

WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2024

# *Stuyvesant High School Weekly Update*

2023-2024 -- Issue #27



**Happy St. Patrick's Day to all observers!** Congratulations to **Senior SING!** on their **win** this weekend at the 52nd annual SING! competition! All grade levels provided fantastic and entertaining performances this weekend, and we are so proud of all the participants. Their creativity and dedication and talent shone through! Until the full recording is out, enjoy some photos and video clips in this Update.

This week, we are eagerly anticipating all our newly accepted families and those eligible to attend the summer Discovery program at our annual Open House for Accepted Students on March 20 from 5-8pm. We have hundreds of students, dozens of parents and many supporting faculty members who will join us in welcoming them!

In preparation for the first administration of the **School Day SAT** to designated juniors on Friday, March 22, all after-school clubs and activities will be canceled with the exception of PSAL and previously approved events with adult supervision. A special schedule will be in effect for Friday, March 22 and available in this update. Juniors assigned to take the exam will receive instructions this week via email. Events previously scheduled for

On March 21, **report cards** will be distributed electronically and available on Talos and NYC Schools Accounts. Instructions will be sent to all families on making requests for **parent teacher conferences** phone calls. Conferences will take place on April 4 in the evening and April 5 in the afternoon. There will be a one-week window in which requests for calls can be submitted through parent Talos accounts. Detailed instructions will be released soon.

Please take a few minutes to complete your **2024 NYC School Survey** if you have not done so already. Instructions were emailed to you and will be resent to parents who have not completed it each week. We have currently 76% of staff; 82% of students and 32% of parents completing their survey – please participate! Thank you in advance for your attention to this important survey.

**Be sure to look over the [reminders](#) and information on [attendance](#) reporting protocols, including [reporting COVID positive tests](#), submitting [emergency contact information](#), and [changing your address/phone information](#).**

Here's what's coming up. You can always see more on the Stuy calendar at [www.stuy.edu](http://www.stuy.edu).

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

**March 20** - Open House for Accepted Families 5-8pm

**March 21** - Report card distribution (electronic)

Requests for PTC calls opens on Talos

**March 25, 26, 28** - International Women's Day Run 2:50-5pm

**March 27** - Blood Drive at Stuy

**March 28** - Last day to submit PTC requests on Talos

**March 29** - **SCHOOL CLOSED in observance of Good Friday**

**April 1** - **SCHOOL CLOSED in observance of Easter**

**April 4** - Parent Teacher Conferences (remote) 5:30-8pm

**April 5** - Parent Teacher Conferences (remote) 1-3pm

**April 10** - **SCHOOL CLOSED in observance of Eid al fitr**

**April 11** - Spring Into College Admissions Panel (virtual) 6:30pm

**April 12** - Spring Choral Concert 6pm

**April 13** - PSAT10 9am and 12:30pm

PA Spring Gala 6:30pm

**April 15** - SLT Meeting (in person) 3:45pm

**April 16** - PA General Meeting (virtual) 7pm

**April 18** - Spring Orchestral Concert 6pm

**April 22 to 30** - **SCHOOL CLOSED for Spring Break**

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## UPCOMING STUY EVENTS & DEADLINES

**SLT Meeting - March 19, 2024 @3:45pm**



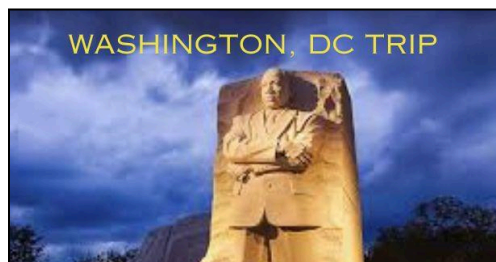


The monthly meeting of the SLT (School Leadership Team) will take place on Tuesday, March 29, 2024 at 3:45-5:45pm. The meeting is held in-person at Stuyvesant High School. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the school website calendar date at [www.stuy.edu](http://www.stuy.edu) at [this link](#). 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.

