

WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2024

Stuyvesant High School Weekly Update

2023-2024 -- Issue #29



Wishing a happy Good Friday and happy Easter to all who celebrated this past weekend as well as a happy Holi and Purim to all who observed last week. As a reminder, **parent teacher conference** phone calls will take place this coming Thursday evening and on Friday afternoon. Students will be dismissed early on Friday to accommodate the conference schedule. 10th period will end at 12:11pm. There will be no after-school activities on Thursday, 4/4 except PSAL. Staff and families will receive a list of their appointments by the end of today. Parents should read the detailed information in preparation for conferences. The Parent's Association will host a faculty luncheon on Friday. You can participate by donating a dessert! See details below.

Information on the **PSAT-10 for** sophomores will be sent out to students and families today. Stuyvesant will administer the optional exam on Saturday, April 13. In the coming weeks, instructions for juniors taking the SAT on April 19 will also be sent out via email.

Last week, and repeated in this update, we updated our COVID protocols as per NYC Schools and the CDC. Students will no longer report positive covid tests on the Stuyvesant intake form. There is no longer a required 5-day quarantine period. Families should follow the information below on when to return to school after recovery and the absence excuse form procedures at this [link](#).

This is the final week you may 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. Please participate—we would like to reach the NYC Schools target of at least 60% participation in this important survey that drives school goals and that is included in our School’s Quality Summary online. Thank you in advance for your attention to this.

Be sure to look over the [reminders](#) and information on [attendance](#) reporting protocols, 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.

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

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

Early Dismissal for Students/Special schedule

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 19 - Faculty Talent Show (for staff & student attendance only) at 4pm

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

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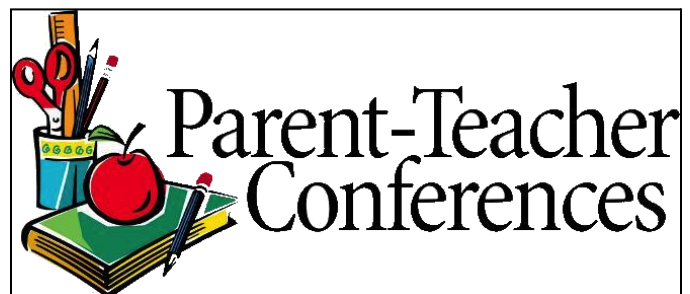
UPCOMING STUY EVENTS & DEADLINES

Parent Teacher Conferences on 4/4 & 4/5/2024

As announced, the Spring Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC) will take place on **Thursday evening, 4/4 from 5:30pm to 8pm and Friday afternoon, 4/5 from 1pm to 5pm** Conferences are all via remote phone calls.

Requests for calls were submitted by families through their parent Talos accounts from March 21 through March 28. Appointments are assigned by an algorithm

running after all requests are submitted. It is not a first come, first serve process. The maximum number of appointments are scheduled for each teacher during the available time slots. For more information on this, refer to the detailed instructions emailed on March 21. Appointments will be emailed to families and staff on April 2. **Remember: requests are submitted in priority order; they are not a list of appointments -- due to the limited available time slots, it is more than likely, you will not receive all your requests. This is not an error.**



If you did not submit your requests, please remember that PTC is only one opportunity to speak with teachers and counselors regarding your child's progress. Parent outreach is ongoing throughout the year, and requests can be made for information via email using the staff email list. You may always keep up with your child's progress on your Jupiter Grades account, which is out school wide online gradebook. While the online grade book is not a replacement for direct engagement with faculty, you will be better informed if you check it periodically. If you need assistance with your Jupiter account, please contact Mr. Lin at elin41@schools.nyc.gov.

Students will be dismissed early on Friday, 4/5 and follow the special schedule below.

To prepare for your conferences, [see this Tip Sheet](#). Enjoy PTC!

Friday, April 5, 2024:

Pd	Time	Pd	Time
1	8:15 - 8:35	6	10:15 - 10:35
2	8:39 - 8:59	7	10:39 - 10:59
3	9:03 - 9:23	8	11:03 - 11:23
4	9:27 - 9:47	9	11:27 - 11:47
5	9:51 - 10:11	10	11:51 - 12:11

Calling all Bakers and Sweet Makers! Donate baked goods for April 5

Our Spring Stuyvesant Faculty Reception is coming up on April 5 and we need your baking help! Please help us show gratitude for our incredible Stuyvesant Faculty with some sweet treats. We are looking for parent volunteers to drop off homemade goodies that will surely sweeten the day for our Faculty. This is always everyone's favorite and prettiest part of our presentation! Please [sign up here](#) if you can send a dessert on April 5th with your student. If you include a short note card with the name of the recipe, any special significance or a message of love and gratitude for the faculty, we will display it. Students can drop off the desserts by **9 am on April 5th** outside of **Dr. Haber's office, room 207**.



