Information Night on Thursday, January 25**, starting promptly at **6:30pm**. This is an important event during which our college counselors will provide valuable information regarding the college search and application process, Naviance, and more. We hope that all parents of juniors will attend.

This event is for parents only; we will present to students in-person during the school day in February. Those details will be shared with students soon.

This event will be conducted in Zoom webinar format. You can register through the link below if you haven't already done so through the link provided in Stuy's most recent weekly update. After registering, you will receive the link you'll need to login to the live event.

Registration Link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7OK59JO4OpOMEMA5z2PZQw#/registration

Simultaneous interpretation in Chinese will be provided. The event will be recorded and shared for a limited time afterward.

We look forward to seeing you on January 25!

Seniors: RD/ED II Documents are Processing - hold emails till 1/12/24

Please note that the college office is in the process of submitting school documents for all RD (Regular Decision) and ED II (Early Decision 2) applicants. With 800 students in the class and so many who have made multiple college additions in the past week, and who continue to add colleges as we speak, this process takes a lot of time.

Fortunately, **school documents like transcripts, rec letters, ED agreements, etc. can be submitted AFTER applicant deadlines**, by even as much as a week or two. So please be patient and allow us to continue this work uninterrupted. Emails/questions solely about whether or not documents have been submitted, or when they will be submitted, only create unnecessary delays.

It may take us several more business days to finish this process. **Please refrain from sending questions about school documents until January 12**, as it may take that long for us to process documents for the entire senior class. Again, this will be completely fine for the colleges and is normal for high schools of our size. We appreciate your patience.



Musicians! Register to Participate in NYSSMA 2024 by 2/5/24

NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) festival registration is due Feb. 5, 2024 - to register, you need to fill out this Google Form and submit payment.

REGISTRATION FORM URL:

<https://forms.gle/TFWDRuDNmrgz7BiW8>

PLEASE NOTE: Stuy students are registering for the Manhattan festival only. It takes place at Talent Unlimited High School [300 East 68th Street, New York 10065] on Friday, March 22 & Saturday, March 23. No other festival that occurs in NYC at a later time or at a different location is available.



Students must submit a required NYSSMA fee (check made out to "Stuyvesant High School") by Feb. 5. Please submit your check to Ms. Shamazov in room 132 or 125. In the memo of the check, write your full name, OSIS #, and NYSSMA 2024. All checks will be first deposited to Stuyvesant High School and then sent over to NYSSMA.

NYSSMA FEES (as of Nov. 2023):

Level 1-4 Solo (non-piano) \$16.00

Level 1-4 Piano Solo \$22.00

Level 5-6 Solo (non-piano) \$24.00

Level 5-6 Piano Solo \$30

All-State Solo \$30

[for All-State: student can only be in grade 10 or 11; must perform a Level 6 solo; student must be part of Stuyvesant's music ensemble. See your Stuyvesant ensemble teacher for your additional All-State application]

For more information, please contact Ms. Shamazov (LShamazov@stuy.edu)

Purchase Senior Package for Class of 2024 Graduates

The Senior **graduation package** for the Class of 2024 is out! The package consists of a cap/gown/tassel, a Senior t-shirt, a diploma cover, and a graduation keychain.

All sales are final. Please make sure that you are selecting the correct size for your gown and t-shirt. The school does not have stock on hand. You must order from the vendor. The cost of the package is \$62.94.

Order your package here:

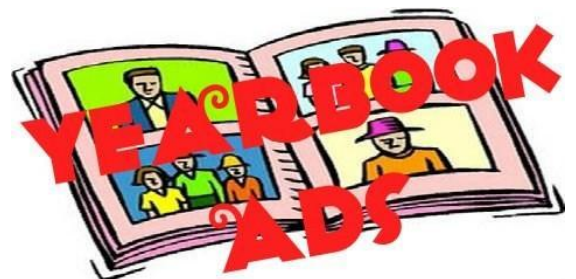
<https://stores.smoothusa.com/stuyvesanths-grad/shop/home>

Package purchases are paid directly to the Smooth, the vendor, and shipped to your home. Order early and in time for graduation -- date and venue TBA.



Class of 2024 Parents: Place an Ad in the Yearbook!

The Indicator is excited to announce that we are releasing parent ads! Parents and students may design their ads according to their preference (see the link below); most ads in the Stuyvesant HS yearbook can include photos alongside a personal message to



your senior. The deadline to create an ad in the yearbook for your Class of 2024 graduate is **Friday, January 12, 2024**. Prices vary by page space option.

