



# Bulletin

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## Message From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Our Open School activities late last month were a huge success. Over 250 parents came to observe classes during the early part of the week. Open School evening and afternoon provided an opportunity for each of you to meet your child's teachers. I was very pleased to see such a large turnout.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who provided the sumptuous faculty dinner on Open School evening. The faculty appreciated your hard work and efforts.

In early November the Music and Fine Arts Department presented our first concert of this school year. It was an exciting evening of inspiring music.

Our students were able to display their true creative talents.

November is the beginning of the holiday season and I want to wish each family a healthy and peaceful time.

Sincerely,  
S. Teitel

### PA GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2002

6:15 p.m. promptly – 7:15 p.m.

Freshman Parent Orientation  
and Welcome  
Cafeteria, 5th Floor

Freshman Guidance Counselor Jay Biegelson welcomes freshman class parents in this popular annual presentation, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Stuyvesant But Were Afraid to Ask: An Introduction for Freshman Parents on the Ins and Outs of Stuy." Topics to be covered include PSATs, SATs, SAT IIs and an overview of study skills. Freshman Parent Representatives from the Parents' Association and School Leadership Team will also be on hand to answer questions and meet with parents. After this program, freshman parents are invited to join the general PA meeting in the first floor theater.

6:30 p.m. Hospitality  
(PA Parent/Student Directories  
will be available)

7 – 9 p.m. PA General Meeting  
Murray Kahn Theater  
Program: Life at Stuy —  
Student Concerns and a Look at  
Extracurricular Activities, also  
Fencing Team Demonstration

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2002

#### 17 Annual Medical Ethics Symposium Murray Kahn Theater, 3:30 p.m.

"Pain and Suffering: How Much is Too Much?" will be the topic of the 17th Annual Medical Ethics Symposium presented by the two Medical Ethics classes. It will be held Thurs., Dec. 12, at 3:30 p.m. Physicians, ethicists, and religious leaders will make up the distinguished panel. The keynote speaker is Dr. Diane Meier, Director of the Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute and Professor in the Department of Geriatrics and Medicine at Mt. Sinai Medical Center. There will be a question and answer period, as well as refreshments and free raffle prizes. Parents are most welcome to attend!

--Roz Bierig, Biology Department

#### The Admissions Maze: An Inside View of the College Admissions Process Murray Kahn Theater, 7 p.m.

The New York Times and the Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association invite students and parents to attend a discussion with Jacques Steinberg, New York Times national education correspondent and author of *The Gatekeepers: Inside the Admissions Process of a Premier College*.

The presentation will include a discussion and a question and answer session, and will be followed by a reception and book signing with the author.

Note: Admission to this special event is free of charge and open only to current Stuyvesant students, parents, faculty and administrators. Entrance is on a first-come, first-served basis.

## CALENDAR

### November

Mon., Nov 11 Veterans Day — School closed  
Tues., Nov. 12 School Leadership Team 4:10 p.m.  
Executive Board 6:45 p.m.  
Tues., Nov 19 Freshman Parents' Meeting  
6:15 – 7:15 p.m.  
PA General Meeting 7 – 9 p.m.  
(PA Hospitality 6:30 – 7 p.m.)  
Wed., Nov 27 End of second marking period  
Nov. 28–29 Thanksgiving Recess

### December

Tues., Dec. 10 School Leadership Team 4:10 p.m.  
Executive Board 6:45 p.m.  
Fri., Dec. 13 Staff Development Day—  
No student attendance  
Tues., Dec. 17 PA General Meeting 7 – 9 p.m.  
(PA Hospitality 6:30 – 7 p.m.)  
Dec. 23–Jan. 1 School Closed - Winter Recess

School Leadership Team: Meetings of Stuyvesant's SLT are held on the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 4:10 p.m. in the 6th Floor Library.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** This year the Parents' Association sponsored a school-wide contest for cover design of the phone directory. We received over 30 submissions from all grades, with participation from some of the art classes. The winner received a gift certificate from Utrecht Art Supplies, and runners-up received passes to United Artists Theaters. The winners were: Kate Garaufis, senior, cover design winner; Katie Shelly, sophomore; Emi Suzuki, freshman.  
--Angela Fremont-Appel, Phone Directory Committee

**NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE:** The PA and the Student Union will co-sponsor a Food Drive during the week of Nov. 18th. Donations will go to the New York Rescue Mission, which provides food for women and children from Family Court, for the Mulberry Street Chinese community, and to food pantries around NYC. Parents are encouraged to bring canned goods to the PA General Meeting on Nov. 19th. The SU will collect the food from students.