Link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30EoC4AA4AA2BAoFC1-47902591-bakers>

NEW! Self Defense class for seniors this April! Fill out the form!

Thanks to a generous grant from the Parents' Association, Stuyvesant is offering a free two-hour self-defense class to seniors this April. In the class, students will learn both situational awareness and defense tactics. This special class will include recommendations for how students can confidently and safely handle themselves in college.



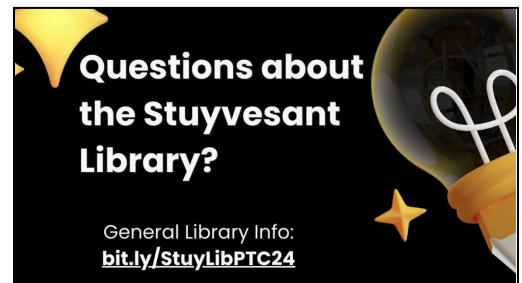
- With sessions capped at 30 students each, your child can expect to receive individual attention.
- The first hour addresses common safety scenarios, how to avoid being a target, and street smarts.
- The second hour is physical, covering the most helpful defensive moves (no prior knowledge necessary).
- The class will be taught by martial-arts and self-defense expert Gabrielle Rubin and will be supervised by Stuyvesant staff.
- **The Deadline to fill out the form for the first session is 4/7; for the second session 4/12.**
- Your child will be assigned a specific session: Mon 4/8; Tues 4/16; or Wed 4/17 (all from 3:45-5:45)

[Here is the link to the date preference form](#)

[Here is the link to the parental consent form](#) (students should return to Ms. Dwyer's mailbox in room 211)

Library Info for Parents - Speak to a Librarian at PTC

Parents can access general library info [here](#). Still have questions about the Stuy Library? Schedule a phone or Zoom call with librarians during Parent-Teacher Conference times Thurs. 4/4 5:30-8pm or Fri. 4/5 1-3 pm. Email library@stuy.edu to set up a time.

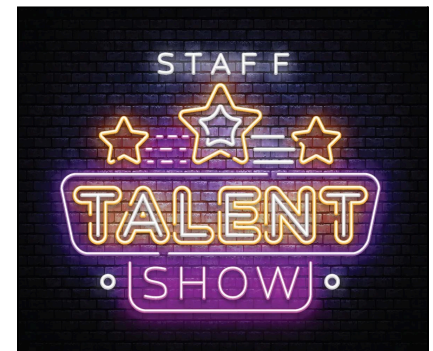


FACULTY: Sign up for Stuy's Faculty Talent Show on 4/19/24!

The Student Union is planning to host a faculty talent show in the **auditorium** on **April 19th, 2024** from **3:30-5:30 pm**. The show will feature both solo and group acts performed by the teachers and faculty at Stuyvesant! If you would like to participate in this event please fill out the google form attached below regarding information about your act. The form is due by **April 4th, 2024 at 11:59 pm**.

[Google Form Link](#)

This show will be for student and staff attendance only.



Join Caliper's Open Mic at Poet's House 4/17@4:30pm

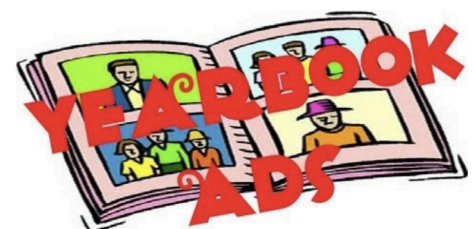
Caliper Literary Magazine is hosting an Open Mic at the Poet's House (a few blocks from Stuy) on Wednesday, April 17 from 4:30-6:45 P.M. Students are welcome to perform poems, songs, monologues, comedy routines, and much more in a supportive and encouraging environment. Guests are welcome to come just to enjoy the performances as well. There will be snacks provided. To register, please fill out this form

(<https://forms.gle/OiAuhk1mLBt9O4Zi9>) by Tuesday, April 2nd @11:59 P.M. Register as soon as possible as there's a limited number of seats! Email caliperlitmag@gmail.com with any questions.