1. [Click the link to create an ad.](#)
2. Click the “Start Your Ad” button to start formatting your ad and to find on page size.

Review past ads, examples and pricing [here](#).

For technical support, call 866-287-3096.

Revenue from parent ads will go into alleviating the overall cost of ordering the yearbooks.

Important Naviance Surveys for JUNIORS!

As we approach the holidays and, believe it or not, the end of the fall term, we wanted to bring to your attention two important surveys in Naviance you will need to complete this winter in order to be ready for your meeting with your Stuy college counselor. You’ll receive an email directly from your assigned college counselor by early February regarding how to schedule that meeting...stay tuned.

The SSR Survey: this is a lengthy survey that will be used by your *school counselor (guidance counselor)* to help conduct your SSR meeting and to provide essential background information for your counselor recommendation letter for college. Also, your *college counselor* will read your SSR survey in advance of your college planning meeting so that we are prepared to provide you with more specific guidance. **This survey must be completed in advance of your SSR meeting AND your college planning meeting.**

The College Planning Survey: this is a shorter survey that helps your assigned college counselor get a better sense of your college preferences so far. It is okay if you are uncertain or confused, or, if your preferences change in the coming months. This survey is just a starting point. **The College Planning Survey must be completed in advance of your meeting with your assigned college counselor.**

We suggest having BOTH surveys complete by the end of January.

You’ll find the surveys in your **student Naviance accounts** (NOT parent accounts). Click on the blue circle with your initials in the upper right corner of the opening screen once logged in to your Naviance account. Then, look for **Surveys** and click “**Surveys from your school**”.

You do not need to complete either survey in one sitting. Just make sure to **save frequently as you go along** until you are finished.

FEATURED NEWS & CELEBRATIONS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Congrats to StuyMUN at SciMUNC XVII 2023!

On December 16th, Stuy Model U.N. sent 40 delegates to Bronx Science to compete at SciMUNC XVII (Model U.N. Conference). It was a great team performance, with our delegation taking home 9 awards. Our delegates were involved in a variety of committees, representing nations at the UN Security Council and the African Union, historical figures such as



Portuguese explorers and individuals involved in the East India Company, characters from the Hunger Games, and many more. A big congratulations to juniors Albert Chen, Adeline Sauberli, Alexander Panas, Walker Simpson, and sophomore Ela Behrstock for winning Best Delegate gavels, junior Aeneas Merchant for winning Outstanding Delegate, sophomore Leonardo Benitez and freshman Maxanne Wallace-Segall for winning an Honorable Mention, and sophomore Alvaro Hernandez-Jenaro for being awarded a Verbal Commendation. It was a great learning experience for our novice delegates, and we're really proud of the whole team for their hard work.

Ms. Rocchio's class build's gingerbread houses depicting their cultures

Spanish teacher, Ms. Lina Rocchio shares that this year students built gingerbread houses that represent their cultures. Sophomore Ansel Darnell built a Yavi church from the province of Jujuy ,Argentina; Freshmen, Ramona Weinstein and Mia Laks built a house that represents their culture by placing a hamentashen in front of their construction; Sophomore, Veronica Gulko built a Russian winter cottage (the one with the penguin). Congratulations to these students for their effort and holiday spirit.



Stuy Celebrates Science Research!

On Friday, January 5, Stuyvesant celebrated our students engaging in research at our annual Celebrate Science event in collaboration with the Parent's Association Independent Research Committee! Together, staff, students and families celebrated the hard work of Stuyvesant students who have completed independent research projects this past year.

Students showcased posters featuring their research and engage in discussions to answer questions about their projects. There were concise formal presentations by selected students.

[See a full size photo collage here.](#) (Photos courtesy of Marianne Guschwan)

Students who would like more information can reach out to Research Coordinator, Dr. Tu in Room 817. She's usually in this room during non-teaching periods (2-5, 9-10). Students may also contact Dr. Tu via email to set up a time to meet at drtu@stuy.edu. In addition, she set up a Google Classroom for all students who may be interested in entering competitions or attend science talks. The code for their stuy.edu google classroom joining is `rx33pfv`.