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, FEB. 8TH, 2003, from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
—Parent Volunteers Needed for the Stuyvesant High School Open House—  
Students who have been accepted to Stuyvesant for the next school year are invited, with their parents, to see our beautiful school on Sat., Feb. 8. Please help the PA support this very important event by volunteering. All parents can be of assistance. Volunteering this day is also a great way to meet and mingle with other Stuy parents and have lunch on the PA. Please e-mail Fran Meyerson at [brevjaf@aol.com](mailto:brevjaf@aol.com) or call Chairperson Ellie Freudenheim at (718) 636-9811 if you can join us. Thanks for your consideration.

-- The Open House Committee

## OPEN SCHOOL WEEK A SUCCESS — THANKS TO TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS

This semester's parent-to-classroom visitations (Oct. 21–23) were a great success. Almost 300 parents attended and expressed gratitude to Stuyvesant for making this opportunity available, and especially to the teachers for opening up their classrooms and presenting their material in such a dynamic manner. Parents enjoyed the classroom discussions and one wrote that she wished she could participate!

Many thanks to the following people for volunteering:

Hannah Li	Julie Romano	Angela Fremont-Appel
Kiki Dinos	Katherine Bendo	Louise Burns
Pamela Wheaton	Soheir Hassan	Judy Moore
Theresa Bockwoldt	Rhonda Waggoner	Robert Carr
Elcy Naas	Nikki Riley	

Open School Week will be held again in the Spring Semester. Watch the Bulletin for the date and take the opportunity to be there!

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On Thurs., Oct. 24, in the cafeteria, the PA hosted a reception for the faculty, to thank them for their ongoing efforts on behalf of our children and to fortify them for the parent-teacher conferences that followed. Several wonderful Korean dishes, provided by a group of Korean Stuy parents, augmented the buffet supper. As in the past, many Stuyvesant parents sent in fabulous homemade desserts. By all reports, the faculty enjoyed the reception and were happy to take home or to their classrooms the pots of mums that decorated the tables. The event's success was largely due to the amazing teamwork of the crew of parents who set up, served, and cleaned up. Thanks also to the custodial and cafeteria staff for their help, and special thanks to Mary Salter and Peggy Harvey, whose veteran expertise guided throughout.

--Dorothy Schuster and Felice Perlman, Co-Chairs,  
Open School Week and Faculty Reception

## FROM THE SLT CORNER

The School Leadership Team (SLT) held its first meeting of the 2002-2003 school year on Oct. 7. The SLT includes members from the following four constituencies in the school: administrators, teachers, parents and students. (For a list of your parent representatives, see elsewhere in this bulletin.)

After brief introductions, Principal Stanley Teitel reminded the group of the two functions of the SLT: to review the current Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) and to create the CEP for the next school year, and to align the school budget with those things in the CEP. Mr. Teitel indicated that, in the beginning of the school year, he distributed the relevant parts of the CEP to the Assistant Principal/Department to which it pertains, for them to work on implementation.

There was discussion about Regents exams. The CEP includes the goal known as "85/85" which refers to the expectation that 85 percent of Stuyvesant students will attain at least 85 percent on each Regents exam. This goal is, in fact, met for most Regents exams. However, when NY State changes the exam, as happened last June with Chemistry and Physics, it takes a while for Stuy to catch up and meet the 85/85 goal again. This effect has been seen in recent years with other new Regents exams, e.g., English.

Also reviewed at the meeting were the SLT budget, which supports the work of the SLT; rules and procedures of the SLT; and Standing Committees. The next SLT meeting is Tues., Nov. 12, at 4:10 p.m. in the Library Conference Room and is open to observers.

-- Ellen Krug, Junior SLT Parent Rep

# C-30 SCREENING COMMITTEES TO RECOMMEND CANDIDATES FOR 3 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL POSITIONS AT STUYVESANT

## TRANSLATIONS

### C-30 COMMITTEES — Translated into Korean by Sunhee Choe

At the PA General Meeting on November 19th, we will select between 20 and 30 parents to serve on the C-30 Level I Screening Committees for the selection of three Assistant Principals: AP SUPERVISION MUSIC AND FINE ARTS (tentative start date 12/2), AP SUPERVISION ENGLISH (1/13) and AP ADMINISTRATION PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES (3/3). Each committee will have from six to ten parents who will serve with representatives of other school constituencies.