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

LAST CHANCE! 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, April 19**. Prices vary by page space option.

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

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

For technical support, call 866-287-3096.

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

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.

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](#) 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](#) 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!



Debate Night on Vaping from Stuy Reality Check on 4/3/24 - RSVP

Stuyvesant Reality Check, a tobacco awareness youth leadership club, is planning on hosting a Debate Night on April 3rd in the Cafeteria. We are hoping to educate our fellow peers about the harms and dangers of tobacco through debating controversial topics related to its use and sale. RSVP link is [here](#).



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

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

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



Notice to Sophomores: School Day PSAT Spring 2024

Sophomores (Class of 2026)

We will administer the in school digital PSAT¹⁰ 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 PSAT¹⁰ administration.

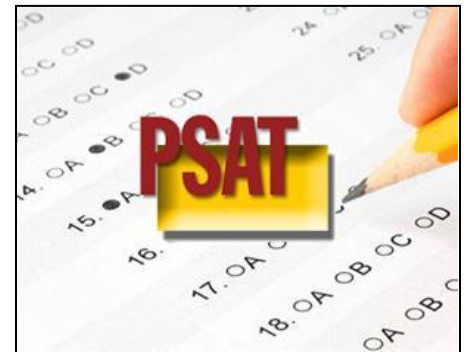
With the transition to a digital version for the PSAT¹⁰ we can only test half of the cohort per test window to ensure we have adequate hardware, bandwidth, and personnel for a successful administration. We will have two sessions on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**:

- 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 PSAT¹⁰ 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 or Room 209.

Parents may reach out to Ms. Ingram at ringram3@schools.nyc.gov.



FEATURED NEWS & CELEBRATIONS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

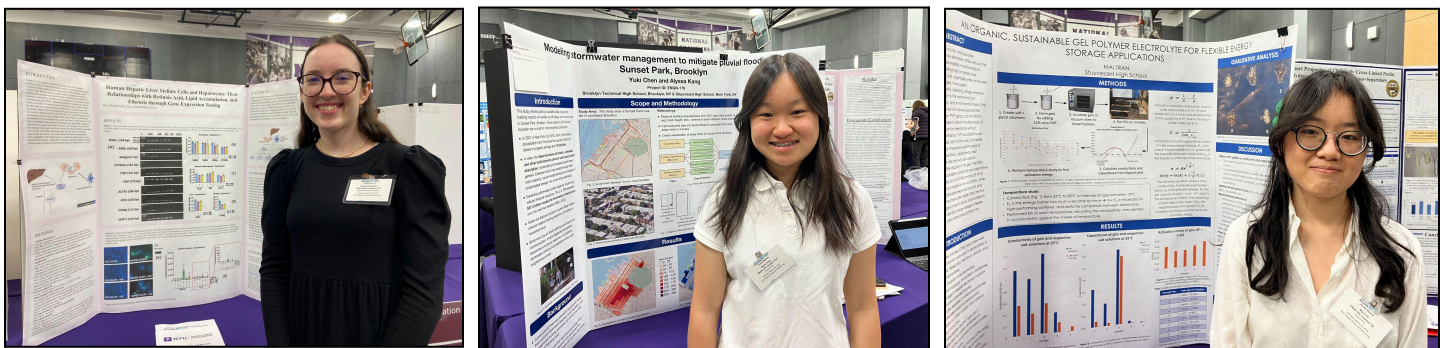
Stuy's International Women's Day Run 2024!

Congratulations to students of the International Day Women's Run committee, Dr. Markova, their faculty advisor and all those who organized and assisted in making this year's run a success! For three days, rain or shine, students, staff, and parents ran or walked the Hudson greenway for 1-2 miles in celebration of International Women's Day month and to support charity. It was an amazing community building event. Special thanks to our Parent Association parents who assisted with fundraising! See more great photos on the [IWD Instagram page](#).
[See a full size photo collage here.](#)



Congrats Kate, Mai & Alyssa! Advanced to Terra NYC STEM Finals Round

Congratulations to **Kate Bondarenko**, **Mai Tran**, and **Alyssa Kang**, who advanced to the **Terra NYC STEM Finals Round**. They presented their research posters at NYU Tandon on March 23, 2024, competing to represent NYC at the Regeneron ISEF. Congrats as well to Research Coordinator, Dr. Tu!