RESOURCES & REMINDERS

Repeated Reminders - click for more information:

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

[Attendance Policy & Procedures](#)

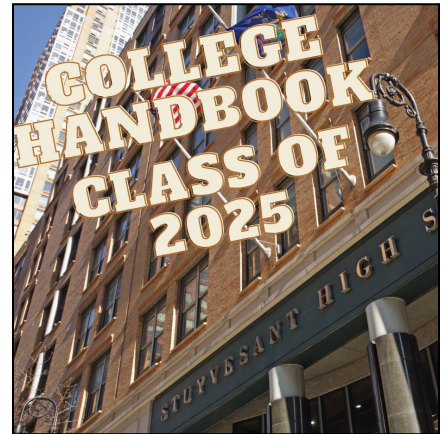
[COVID positive? Report your Case](#)

College Handbook for Class of 2025 with translations 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](#).

You may also access it in [Bengali](#), [Spanish](#), [Korean](#), [Russian](#) and [Chinese](#).

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.



Mr. Blumm's Opportunities Bulletin #17 - 1/5/2023

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.



Eco-Fact of the Week from Stuy's Environmental Club!

What are the most common misconceptions about cigarette butts? Too many people believe that cigarette butts are too small to be considered litter, or that they are made out of cotton, and are biodegradable. Cigarette butts littered in the environment are NOT biodegradable. Instead, they slowly leak toxic chemicals into soils, waterways, lakes, and the oceans. In addition, cigarette butts littering is actually one of the most common forms of plastic litter, with 4.5 trillion cigarette butts



polluting our environment every year. Therefore, please **help to preserve our resources and properly sort your trash!**

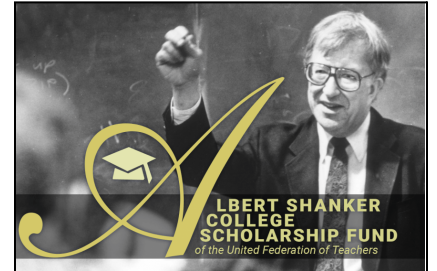
PROGRAMS, OPPORTUNITIES & LINKS OUTSIDE STUY

Apply for the Albert Shanker Scholarship before 2/28/24- worth \$5K!

The **UFT Albert Shanker Scholarship** is a scholarship worth \$5000 for graduating seniors in NYC public schools. There are strict financial eligibility requirements for the scholarship but, otherwise, this is an accessible scholarship for eligible students.

High school seniors have only a few weeks left to apply for the Albert Shanker Scholarship. The process is easier than ever with our new online portal.

Candidates must be financially eligible and be accepted in a full-time, matriculated, degree-granting program at an accredited college or university. **The deadline to apply for a \$5,000 scholarship is Wednesday, Feb. 28.**



JUNIORS: Free After School Opportunity for Students Interested in Physics and Music

In March 2024, Dr. Stephon Alexander of Brown University will launch Sound+Science at the new Civic Hall space in Union Square. Sound+Science is a groundbreaking educational program aimed at inspiring exceptional students to explore the intersection of physics, coding, math and music. Based on Dr. Alexander's book *The Jazz of Physics*, participants will explore modules like *The Hidden Codes in Electronic Music*, *From Hip-Hop to AI*, and *Music Improvisation and the Evolution of the Mathematics of Computation* revealing the profound connections between music, coding, physics and mathematics.



Underwritten by the Simons Foundation, Sound+Science will be offered free to New York City public high school students in their junior year. Students interested in attending the program, which runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from March to May, can apply through their website at

<https://soundplusscience.com/>.

Through the project, students will learn to write code, create music and interact with some of the brightest minds in physics and music.

\$1000 Scholarship for Male High School Seniors - Deadline March 1st

Enter the [2024 Zeta Zeta Lambda Chapter Scholarship!](#)

The application will be open until Friday, March 1, 2024. High School Male Seniors, with connections to the Queens community, who exhibit leadership abilities and participate in community service activities are eligible.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out directly to scholarship@zzlalphas.org



AAPI Workshop for Parents weekly from 1/31/24 - Apply now!

The [Coalition for Asian American Children and Families](#) (CACF) is happy to announce a workshop series for Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) parents. This series is titled “**Understanding Anti-Asian Hate through a Shared Learning Community: Workshop Series for Asian American Parents**”. This workshop series aims to empower Asian American families to become advocates for an equitable and anti-racist public school system. And to create a shared learning community of Asian American families in the NYC public school system, focused on understanding racism through the Asian American lens. This workshop series is open to AAPI parents/grandparents/legal guardians of a child/children in public, non-charter K - 12 schools; parents are interested in leadership and are curious, open-minded, and want to learn.