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## Grades 10 & 11: RSVP for Washington, D.C. Trip Spring 2024

Stuyvesant High School's BSL (Black Students League) and ASPIRA clubs are traveling to Washington, D.C., on **April 05, 2024**, where sophomores and juniors will visit Howard University, the African American Civil War Memorial, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, tour Washington D.C.'s historically rich African American culture, and more.



There is no cost to this trip, and lunch will be provided. If you are in 10th or 11th grade and want to attend this one-day trip to Washington, D.C., [RSVP by Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at this link](#).

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## Notice to Juniors: School Day SAT 2024

Juniors (Class of 2025)

We will administer the in school digital SAT to all Juniors on two separate dates in March and April. With the transition to a digital version for the SAT, we can only test half of the cohort per test date to ensure we have adequate hardware, bandwidth, and personnel for a successful administration.

The two administration dates are below:

- **March 22, 2024**
- **April 19, 2024**

Assigned dates and details were emailed on March 8 to students and families. We will not take preference requests so please be prepared for either of the two dates when you are assigned.

Students who have any questions, please contact Ms. Fanelli at [gfanelli@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:gfanelli@schools.nyc.gov) or Room 209. Parents may reach out to Ms. Ingram at [ringram3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ringram3@schools.nyc.gov).



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## **SPECIAL SCHEDULE - March 22, 2024 - SAT Day**

On March 22, 2024, the first of two administrations of the School Day SAT will be given to Stuy juniors. Assigned juniors will follow the morning schedule sent via email this week with their exam room assignment. **ALL GRADES WILL FOLLOW A SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOLLOWING THE SAT** for abbreviated classes as noted on the schedule below.

### SAT day Schedule for Students

7:30 am - 8:00 am      Optional Breakfast in student cafeteria for 11th graders



8:15 am 11th graders report to assigned rooms, sign in and are seated  
 8:30 am - 12:00 pm Exam Administration  
 12:00 pm - 12:50 pm 11th graders may have lunch in the cafeteria or exit the building

Period	Start	End
Period 1	12:54 PM	1:02 PM
Period 2	1:06 PM	1:14 PM
Period 3	1:18 PM	1:26 PM
Period 4	1:30 PM	1:38 PM
Period 5	1:42 PM	1:50 PM
Period 6	1:54 PM	2:02 PM
Period 7	2:06 PM	2:14 PM
Period 8	2:18 PM	2:26 PM
Period 9	2:30 PM	2:38 PM
Period 10	2:42 PM	2:50 PM

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### Info session: International Trip to South Korea in the Summer of 2025

Please join us for a Zoom Info Session about Stuyvesant's International Trip to South Korea in the Summer of 2025. Students who register on the waitlist by 4/1 will qualify for discounted pricing! **REGISTER TO ATTEND:**

**Tuesday, March 19 at 7pm:**

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJovdequqz8uGNYJ6hzeDS5FmNUq9ak7bxKJ>

**Thursday, March 21 at 7pm:**

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMlde-ogTwsGtbpyxxWiMl650aAU7krXKos>

Students have the opportunity to travel with their peers to South Korea in 2025!

We are so excited for your family to learn more about this once-in-a-lifetime

educational experience being offered by Cehrough EF Educational Tours at our informational meeting(s) next week. You only need to attend one session.



We will go over the itinerary, cost, logistics, safety, how students can earn academic credit, and more at the informational session next week. Please make sure to RSVP for the meeting to receive further information or select 'No, but send info' at the above link if you are interested but cannot make the meeting.

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### Stuy's International Humanitarian Law Presentation 3/21/2024

Stuyvesant Red Cross will host an International Humanitarian Law Presentation on Thursday, March 21, 2024 from 3:50 pm - 5pm in the cafeteria for students. Join us!



Special guest speaker, Mr. Robert Bernstein will begin with a short background on the Red Cross & its role internationally, emphasizing its deep commitment to conflict mitigation for non-combatants. Mr. Bernstein serves as Volunteer Leadership Partner at SAF Community Relations and Outreach Lead-NYC and Regional IHL Lead for the Greater New York Region of the American Red Cross. He will discuss the seven principles, components and emblems of the movement and how local US chapters fit into the international movement. There will be a discussion of the Laws Of War, how they are sourced & how they apply to US policy overseas in conflict with the role of planning for conflict. All Stuy students are welcome!