Register for Afterschool Park Cleanups at City Hall Park!

The park cleanup on March 23, 2024 was a massive success! The City Hall Park workers there said it was the best cleanup they've ever had. They also expressed that they would be thrilled to have Stuyvesant students come regularly to volunteer at the park. Join them!

City Hall Park is located just a 15 minute walk away from Stuy, right by the R/W and 4/5/6 subway lines. Thanks to the help of the Stuyvesant students and the Stuyvesant Environmental Club, the park just had its most successful cleanup yet! The Stuyvesant Environmental Club is working with the park now to organize **regular City Hall Park cleanups for**



Stuyvesant students after school. All students interested in volunteering at City Hall Park should fill out this link to help gauge interest: <https://forms.gle/Ts7YM7SxM6iSUPn37>.

Congrats to Geoffrey Huang! 2nd in STEP NY State Research Conference

Research Coordinator, Dr. Meng Ping Tu shares congratulations to **Geoffrey Huang** for getting second place in STEP NY State Research Conference for the Engineering and Technology section on March 23, 2024!



Congrats to Dr. Emily Moore! 2024 Don Quixote Fellow!

Congratulations to English Teacher, Dr Emily Moore for being named a 2024 DonQuixote Fellow!

The [Don Quixote Fellowships](#) support idealistic, romantic, creative, impractical, adventurous summer projects born of teachers' passions. There was a record number of submissions this year. Brava Dr. Moore! Dr. Moore, teaching 22 years, and teaching both Foundations of Literature and Poetry Workshop will host a celebratory event in Brooklyn to showcase multimedia chapbooks, broadsides, and other paper projects.

This year, two Fellowships are underwritten by one of our partners, the Incite Institute at Columbia University. [Incite](#) is an interdisciplinary institute that produces knowledge for public action. They join with people and organizations within and outside Columbia to rethink our understanding of what knowledge is, how it's created, and how it can be used.



Dr. Greenwald hosts the Sharaka delegation to classes

Social Studies teacher, Dr. Lisa Greenwald hosted special guest presenters to her classes this week from the Sharaka delegation. While they speak to many college students, this was the first high school visit they've made, and we were so proud to have them. Special thanks to former PA co-president, Wei Wah Chin for organizing the visit.

[See a full size photo collage here.](#)

Among the guests were **Dan Feferman**. Dan is Sharaka's Executive Director. He is an author, speaker, researcher, and media personality focusing on the Middle East, Israeli politics and the Jewish world. He co-chairs the Gulf-Israel Policy Forum and was a fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute.

Loay Sharif - Sharaka advisory board member. Loay Sharif is a Saudi-born social media influencer and marketing expert based in the UAE. Loay is a linguist and historian, fluent in Hebrew and well-versed in Jewish history and text, and uses his popular social media channels to promote peace through teaching about history and linguistics.



Fatema Al Harbi – Sharaka’s Gulf Affairs Director. Fatema Al Harbi is a Bahraini author, an influencer, and peace ambassador. She holds degrees in government and management and is currently pursuing a doctorate in business management.

Dr Ahmed Khuzaie – Sharaka's Director of Political Affairs. Al Khuzaie is a Bahraini Political Consultant, and was managing partner of the DC-based political consultancy firm Khuzaie Associates LLC. He is the author of *Kingdom of Bahrain: Political Review* and other works on Gulf politics, political campaigns, and management.

Youssef Elazhari – Sharaka’s Morocco Director. Youssef is a marketing specialist and civil society activist. He participated in the World Economic Forum Global Shaper’s program, and is active in different civil initiatives in Morocco, especially around providing access to education for girls in rural areas.

Maryam Younes -- Advocate for Lebanese/Israeli coexistence and for Christian minorities in the MENA region.

Sharaka members' links:

Links include Sharaka members part of this visit

Dan and Ahmed. [On the Verge of Middle East Peace? – With Sharaka's Dan Feferman & Ahmed Alkhuzaie \(youtube.com\)](#)

Loay. ["I Hated Jews, Until I Met Them" – Loay Al-Shareef's Personal Story \(youtube.com\)](#)

RESOURCES & REMINDERS

Reminders for 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.