The parents selected must be parents or guardians of a student currently attending Stuyvesant, and may not be employed at Stuyvesant. The committees should reflect our student population ethnically.

The Level I committees will develop criteria for selection, review resumes, select and interview candidates, and recommend candidates to be interviewed by the Superintendent at Level II. Volunteers for the committees will read resumes at a time convenient to them, and must attend three or four evening meetings at the school.

Please consider serving on these committees. The Supervisors (Department Chairs) and Administrators selected by these committees will have critical responsibilities and a direct impact on the quality of education at Stuyvesant. This is an opportunity for you to influence the success of the school.

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please complete and return the form on the back page of this bulletin or contact Judy Moore (jmoore30@nyc.rr.com) or Dale Bernstein (brod645@aol.com).

--Judy Moore and Dale Bernstein  
PA Co-Presidents

부교장을 선출하기 위한 C-30 Level I 감사위원회  
10월 19일에 있을 학부모 회의에서 10명에서 30명정도의 C-30 Level I 감사위원을 선출할 예정입니다. 이 감사위원회는 3명의 부교장(예능, 영어, 학생처장)을 선출합니다.  
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### C-30 COMMITTEES — Translated into Chinese by Stephen Zhang

C-30 初级甄选委员会 — 推荐候选人作为校长助理

在 11月19日召开的家长大会上,我们将选出 10至30名家长参加 C-30 初级甄选委员会去推荐三名校长助理: 其中音乐和艺术, AP课程辅导员一名(该网开始日期 12/2), 英文 AP课程辅导员一名(该网开始日期 1/13), 学生人事服务 AP行政管理员一名(该网开始日期 3/3) 每个委员会将由 6至10名家长加上其它学校选出的代表组成.  
被推荐的家长必须是其子女现在就读于史帝文森高中的家长或监护人. 其本人不在史帝文森高中工作. 甄选委员会组成将反映出学生人数的种族成份.  
委员会将制定甄选的标准. 履历表, 挑选和约见候选人, 推荐候选人和学区教育总监在 2级约见. 作为委员会的总顾问将在本人方便的时间内阅读候选人的履历. 同时他/她能在学校参加 3至4次会议.  
请考虑加入这个甄选委员会. 它能挑选出好的辅导员和管理员将对学校的教育质量有重大的影响. 这是一个机会为学校出力.  
如果你有兴趣加入这个委员会, 请填写下面的表格在 11月14日前交还给 Annette Arroyo (105号房) 或者 FAX to (212) 678-9407, 或者 email 到 Judy Moore 在网上 (jmoore30@nyc.rr.com) 或者 Dale Bernstein 网址: (brod645@aol.com)  
家长委员会 Judy Moore and Dale Bernstein

## College Column – November 2002

Each month the College Column will try to address those college application issues that seem to be causing the greatest confusion among parents. Please note that most of the information set forth below was pulled verbatim from the College Handbook. Each senior has a copy of the College Handbook. Please look in this comprehensive little volume for the answers to your questions before calling the College Office.

**The Secondary School Report (SSR).** The SSR is a request by the college for an official school transcript of your student's grades, accompanied by an evaluation of the student's work, character and activities which has been written by a member of the Faculty Writers' Committee. By this time your student will have met at least once with his/her assigned Faculty Writer.

Each college that requires a Secondary School Report will include an SSR form in its application. Your senior must submit an SSR form for each school to which s/he is applying. Students should fill in only the spaces for name, social security number, first semester classes (and the name of the college if they are using the common application) before taking the forms to the College Office, Room 225. Each form must be accompanied by a stamped envelope addressed to the college. Both the SSR and the student's transcript must be mailed to the colleges by the College Office.

**Teacher Recommendations.** Many colleges request that two teacher recommendations be mailed directly to them by subject teachers. These recommendations are in addition to the Secondary School Report. In some cases, the college will provide a form for your student to give to the teacher. In other cases the teacher may write the recommendation on Stuyvesant stationery. Students should supply teachers with a stamped, addressed envelope for each college.

It is the student's responsibility to personally ask the teacher(s) to write these recommendations well ahead of deadlines and to check with each teacher to see if recommendations have been mailed.

You can help your senior stay abreast of these and other application requirements by reading the Stuyvesant High School College Handbook, available for purchase in the College Office.