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## STEM Fair at Stuy - March 23, 2024 1-4pm

Students and parents, if you or a child/sibling are eager to delve into STEM at Stuyvesant, mark your calendars! The **Stuyvesant STEM Fair**, a collaboration between 310 Robotics and Science Olympiad, will take place on **Saturday, March 23rd**, in the school cafeteria.

This event is **free**, and open to everyone. You can find the sign up link [here](#) or on any poster around Stuyvesant.

Ensure you don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to engage with STEM education!

[Register at this link](#)



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## Fill out your 2024 NYC School Survey

Parents and guardians received detailed instructions via email. Students filled their survey in homerooms on March 5. Staff members were provided time to participate during faculty conferences in March.

**So far, 76% of our faculty, 32% of parents and 82% of students have participated! Thank you! We need MORE to participate!**

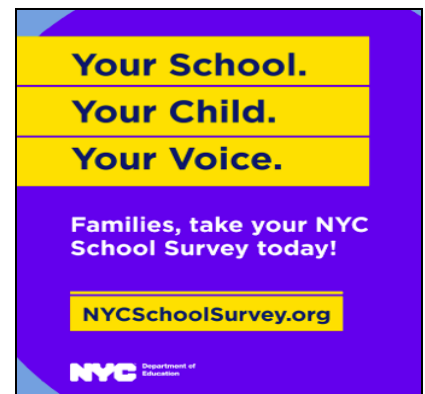
**The deadline to submit the 2024 NYC School Survey is April 5, 2024**

Families can access the 2023 NYC School Survey [online](#) in 10 languages at [nycschoolssurvey.org](https://nycschoolssurvey.org) or by logging into their [NYC Schools Account \(NYCS\)](#) Parents **must** enter a "f" in front of the student ID number to access parent/guardian questions. One survey for every child attending Stuyvesant will be filled out.

Students enter their OSIS only at [www.nycschoolssurvey.org](https://www.nycschoolssurvey.org) to participate.

Staff members were provided a unique access code on March 6. Please reach out to Ms. Ingram for any difficulties.

Your participation is deeply appreciated. Thank you for sharing your feedback!



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## Register for a Park Cleanup at City Hall Park on 3/24/24!

City Hall Park is located just a 15 minute walk away from Stuy, right by the R/W and 4/5/6 subway lines. On **Sunday March 24**, the Stuyvesant Environmental Club will be





leading a park cleanup there. All are welcome! The event will begin at **9 AM**, and participants are free to leave anytime afterwards. This is a great opportunity to get involved in our local Stuyvesant community! Students interested in participating should fill out this form to be registered:

<https://forms.gle/LKPFefnMPr4su7lp9>.

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### **Join the Shakespeare Competition on March 26, 2024!**

Mr. Dermot Hannon is happy to announce that Stuy's Shakespeare Competition is happening this year! It will be held after school in room 1025 on Tuesday, March 26. Memorize and perform a 15-25 line Shakespearean monologue! and flex your acting chops! All students interested in showing off their Shakespeare should see Mr. Hannon for details or email him at [mrhannon@stuy.edu](mailto:mrhannon@stuy.edu).

There will be giftcards for the winners!

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### **Blood Drive at Stuy - March 27, 2024**

The New York Blood Center is in urgent need of blood donations, so please support a good cause and donate if you can! Not only does your donation not cost you a dime, but it saves people's lives!

**Date:** Wednesday, March 27, 2024

**Location:** First floor (behind the security desk)

**Time:** 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

There will be pizza, snacks, prizes, and donor graduation cords given out.

[Click here to learn more about the differences between the two types of donations, as well as the eligibility requirements to donate!](#)

**NOTE:**

**16 or younger:** Unfortunately you are too young to donate. See you next year!

**Between 16 and 17 years old:** You will need a signed parental consent form to donate!

Here is the link for the form: <https://donate.nybc.org/donor/parental-consent-form>

**17 years old or older:** No parental consent form is needed. You are all set!

If there are no longer any appointment slots for a time you would like- please email [ypatel40@stuy.edu](mailto:ypatel40@stuy.edu). Also, feel free to reach out if you have any additional questions!