LAST CHANCE IS TODAY! 4/2

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!**

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>



Mr. Blumm's Opportunities Bulletin #28 - 3/28/2024

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.



NEW COVID GUIDELINES IN EFFECT!

Effective immediately:

The NYC Public Schools (NYCPS) have updated its COVID-19 policy based on the updated CDC health guidance. Instead of a minimum isolation period of 5 days, the CDC recommends people with COVID-19 should stay home and away from others based on their symptoms, similar to how they would for any other respiratory infections, like flu and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Consequently, there will no longer be a COVID intake form for reporting positive test results to the school. Students should follow and use the regular [absence protocol](#) upon a student's return to school.

If someone has [COVID-19 symptoms](#), they should still get tested and separate from others immediately. It is recommended that they stay home until they have had no fever without taking fever-reducing medicine and other COVID-19 symptoms have improved for at least 24 hours. If they test positive for COVID-19 but have no symptoms, there is no need to stay home, but precautions should be taken upon return to school such as wearing a mask. The NYCPS will continue to provide COVID-19 test kits upon request. You may pick up a test kit in room 103 if needed.



A warning on overuse of college rankings

The *US News & World Report* annual college rankings are popular with many families. However, college admissions professionals have long been critical of both their validity and their undue influence in the college search process. In addition, over the years, multiple institutions have been accused of providing false or misleading information to manipulate these rankings. Students and families are often unaware of the serious flaws in these and some other college rankings systems, and how they can in fact be detrimental to good decision making.

We strongly encourage any family who utilizes these rankings to read the articles below. The first is lengthy, but is considered by many to be the best article on the topic. The second is a more simplified take but a quicker read, yet it does serve to summarize some of the core problems of these rankings. While they are both about a decade old now, they still remain highly informative.

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2011/02/14/the-order-of-things>

<http://www.vox.com/2014/9/5/6106807/college-rankings-us-news-boston-clemson-problems>



SENIORS: Enter your College Destination in Naviance

Admissions results are starting to come in, and in the coming weeks, you'll be making a final decision about where you'll enroll next fall.

PLEASE enter ALL of your application results in Naviance this spring. Use the edit (pencil icon) for each college on the “colleges I’m applying to” page. This information is essential; it helps us to identify students who may not yet have been admitted somewhere, and the historical data helps us to guide future classes. **Please also indicate whether or not you submitted SAT or ACT scores to each college** by choosing the appropriate option beneath the question

“are you planning to submit your SAT or ACT scores to be considered during the review process” so we can get a better grasp as to how test-optional admissions policies may be playing out for our students at different institutions.

Carefully review your financial aid packages with your family. Compare the total costs of attendance (tuition, room, board, fees and other expenses like books, travel, etc.) with what you were offered in grants and scholarships, work study, student loans, and out of pocket contributions. Assess how much you will need to borrow and/or pay out of pocket over not just your freshman year, but what that will look like over the course of four years. If you applied for financial aid and did not receive a financial aid offer with or soon after your acceptance notification, contact the college or university’s financial aid office.

You may commit/submit a deposit to only one institution. Sending multiple deposits is considered unethical and will not be supported by Stuyvesant High School. We will send your final transcript to the one college you plan on attending at the end of June. Once you have decided where you'll enroll next fall, **inform other colleges to which you were admitted that you have chosen to enroll elsewhere.** This can be done via the colleges’ applicant portal or a short email to the admissions offices. This small but important step helps not only the colleges and universities, but other applicants.

May 1 has been the traditional commitment deadline for admitted students but some colleges have extended that due to the ongoing FAFSA delays. Make sure to follow the commitment deadline your college communicates to you. If, after you commit, you are admitted to an institution that wait-listed you, you are free to change your plans regarding where you will enroll in the fall. You can submit a deposit to the institution that admitted you from the waitlist and inform the college where you originally intended to enroll that your plans have changed. Unfortunately, you will likely lose your original deposit; deposits are typically not refundable after May 1 (or the stated commitment deadline).



Eco-Fact of the Week!

