



The High School of Applied Communication

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HSAC Parent Newsletter - **Parents Are Always Welcome in our School!** **OCTOBER, 2016**

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

As you know, high levels of parental involvement are the cornerstones of student success. Firstly, it should be noted that at our last Parents Teacher Association meeting we had a record turnout of parents interested in learning more about how to ensure their child's academic success. At the meeting, we discussed how to make our students college and career ready in high school. We emphasized the fact that the school is currently doubling the number of students who are enrolled in College Now classes, which are taught at LaGuardia Community College and provide free college credits. Moreover, the school has also increased the number of Advanced Placement courses offered, which also offers students the opportunity to graduate with college credits. Advance Placement Human Geography and Chemistry are two of the new courses which are being added to our school.

In order to support a culture of high achievement, our school will be launching a new program called "Our House", which will provide after school tutoring for students in all subject areas. This program will be starting on Tuesday, October 11th. This program is designed to assist students in completing classwork assignments, offer homework help and provide access to the computer lab for after school use.

In addition to after school tutoring, our school will also begin offering a variety of after school clubs run by our student government. If your child would like to participate in an after school club, please have them see Ms. Hu (student government coordinator) or contact their student government representative for more details.

As always, your support of our school and continued parental participation in school events is greatly valued and appreciated.

Thanks,

Michael Weinstein
Principal

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 3- Tuesday, October 4- Rosh Hashanah (schools closed)

Monday, October 10- Columbus Day Observed (schools closed)

Wednesday, October 12- Yom Kippur (schools closed)

Thursday, October 13-

5:00 - School Leadership Team

6:00 - Parent Workshop - Monitoring Student Learning throughout Engrade. Presented by Mr. Grecco, English Teacher

6:30 - PTA Meeting - All parents, students, and staff are encouraged to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 8- Election day- Chancellor's Conference Day for Staff Development- Students do not attend school.

Thursday, November 10-

5:00pm- SLT

6:00pm- Parent Workshop- TBA

6:30pm- PTA meeting

Friday, November 11- Veterans Day (schools closed)

Thursday, November 17- Friday, November 18- Parent Teacher Conference

Thursday, November 24-Friday, November 25- Thanksgiving Recess (school closed)

Ms. Antoine's Guidance Counselor Message:

Seniors should finalize their college list by October 1st and begin the application process. Seniors also need to register for the SAT/ACT exams. The dates will be provided below. Please contact Ms. Antoine if you have any questions or need to schedule a meeting.

Online College Applications:

www.cuny.edu/apply
www.suny.edu/attend/apply-to-suny/
www.commonapp.org

SAT/ACT Registration Information

November 5th SAT regular registration deadline— October 7th
Registration website: www.sat.collegeboard.org

December 10th ACT regular registration deadline—November 4th
Registration website: www.actstudent.org

Students are encouraged to attend upcoming college fairs

Big Apple College Fair—Saturday, October 22, 2016- The Jacob Javits Center, Hall 1B—1-4 pm

PTA corner: Our next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13 at 6:30pm. We encourage all parents to be present at these important informational meetings. PTA donations are being accepted.

Questions or comments about our school?

Parent *Coordinator:*

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Other Items:

Report Cards Distributed

October 17, November 17, January 31, March 23, May 12, June 28

Emergency Cards: All emergency blue cards must be submitted to the main office immediately if you have not already handed them in! The school needs a new completed blue card every year.

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*

Lunch Forms: Submitting completed lunch Forms are a critical way to support your child's education, as our school is funded based upon need indicated on these forms. Moreover, your child can also receive free lunch depending on your economic status when these forms are returned to the school!

You can pick these forms up from the main office.

When completed, please return to Ms. Martinez in the main office

Electronic submission of lunch forms can also be made at ...

<https://www.applyforlunch.com/>
Application

Community Outreach:

Community School District 28- District 28 invites you to our 2016-2017 PTA Professional Development:90-27 Suthpin Blvd, Jamaica, NY 11435-

PTA Compliant Bylaws:

Wednesday, 10/5/16 @930am or 6pm

How to Run an Effective Meeting/Increasing Parent Involvement-

Wednesday 10/19/16@9:30am or 6pm

Title I: Wednesday, 10/26/16@9:30am or 6pm

includenyc-College Is Possible- An evening of answers for HS students with IEPS and their families

October 19, 2016 6-8pm at Cuny York College- Academic Core Building 94-20 Guy R. Brewer Blvd. To register online: <http://cipqueens.eventbrite.com> or call 212-677-4650 x 22

Department of Youth & Community Development- Youth Connect-Jobs & internships- Volunteer Opportunities- Family Support-After School Programs-www.nyc.gov/dycd Call 646-343-6800 or e-mail youthconnect@dycd.nyc.gov