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### **SENIORS: Order the 2024 Indicator Yearbook!**

Class of 2024 Yearbook sales have begun! Please note that only seniors are photographed and highlighted in this book. We encourage the class of 2024 to purchase a yearbook using the link from Herff Jones at [THIS LINK](#). The cost of the book is \$75.



## **SENIOR FAMILIES – IMPORTANT – Purchase Senior Package for Class of 2024 Graduates**

The Senior **graduation package** for the Class of 2024 is available for purchase! The package consists of a cap/gown/tassel, a Senior t-shirt, a diploma cover, and a graduation keychain. All seniors **must** have a cap & gown to walk across the stage at graduation.

**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 The deadline to order is April 2!**



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## **Class of 2024 Senior Graduation Tickets/Dues**

The class of 2024's graduation will take place at the United Palace in Washington Heights in upper Manhattan, on the morning of Thursday, June 20th at 11am. Graduation dues will be \$75, and for this amount each family will receive THREE tickets. There will be NO extra tickets to purchase due to the size of the venue; however, there will be a livestream as well as a recording for additional guests and family members to enjoy the ceremony. The link for senior families purchase tickets can be accessed at the following URL:

<https://tinyurl.com/stuy2024>



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## **Spring into College Admissions 4/11/2024**

Register NOW for Stuyvesant's Spring into College Admissions panel! The College Office will present this event virtually on Zoom on April 11, 2024. It will start at 6:30pm and end before 8:00 pm. Live interpretation in Mandarin and ASL will be provided. This event will NOT be recorded, so if you are interested, you must attend the live webinar.

The panel will include admissions representatives from Bates College, Case Western Reserve University, Lehigh University, Macalester College, and Yale University. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and parents in all grades to learn more about the state of the current admissions cycle, selective college admissions, the variety of post-secondary opportunities available to students, and what to think about in order to plan for a successful college experience.

This event is open to all students/parents in grades 9-11.

**Register at this link:** [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-c-owoPPSe6TDrD6IQp-SQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-c-owoPPSe6TDrD6IQp-SQ)



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## **Purchase Early Bird PA Spring Gala Tickets for 4/13/24!**

Purchase your tickets for the Parent's Association's biggest community and fundraising event of the year!

Join us at the annual Spring Gala! Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 6-10pm.



The first 200 tickets are \$100 each (\$125 each thereafter). [onecau.se/stuy-springgala](https://onecau.se/stuy-springgala)  
All proceeds from the Gala go towards providing students with basic school supplies, books, physical education equipment, and science materials, as well as enrichment programs such as art, athletics, music, drama and clubs. Our families' generously donated items and experiences, sponsorships and advertisements, donations and participation in the auction. This is all essential to the success of this fundraiser and will help all students realize their full potential!

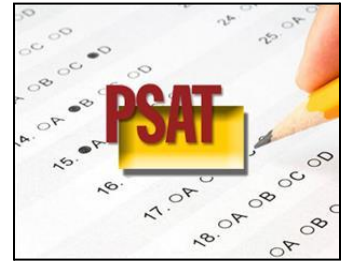
Congregation Rodoph Sholom at 7 West 83rd Street, New York, NY

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## Notice to Sophomores: School Day PSAT Spring 2024

Sophomores (Class of 2026)

We will administer the in school digital PSAT<sub>10</sub> to all Sophomores on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**, during two separate windows (morning and afternoon sessions). Stuyvesant will automatically register all Sophomores to take the exam and there is no cost to students/families for this PSAT<sub>10</sub> administration.



With the transition to a digital version for the PSAT<sub>10</sub> we can only test half of the cohort per test window to ensure we have adequate hardware, bandwidth, and personnel for a successful administration. We will have two sessions on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**:

- Morning Window: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Afternoon Window: 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

We will randomly assign students to one of the two windows, so if you plan on taking the PSAT<sub>10</sub> through the school, then we ask that you hold the **4/13/24** date. We will not take preference requests, so please be prepared for either of the two windows when you are assigned.

Students who have any questions, please contact Ms. Fanelli at [gfanelli@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:gfanelli@schools.nyc.gov) or Room 209.