The Environmental Club presents the Eco-fact of the week! Easter is a popular holiday in the U.S., where it is celebrated by egg hunts and chocolate eating, bringing the joy of spring. However, the celebration can be damaging to the environment, with the use of plastic decorations, non-sustainable chocolate, and unfound eggs laying in backyards. This doesn't mean you shouldn't celebrate Easter; you can make it eco-friendly in a variety of ways. Replacing plastic grass with newspaper shavings, artificial dyes with natural food dyes, fabric baskets for egg-holding, there are plenty of ways to make Easter not only a celebration of spring, but the Earth as well! **Help to preserve our resources and properly sort your trash!**



PROGRAMS, OPPORTUNITIES & LINKS OUTSIDE STUY

JUNIORS: Info on studying in the UK

Some of our students consider attending college in the UK, or elsewhere overseas, each year. The higher ed system and application process in the UK and in other countries can differ from that found here in the US in significant ways, so we wanted to share some important resources with you in case this is something you are considering. We hope you find them helpful.

NACAC Guide to International University Admission;

you'll find this resource in the Document Resources section of your Naviance account in the College Office folder. Read profiles about higher education in many different countries across the globe.

British Council-Study UK:

<https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/>

<https://www.britishcouncil.us/studyuk/resources-counsellors-advisors>

2022 Study UK Guide:

https://www.britishcouncil.us/sites/default/files/studyuk_counsellorsguide_usa_2022.pdf

UCAS (UK application site): <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-to-university>

Remember also to discuss your plans with your assigned college counselor this semester, and to reach out to them with questions or concerns as needed.



Help with the troublesome 2024 FAFSA

Unfortunately, as you may be well aware, many families are still experiencing technical difficulties with the FAFSA. And, as of today (March 21), FAFSA data has only begun to [trickle out to colleges on a very small scale](#)...and that process is also not free from complications.

[Some colleges have pushed back their commitment deadlines](#) for admitted students as a result. However, many colleges that require the lengthy CSS Profile will still hold students to a May 1 reply date as they can generate accurate financial aid offers based upon the data provided within the CSS.

Here are some resources that may help some families with the FAFSA, especially those where a parent contributor does not have a SSN.

Understanding FAFSA (updated for this cycle) <https://understandingfafsa.org/>

Updates for FAFSA Contributors: <https://www.ed.gov/fafsaContributorUpdates>

Tip Sheet for Parents Without SSNs:

<https://www2.ed.gov/inaid/info/apply/better-fafsa-contributor-tip-sheet.pdf>

If you are still having trouble filing the FAFSA, try to connect with [FAFSA support](#) when you have the time, and let your college financial aid offices know why you've been unable to file a FAFSA as needed.

A dark blue banner with white text that reads "Complete the FAFSA Form". The text is centered and has a registered trademark symbol (®) next to "FAFSA". There is a small green underline under the word "Form".

More help: FAFSA Completion Events in March & April 2024

NYC Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network at Fordham University, in Collaboration with NYS Language 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](#)

FAFSA guide available in 10 languages!

A new financial aid resource on the CACNY website at

[UnderstandingFAFSA.org](#)

The New York City Department of Education has provided professional translations of our new guide, [Understanding FAFSA & Financial Aid: Your Guide to Paying for College](#)

The guide is now available in ten languages and provides easy-to-read instructions on applying for financial aid, comparing college offers, paying for college, staying in college and more.

Families can view or download all ten versions of the guide here:

<https://understandingfafsa.org/guides/>

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FAFSA & FINANCIAL AID

FREE Personal Finance course at MFA in April 2024

The Museum of American Finance is offering its FREE personal finance course to 11th and 12 grade students. Students can qualify for a scholarship upon successfully completing the 5 required sessions. Classes are presented via zoom. No previous knowledge is required.

Open to 11th and 12th graders. **When:** April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7 (2024) from 4:15–5:30pm Eastern Time **OR** 4:45–6:00pm Central Time

The top four students of each class will be awarded a partial college scholarship ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. Attendance is mandatory and cameras must be on at all times to qualify. Students must register and will be admitted on a first come, first served basis with a limit of 75 students per class. One class will be offered at 4:15pm Eastern Time and another at 4:45pm Central Time.

Registration Now Open: bit.ly/VirtualMFA



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

Topic: CPAC General Membership Meeting

Time: April 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.

April's Theme: Spring is in the Air! ... PTA, SLT, PAC Elections!

Tentative Agenda*

09:30 - Roll Call

09:35 - CPAC Business & Updates

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

DIIT; OPT App; FY 2025 Fair Student Funding; CPAC's Settles Not So Secret Gems

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