

Parent Newsletter *for the* High School of Applied Communication

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PARENT EVENTS

MARCH

Mar. 2, Thursday, 6pm: **Awards Night**

Mar. 7, Tuesday, 5pm: **SLT**

Mar. 9, Thursday, 6pm: **PTA meeting**

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

February 28, Tuesday:
Senior trip informational meeting, a mandatory meeting for all seniors attending the senior trip. Period 5 in the gym.

MARCH

March 2, Thursday, 6pm: **Awards Night** in the auditorium.

March 3, Friday:
SAT Practice Test for Juniors by Princeton Review.
HSAC Testing Day: Period 2-6,
9:00am-1:00pm, Alternate school/testing schedule
9:00am **Practice Regents**
10:00am **Practice Regents**
11:00am **PSATs**.

March 3, Friday - Sunday, March 5:
Senior trip to Honor's Haven Resort. The bus leaves HSAC at 9:00am. All students attending the trip will not be in classes that day.



What's happening at HSAC?

Welcome to our new Assistant Principal, Selina Yuen!

And welcome to our new Coordinator for Student Affairs (COSA), Ms. Zarate!

Please encourage your child to attend our academic support system to boost their achievement:

Our House @ HSACNY — Tutoring and special help with studies, Monday through Thursday from 2:45 until 4:45

Saturday Academy for Regents prep — coming in March!

After-School Activity @HSAC

PSAL sports

Year Book

Student Government

National Honors Society

LBGTQ (SAGA)

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As you know, our school believes that every student in the school can achieve when they are provided with the necessary academic support. While the *Our House* program operates after-school to support students, we are also adding a second layer of support to students through a program known as the *Saturday Regents Prep Academy* starting this March. At our school, we believe that if students receive early intervention and support, students can strengthen their skills and be better prepared to do well on the June Regents exams. Parents should also know that CUNY has raised the bar as to what achievement means for graduates. In order to avoid non-credit remediation at CUNY, our students are expected to graduate with a minimum of 75 or better in English and an 80 or above in Math. Towards this end, our *Saturday Academy* will provide our young scholars the opportunity to work with their teachers and receive contextualized support in order to ensure that our students graduate college and career ready.

I am also enclosing a copy of the new CUNY SAT requirements so that you have a more complete understanding of what colleges are expecting from students today.

Your encouragement of our student's participation in this program is appreciated, as it will help to raise the culture of high achievement at our school.

Trabajando juntos, vamos a construir nuevas oportunidades para construir el éxito de los estudiantes.

Sincerely,

Michael Weinstein , Principal

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.

Instructional News

Common Core English Language Arts Regents Exam - 85% increase

New English Curriculum supports Common Core implementation

Works of literary merit introduced on all grades

New CUNY SAT requirements

Regents Prep Saturday Academy starts in March- Schedule will be forthcoming

New Draft Bell Schedule planned for September 2017

PTA CORNER

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



CUNY Admission Profile: Freshman Fall 2016

	General ¹				Support Programs (SEEK/College Discovery) ²			
	High School Average	Mean SAT ³ (old) (CR + M)	Mean SAT ⁴ (new) (ERW + M)	ACT (comp)	High School Average	Mean SAT ³ (old) (CR + M)	Mean SAT ⁴ (new) (ERW + M)	ACT (comp)
FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES								
Baruch College	89.8	1280	1340	28	84.9	970	1050	20
Brooklyn College	88.5	1170	1240	26	80.8	910	990	19
The City College of New York	90.0	1190	1260	26	85.6	960	1040	20
The Sophie Davis Biomedical Education Program/CUNY School of Medicine	95.0	1330	1390	34	—	—	—	—
College of Staten Island	88.0	1100	1170	24	73.8	780	860	16
Hunter College	89.0	1200	1270	26	87.8	1030	1110	22
John Jay College of Criminal Justice	85.8	1050	1130	23	80.0	860	940	18
Lehman College	87.8	1040	1120	22	84.4	880	960	18
Macaulay Honors College	94.2	1420	1470	32	—	—	—	—
Medgar Evers College ⁵	76.6	790	870	16	72.7	750	840	15
New York City College of Technology ⁵	81.3	890	970	18	73.3	780	860	16
Queens College	88.1	1150	1220	25	85.3	910	990	19
York College	84.4	970	1050	20	76.9	760	850	15
COMMUNITY COLLEGES								
Borough of Manhattan Community College	76.3	—	—	—	71.6	—	—	—
Bronx Community College	76.4	—	—	—	71.7	—	—	—
Guttman Community College ⁶	73.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hostos Community College	76.3	—	—	—	71.3	—	—	—
Kingsborough Community College	77.8	—	—	—	71.9	—	—	—
LaGuardia Community College	76.6	—	—	—	71.6	—	—	—
Queensborough Community College	76.9	—	—	—	71.7	—	—	—

¹Includes students admitted to the Macaulay Honors College and local honors programs. ²Available to New York State Residents only. ³Includes Critical Reading and Mathematics (SAT before March 2016) ⁴Equivalent score to the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math sections of new SAT. ⁵Based on students admitted to both associate and bachelor's degree programs. ⁶Based on the first step of a three-step admission review process.