Parents may reach out to Ms. Ingram at [ringram3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ringram3@schools.nyc.gov).

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## FEATURED NEWS & CELEBRATIONS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

### Congratulations to Seniors and ALL SING! 2024 Performers!

Congratulations to the Class of 2024, Senior SING!, on their WIN at the 52nd annual SING! competition this past weekend! We also congratulate the over 1000 student participants and their advisors on three amazing nights including nine performances! This year's SING! was an amazing production with students working tirelessly over the last four to six weeks writing, choreographing, sewing, building, practicing.... the list is endless. We are so proud to see your talents and hard work exhibited in the fantastic shows. Until the full length videos are available (thank you to the Stuy PA for recording!); enjoy this [folder of video clips and photos](#) with hundreds of clips of all three grade level performances. If you would like to see the score report in all categories by our ten alumni judges, you may view [this link](#).

[See a full size collage at this link.](#)





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## Stuy Chamber Music Groups perform at Lincoln Center!

Led by Mr. Joseph Tamosaitis, three Stuyvesant chamber music groups that were selected by The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, performed at Rose Studio at the Young Musicians Concert annual competition on March 7. There were 14 groups from 10 regional high schools competing in this regional concert for a final concert performance at Alice Tully Hall late in the spring. We congratulate them and wish them the best of luck winning the competition.



Student performers were:

Johannes Brahms Trio for Piano, Violin, and Cello,  
Op. 87

**Josephine Yoo, piano; Josephine Buruma, violin;  
Alma Wosner, cello**

Mendelssohn Quartet for Strings No. 2 in A minor,  
Op. 13

**Philip Zhang, Andrew Park, violin; Ennya Liang,  
viola; Lucia Robinovich, cello**

Schumann Quartet in E-flat major for Piano, Violin,  
Viola, and Cello, Op. 47

**Wilson Li, piano; Andrea Wang, violin; Aidan Kuo, viola; Otto Buff, cello**



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## Songwriters Hall of Fame Master Session March 2024

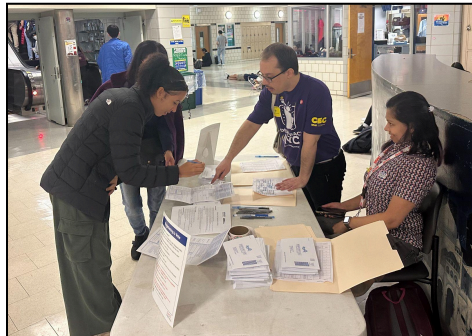
Mr. Harold Stephan shares the latest Songwriters Hall of Fame Master Session we had at Stuy this past Saturday morning. This will be published on the SHOF website, at the [GALA](#) in July, and in an email blast. It was a great success! [Read the full article here.](#)  
[See a full size photo collage here.](#)

A diverse panel of music industry experts including **Wes Richardson** (Specialist, A&R/Marketing at °1824/UMG), **Michelle Locke** (Manager, College Relations and Strategic Partnerships at °1824/UMG), **Patrick Wimberly** (songwriter at UMPG), and **Tom Lee** (VP, A&R at Arcade Songs) dropped in to a **SHOF Master Session** on March 9th. The session was coordinated by **Dylan Prince** (Assistant, A&R Publishing at UMPG). This session was part of the All-City Modern Music Project, a program enabling students to write, record, and perform original and cover songs in popular musical genres, currently taking place on Saturday mornings at Stuyvesant High School. The Session was hosted by producer, songwriter and Stuyvesant HS Music Educator / 2024 Grammy Music Educator Award quarterfinalist, **Harold Stephan**.



## Seniors at Stuy register to VOTE!

In celebration of Civics Week at Stuyvesant, senior level Social Studies classes had visitors from the NYC Mayor's Public Engagement Unit to assist them in registering to vote this week. 229 students registered!



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## Congrats to Dr. Minyu Kim, recipient of St. John's University Outstanding Dissertation Award!

**Dr. Minyu Kim**, English teacher, was chosen as this year's recipient of **St. John's University Outstanding Dissertation Award!**

Congratulations to Dr. Kim! Last month, Stuy's faculty was fortunate in hearing Dr. Kim's presentation of his research! Bravo on this wonderful accomplishment!