Please see below for details of the workshop

- **Date:** Every Wednesday, 1/31/2023-5/1/2023
- **Time:** Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 PM
- **Location:** Zoom
- **Participants will receive a stipend upon workshop completion**

[Click here](#) to apply

Application link: <https://bit.ly/aapiparents2024>

The application is due by Wednesday 1/24/2024

Please contact Ada Lin, senior program coordinator at CACF, at alin2@cacf.org for any questions and concerns!

Upcoming Tech Scholars Program: Web Design February Recess - Sign up

Tech Scholars: Web Design

Midwinter Recess

Monday-Friday, February 19th - 23rd, 2024, 10am-3pm ET

Explore how women across the spectrum of race, class, and sexuality exercised power and effected change. Be a digital changemaker and create your own websites to share powerful stories about women in history!

- Research historical figures and events that continue to impact young people today.
- Pair program and collaborate with other teens learning to code.
- Learn coding (including HTML and CSS) to design and build your own website.
- Get mentored by a wide range of women leaders in technology, and learn about career options!



For NYC high school students, grades 9-12. **This program will take place in person at our partner DreamYard's BX Start site located at 337 E 162nd Street, Ground Floor, Bronx, NY 10451.**

Apply [here](#) by January 21!

SENIORS: NYSSPE Scholarship Applications due 3/22/24

The New York (i.e. Manhattan) Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers (NYSSPE) annually awards a monetary “Scholar Award” to a high school **senior** who either is a resident of Manhattan or goes to school in Manhattan, and **who also intends to study engineering in college.**

A second annual award, the “SEAP Scholarship,” is also bestowed by NYSSPE. It is given on behalf of the Society of Engineering and Architectural Professionals. This is open to a high school senior who is either a resident of New York City or goes to school in the City, and who also intends to study engineering in college. Selections for both are based on:



- Academic performance
- Extracurricular activities
- Recommendation by the student’s guidance counselor
- An essay written by the student on the contribution he/she hopes to make in society as an engineer.

Each selected winner and his/her parents/guardians will be invited as guests to attend our June dinner during which the scholarships will be presented. We would greatly appreciate if you would post the letter below and distribute copies of the application form below to all interested students. The same application can be provided for both awards (i.e. only one submission is necessary per student).

Applications must be received by March 22, 2023. All Applications need to be emailed to Erich Arcement (erich@eacreative.nyc). Please contact him if you have any questions.

[Scholarship Letter](#)

[Scholarship Application Form](#)

CEC Meeting - January 8, 2024 @6pm: Admissions & Diversity

Please join Community Education Council District 2
Admissions & Diversity Committee Meeting

Topic:

High School Admissions for District 2 Families:

Should geographic priority be reinstated for District 2 families?

Monday, January 8, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Virtual Meeting

This meeting will be held broadcasted via Zoom and YouTube. You will need to be on Zoom if you wish to be heard.

Register to View the Meeting via Zoom

[Click Here to Register](#)

Public Speaker Signup

[Click Here to Sign Up to Speak](#)

[*Watch Meetings on YouTube Livestream](#)

info@cecd2.net

www.cecd2.net

*Please contact info@cecd2.net for interpreter meeting requests



CPAC Meeting - January 11, 2024 @9:30am

Topic: CPAC General Membership Meeting

Time: January 11, 2024, 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please join us as an observer. All are welcomed!

The meeting will be livestreamed on [CPAC's YouTube channel](#)

[CPAC NYC - YouTube](#)

Reminder:

For the purposes of voting on any CPAC business, only the voting members/designee of your district who is eligible to vote shall be seated at the table and/or virtually on Zoom.

January's Theme: Happy New Year!! Mid-year Check-up: How are we doing?

Tentative Agenda*

09:30 - Roll Call

09:35 - CPAC Business & Updates

09:50 - FACE Updates - ED Dr. Cristina Melendez

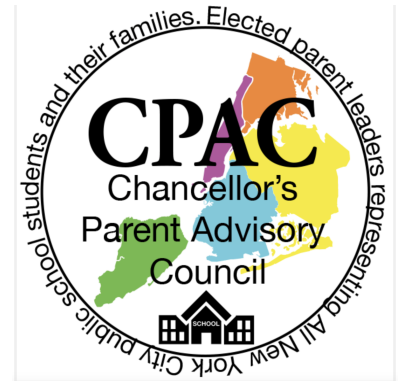
10:00 - Safety Updates - Chief Officer Mark Rampersant

10:20 - Special Education Updates - DC Carlyne Quintana

10:40 - School Construction Authority (SCA)

11:00 - NYC Public School Chancellor David C. Banks

11:30 - Settle's Not So Secret Gems



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