



# The High School of Applied Communication

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

**Principal’s Message:** November is an important month in our school in that our parents can participate in the first official “Parent-Teacher Conference” of the school year. In our school, we welcome parental participation and hope that you will attend this first conference. At this conference, we ask that you take the time necessary to meet with all you child’s teachers and ask the hard questions about your child’s academic performance so they can reach their full academic potential.

Some of these questions might include:

- “What can you tell me about my child’s performance in the class currently?”
- “Has my child’s performance changed from the first marking period?”
- “What does my child need to do to improve his or her performance in the class?”
- “Are extra assignments or projects available for my child to enhance their learning?”

What’s important about this meeting is that you ask clinical questions to get specific answers. Never should we hear, “the child needs to work harder”, because that type of comment does not lead to specific improvement. Our goal as a school is to always improve student learning and parent awareness.

After you meet with teachers and receive feedback, you should also note that our school has a robust after-school academic support program called “Our House”. This program meets Monday through Thursday and provides students homework help and targeted assistance in all academic classes. Please make every effort to encourage your child to participate in this valuable academic program. By participating in this academic support program, it is our goal to help your child become all that they can be.

I look forward to working closely with all of you in support of our talented young scholars. By working together and encouraging our students to soar to new heights, we will create a school whereby students can access the American Dream through the values of hard work, persistence and academic achievement.

Thanks,  
Michael Weinstein

## What is Happening in our School!!

### Students of the Month:

These students will have their pictures hung in the lobby and placed on our web site for recognition. Additionally, these students will also have the opportunity to have special breakfast with Principal.

### “Our House”@HSACNY- Monday through Thursday from 2:45 until 4:45

“Our House” is a new academic support program staffed with teachers who are committed to seeing their students succeed in multiple subject areas. Within “Our House”, students will have access to “one on one” and “small group” tutoring in multiple academic subject areas, access to computer technology to complete classwork. Tell your child to take advantage of this program.

### Other Items:

**Report Cards Distributed**  
November 17, January 31, March 23, May 12, June 28

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*

## Calendar of 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– “Using Technology to assist your Child in the College Process”**

**6:30pm– PTA meeting**

**Friday, November 11– Veterans Day** (schools closed)

**Thursday, November 17- 3:30-5:00pm-Thanksgiving Dinner** (see flyer)

### COME AND MEET YOUR CHILD’S TEACHERS

**Thursday, November 17– 5:00-8:00PM– Parent Teacher Conference**

**Friday, November 18– 1:00-3:00pm—Parent Teacher Conference**

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, December 8- 5:00pm– SLT**

**6:00pm– Parent Workshop– TBA**

**PTA corner:** Our next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 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?

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### Community Outreach:

#### College Bound:

**La Guardia Community College Open**

**House- Saturday, 11/5– 11:00am-3:00pm–** Contact [estachina@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:estachina@lagcc.cuny.edu)

**Stony Brook Open House–** Staller Center for the Arts- **Sunday, 11/6– 9:30am—**Register [www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/redcarpet/cas](http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/redcarpet/cas)

**SUNY Oneonta Open House– Wednesday, 11/16– 5:30pm–** 33 W 42nd street NY, NY .

Register <http://suny.oneonta.edu/admissions>

**SUNY Financial Aid Day.** SUNY experts assist you with the financial aid process. **Saturday, 11/12–** Register [www.suny.edu/studentevents](http://www.suny.edu/studentevents)

### Need a Math Tutor?

Call Today’s Tutors, Tomorrow’s Math Teachers at 718-570-0520 **for a personal math tutor!**

