



# The High School of Applied Communication

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

## Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!

As you know, the High School of Applied Communication is dedicated to the development of 21st literacy skills in every student and making all of our scholars' college and career ready. As the new Principal, I look forward to working with the entire school community to ensure that our students not only graduate with academic excellence, but are also prepared to enter our nation's top colleges, universities and professions. At our school, by working together, our students will become all that they can be and gain access to the American Dream through the values of hard work, persistence and academic achievement.

I strongly encourage you to be active participants in our school community. Please make every effort to attend our first PTA meeting in order to discuss and participate in your child's future success. Your attendance, along with your energy, creativity and passion for education, is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Michael Weinstein

Principal

Other notes:

Please check the school web site and calendar for more information about our school. <http://www.hsacny.com/>

## Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, September 7th**

**5:00pm - Freshmen Orientation**– Learn about how to become college and career ready– food and light refreshments will be served. *Student Ambassadors are needed Contac Ms. DeMarco at [ADemarc@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ADemarc@schools.nyc.gov)*

**Thursday, September 8th– First day for all students**– Seniors and juniors should report at 8:00 am; all other students should report at 8:30 am. Programs will be handed out before classes in the cafeteria and Metro Cards will be distributed during classes.

**Monday, September 12th– Eid Al-Adha**  
(schools closed)

**Thursday, September 15th-**

**5:00 - School Leadership Team**

**6:00 - Parent Workshop - Topic: Graduation Requirements.**

Presenter: Ms. Antoine, Guidance Counselor

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

**Save the Date**

**Wednesday, September 28th – Multi-cultural Fair: Meet the Teachers 5:30-8:00**

## School Website: <http://hsacny.com>

**Learn about our instructional program and receive updated information about events, opportunities and activities for students**

Looking to check student progress?

Use Engrade: <https://www.engagepro.com>

**Note: Teachers will update the engage system with the latest grades and information from the classroom.**

## Volunteer at your School: Meet the Freshman!

If you or your child( upperclassmen) would like to volunteer to introduce new students to our school, [please contac Ms. Demarco at ADemarc@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ADemarc@schools.nyc.gov) about being a student Ambassador for Freshman orientation. You will have a chance to meet new students and have fun at the same time! Light fare and drinks will be served

**PTA corner:** Our next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15th 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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**From the Security Desk:** Please present a photo I.D. every time you visit our school.

## Other Items:

**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*

**Text Messages:** Please send your cell phone number to Ms. Olaya if you want us to send you important messages regarding your child and school events by text message.

**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:

**NYC PTA Expo: All NYC PTAs invited**

Saturday, October 1st, 2016 - 12noon-4pm at Brooklyn Expo Center– 72 Noble Street, Brooklyn NY, 11122

**Save the Date include NYC**

**College is Possible**

An evening of answers for High School students with disabilities and their families

October 6, 2016 –6pm at CUNY Hostos College

Bronx, October, 19, 2016—6pm at CUNY York College, Queens

**Manhattan UFT Parent Conference: Free Workshops (adults only)**

Saturday, October 15, 2016– 8:30am-3:30pm at

UFT Headquarters

52 Broadway, NY, NY 10004 If you want to join the conference e-mail [fstreich@uft.org](mailto:fstreich@uft.org) or call 212-701-9464