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## Congrats Ms. Banfield, inducted into the Academy for Teachers!

On Thursday February 15th, Mrs. Banfield was inducted into the **Academy for Teachers** whose mission is to “honor and support teachers through world-class learning experiences”. She was invited to be a speaker for the Master Class “Black Cooking and the Soul of American Food”. Mrs. Banfield discussed how fermentation had an impact on the bioevolution of humanity which explored theories which suggest that the modification of the human gastrointestinal microbiome may have contributed to brain expansion and cognitive development in hominins.

This Master Class was led by **Marcus Samuelson**, world-renowned chef/owner of the Red Rooster and other acclaimed eateries. Chef Samuelson discussed his journey into the global culinary elite, the chemical composition of food and how food can honor traditions while fostering human connection. He also has a new series called

[On The Rise](#) that explores the delicious yet complicated history of Black cuisine in America.

Ms. Banfield thanks Ms. Quenzer for nominating her for this special honor and Principal Yu for the support to attend!





## Holiday Band Concert 2023 Recording released!

If you missed the chance to see the Winter Concert of our Band -- here is a recording! Next month, our musical ensembles will be performing their spring concerts!

(Jazz Band, Symphonic Band and Finale by the combined Symphonic Band and Symphony Orchestra) of the Annual 2023 Holiday Concert:



<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lZoi5TS4DobbjVlw9oYa2ty-M7gkRHXD/view?usp=sharing>

## Mr. Peng's Personal Finance class shares PSA projects

Math teacher, Mr. David Peng shares his students' annual PSA projects for their Personal Finance class. For this task, students were assigned different demographics and tasked to create a PSA that effectively delivers the idea of saving money to their target demographic based on what they learned in class and the unique challenges faced by their demographic. The students had a fun time recording and editing the video and wanted to share the video with the Stuy community.

[Check out this link.](#)

[View a full size collage here.](#)



## RESOURCES & REMINDERS

### Mr. Blumm's Opportunities Bulletin #26 - 3/15/2024

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".

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](mailto:hblumm@stuy.edu).



## PROGRAMS, OPPORTUNITIES & LINKS OUTSIDE STUY

### FAFSA Completion Events in March & April 2024

NYC Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network at Fordham University, in Collaboration with NYS Language

Complete the FAFSA<sup>®</sup>  
Form



RBERN at New York University present FAFSA Orientation and Completion Sessions for ELL and Former ELL High School Seniors and Their Parents

[Registration Flier](#)

Sessions will be presented in English, Chinese, and Spanish. These are virtual sessions. These sessions are for ELL and former ELL High School Seniors and their parents who need assistance completing the FAFSA application. Upon registration, you will receive a list of documents you must gather to complete the FAFSA application. You must bring all your documents when you join the last session.

Additional Resources

[HESC Upcoming and On-Demand Virtual Events](#)

[Understanding FAFSA \( Available in 10 Languages\)](#)

[UFT College & Career Resource Hub](#)

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## Important Info for Prospective NCAA Athletes

If you are a student athlete and anticipate that you may be able to participate in NCAA athletics in college, then you must make sure to [register with the NCAA Eligibility Center](#) during your sophomore or junior year of high school.

You should also check out the [NCAA Guide for the College Bound Athlete](#) which you can download for free. Instructions about the registration process are contained within.

Please contact your assigned college counselor if you have any questions.



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## UCB Scholarship deadline extended to 4/6/24!

The 2024 UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program™ application deadline has been extended to **Saturday, April 6, 2024**.

Potential applicants may obtain program information and apply online by creating an account at [www.ucbepilepsyscholarship.com](http://www.ucbepilepsyscholarship.com). In 2024, we will be awarding 33 one-time scholarships to students who are studying to receive a post-high school degree. Thirty scholarships of up to \$5,000 each and three scholarships of up to \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate academic and personal achievement.

Access the 2024 scholarship program poster here

[2024 Scholarship Program Poster](#)

You may contact a UCB scholarship representative at 1-866-825-1920 or via email [atucbepilepsyscholarship@summitmedcomm.com](mailto:atucbepilepsyscholarship@summitmedcomm.com) with any questions.



