

Parent Newsletter *for the* High School of Applied Communication

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Questions or comments about our school? Call our Parent Coordinator, Clara Olaya, Office: 718-389-3163 ext. 4



PARENT EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Feb. 9, Thursday, 7pm: PTA meeting

MARCH

Mar. 23, Thursday, 5-8pm

Parent Teacher Conference
Come and meet our teachers!

Mar. 24, Friday, 1-3pm

Parent Teacher Conference
(students will be dismissed at noon)



SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Feb. 9, Thursday

5pm: Awards night
6pm: SLT
7pm: PTA meeting

Feb. 13-14, Monday-Tuesday

Senior portraits: all day

Feb. 15, Wednesday

Hamilton field trip
for selected 11th graders

Feb. 20 - Feb. 24, Monday-Friday

Midwinter Recess (schools closed)

MARCH

Mar. 9, Thursday

5pm: SLT
6pm: Parent Workshop TBA
7pm: PTA meeting

APRIL

Apr. 5, Wednesday

Juniors' SAT, Sophomores' PSAT

JUNE

Jun. 22, Thursday

9am: Graduation, Queens Theater



What's happening at HSAC?

Our House @ HSACNY

Tutoring and special help with studies,
Monday through Thursday from 2:45 until 4:45

Report Cards will be distributed March 23,
May 12, June 28

Community Outreach

The Center at Western Queens Mental Health Counseling at your service:

Professionals in the journey to help each individual set on a path to a better tomorrow.
For information call 718-672-1538 or visit
www.thecenteratwesternqueens.com

Teens Connect

Teens Connect is a weekly group for teens impacted by cancer in any way. For information on all teen and youth programming, please contact Michele Halusic, at 212-647-9700 x243 or mhalusic@gildasclubnyc.org

Parents note: Students may only be released to parents or guardians on the blue card in case of illness or early departure— please make sure this document stays updated.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As you know, we are now moving into the spring semester, which is a time for new academic opportunities for students. While our school is currently supporting a number of advanced placement courses, your child should also be considering enrollment in College Now classes, which are taught in LaGuardia College and are designed to provide students college credit before they enter college. If you want more information about this valuable program, go to the HSACNY.com web site under "about," then go to "guidance" for more detailed information.

In other news, February is also student recognition month, in which we will celebrate the work of our outstanding scholars in a special awards ceremony. At this ceremony, we will be celebrating students who achieved some of the highest academic distinctions in the school. Moreover, you should also know that our website regularly highlights "Students of the Month" featuring students who made outstanding progress on a variety of different levels beyond classroom grades. You can see these outstanding scholars showcased on our website.

Finally, students will receive their final marking period grades for the fall semester on January 31 in school and via this mailing. What is important about this grade is that it counts on each student's final transcript. As your child will want to earn a higher grade in the spring semester and improve upon his or her work, it is critical that he or she participate in our after-school "Our House" program. This vital after-school program has been designed to provide students extra academic support — homework help, review, re-teach concepts, make-up labs, etc. — in all areas.

As always, your support and encouragement for student success at our school is valued and appreciated by your child and school community.

Working together, we will create new opportunities to build student success.

Sincerely,

Michael Weinstein

COLLEGE PREP

April 5th, at the High School of Applied Communication, **Juniors** are scheduled to take the **SAT** and **Sophomores** are scheduled to take the **PSAT**. Students should utilize the CollegeBoard Website to practice. Go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat> and click on SAT or PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10, then click on Practice.

Organizations providing SAT prep and college/financial aid advisement:

SAYA: www.saya.org

Sunnyside Community Services: www.scsny.org

OPTIONS Center: <http://www.goddard.org/grcc/programs/ChildrenYouth/options/>

Bottom Line - <https://www.bottomline.org/content/new-york-city>

Upcoming college fairs

Juniors are encouraged to attend:

Riverbank State Park 20th Annual College Fair

Saturday, March 4th, 2017

145th Street & Riverside Drive, NY, NY

For More information contact Cultural Department: 212-694-3634

NACAC National College Fair

Sunday, March 26, 2017

11am-4pm

Jacob Javits Convention Center, NY, NY

Register at www.nacacfairs.org/ncfstudentregistration

Seniors should contact the colleges to ensure that they received all necessary documents for their applications. Seniors should have also completed their financial aid forms – FAFSA & TAP.

College Now

Classes begin in March 2017. Interested Juniors and Seniors should speak to Ms. Antoine for an application.

PTA CORNER

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 7pm. We encourage all parents to be present at these important informational meetings. PTA donations are being accepted.

For information on metro cards call Ms. Carmen, 718-389-3163

Check out our new HSAC website! Go to <http://www.hsacny.com>