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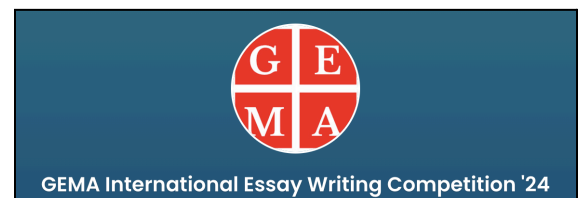
## International Essay Writing Competition '24

This competition offers a wonderful opportunity for our students to exhibit their writing prowess on a global stage.

Here are the details of the competition:

Competition Categories:

(a) Sub-junior (grades 3-5) = Minimum 300 words, Topic: "If I Were President."



(b) Junior (grades 6-8) = Minimum 500 words, Topic: "The Importance of Diversity and Inclusion in Schools and Communities."

(c) Senior (grades 9-12) = Minimum 700 words, Topic: "The Value of Volunteering and Giving Back to the Community."

Upper Word Count: 1500 words

- To register/for more information visit here: <https://beacons.ai/essaywriting24>

- The registration fee for each student is US\$10 per student.

- Last date for Registration and Essay Submission: Tuesday, 30 April, 2024 (midnight).

This competition offers a fantastic platform for our students to articulate their views on significant topics while competing internationally. It also fosters the development of writing skills and critical thinking.

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## Join the STARS CGI Youth-Led Town Hall scheduled for March 23.

The [STARS CGI](#) Youth-Led Town Hall is a unique platform where young people, alongside our organization leaders and distinguished members of the NYC Council, will come together to advocate for the stabilization of the non-profit sector and the restoration of funding for organizations like STARS CGI.

This event promises to be a powerful and insightful discussion, highlighting the critical role that nonprofits play in our communities, especially in supporting and empowering the youth.

By participating, your young people will have the opportunity to engage with passionate young advocates, share their perspectives on the challenges they and their peers face on a daily basis, and join forces with other community leaders to work towards solutions.



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## Hunter College Summer Program 2024; Applications Open!

Ms. Elizabeth Hughes, Associate Director of College Counseling at Stuy announces that Hunter's College Now summer program for Summer 2024 now has applications and their program site is live! Here's the link

-<https://hunter.cuny.edu/students/opportunities/college-now/how-to-apply/>



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## 2024 Yankees-Stonewall Scholarship deadline 4/6/24

The NYC DOE, the New York Yankees, and The Stonewall Inn are proud to announce that applications are open for the **2024 Yankees-Stonewall Scholarship**.

Now in its 6th year, these \$10,000 college scholarships celebrate the achievements of FIVE NYC Public School graduating seniors (one per borough) who have demonstrated impactful support of the LGBTQ community. All graduating seniors in a NYC Public School, intending to attend a 2-year or 4-year college, are eligible to apply online at this [link](#).



The application components include two 500-word essay prompts and a short answer prompt describing LGBTQ advocacy and leadership the applicant has displayed in either school or their community. Applicants must also submit a recommendation letter from a teacher at their school.

Applications will close on April 6th, and one student from each borough will be selected. The NYC DOE, in partnership with the Yankees and The Stonewall Inn, will review all 2024 applications and name this year's recipients in the spring. Email [LGBTQ@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:LGBTQ@schools.nyc.gov) with any questions.

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### **Apply by 5/1/24 for 2024 Eileen Geduld Zaglin Scholarship**

To be eligible, the student must have graduated from a District 21 elementary school or middle school.

The application period is over as of May 1, 2024.

Please sign the application as the College guidance counselor or guidance counselor and please make sure your student signs the application as well.

Applications can be sent to [rlp318@aol.com](mailto:rlp318@aol.com) or can be mailed to:

Robbie Pearlstein

2800 Stone Cliff Drive

Unit #112

Baltimore, MD 21209

Alternately, your student can apply through the website---

<http://www.eileenzaglin scholarship.com>

Applications through the website require a transcript sent by your college counselor.

[See the application here.](#)



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***If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [ringram3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ringram3@schools.nyc.gov)***