--Sarah Conley

### Important Dates in November and December

#### November

- Nov. 7&8: First filing dates for CUNY
- Nov. 11-22: SSR envelopes for schools with Jan. 1st or earlier deadlines due in the College Office
- Nov. 13: Deadline for late registration for Dec. 7 SAT I and SAT II (additional fee)
- Nov. 20 & 21: Small group meetings for senior parents

#### December

- Dec. 2&3: Second filing dates for SUNY
- Dec. 7: SAT I & II are administered
- Dec. 23: Deadline for Jan 25th SAT I & SAT II registration

## November College Column—

Translated into Korean by Sunhee Choe

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11월, 12월 중요일짜

11월 7,8일: CUNY(시립대학) 일차접수

11월11-22일: 1월1일 개강대학이나 2차후기 서류 전형일

11월13일:12월7일 SAT I & II 등록마감일 (추가비용 징수)

11월20,21일: 졸업반 학부형을 위한 회의

12월2,3일: SUNY(주립대학)이차 접수

12월7일: SAT I & II 시험일

12월23일: 1월25일 SAT I & II 등록마감

## Program Notes: PA General Meeting, Oct. 15, 2002 “College Information” presented by Pat Cleary, Stuyvesant College Advisor

Pat Cleary, the College Advisor, introduced herself and college office staff members Aileen Danaher, Suigene AuKim and Lydia Schulman. She said the office uses a team approach to help students select and apply to colleges and universities. She thanked the PA for its support of the college office.

Ms. Cleary said this is an unprecedented time for colleges, with some seeing applications increase six- or ten-fold in the last decade. She said, for example, that the number of applicants to New York University grew to 35,000 last year, compared with 9,000 ten years earlier. Similarly, Columbia University received

25,000 applications last year, compared with 2,000 per year in the 1980s.

She said Stuyvesant limits the number of schools to which a student can apply to seven so that students will visit campuses, talk with college officials and ultimately make good choices. Noting that students want to make their own decisions about college, she invited parents to meet with her during Open School Week—but said she will not take the role of helping parents influence their child about where to go.

She said the college process starts freshman year when students start collecting

“faculty blurbs” and other information that will contribute to the Secondary School Report (SSR), an evaluation written for each senior by a member of the Faculty Writers’ Committee. Each year students also meet with their grade advisors to talk about the college process and update their transcripts.

Ms. Cleary said the college office advertises open houses and visits by college representatives. She encouraged parents and students to look at the wall near the college office that displays posters sent to Stuyvesant by college representatives.

This year’s seniors were given information about applying to college at an assembly in early September and received additional information, including information on early action and early decision, in October when staff members visited English classes. Ms. Cleary said students who apply early action or early decision can also apply to a larger state school. She said that a student can be released from an early decision commitment only if the proposed financial aid package is unacceptable.

When students apply to schools, Ms. Cleary said they must be sure to meet all the application requirements set by that school. She said students must arrange to have their SAT scores sent to each school, should ask teachers for recommendations and should follow up their application by calling the school to make sure the application is complete.

Aileen Danaher then described various types of scholarships for which students can apply. Although some scholarship applications ask for a student’s class rank, she said Stuyvesant does not rank students but, instead, will supply the student’s grade point average and a letter explaining its reasons for not ranking students.

Students are invited to see members of the college office staff on a first-come, first-served basis.

--Jane Ritter, Recording Secretary

### November College Column—Translated into Chinese by Stephen Zhang

#### 大學專欄 2002.11

每一個月的大学專欄都嘗試將一些大學申請資料轉述給家長們,下面轉述的資料全部都是抄錄自史蒂文森高中編寫的大学手冊,每一位十二年級的学生都應該人手一冊,任何有關申請大学的疑問,在你們打電話給學校大学辦公室以前,請先嘗試在本手冊找答案。

#### 一、高中學校報告(簡稱SSR)

這是一份由學校的教職員工組成的評議委員會根據每一位學生的學習,品德,活動撰寫成的個人評議報告,每位學生的學生最少有一次機會安排和評委會的執筆者見面。

在学生申請的每一間大学的申請書里都應該有一份SSR表格,學生只需填寫表格上的姓名,工人時數,碼和所在班級,附上貼有郵票的信封交回大学辦公室,所有的學生成績和SSR都出学校的大学辦公室寄出。

#### 二、老師推薦書

很多的大学都要求申請的學生有二位學科的老師的推薦書,這是除了SSR以外附加的,有些大学會提供專門的

表格給學生让學科老師撰寫,有些大学只要求學科老師用自己學校的信箋便可,學生自己應該提供貼有郵票和地址的信封給老師寄去每一間申請的大学。

推薦書是由學生自己負責去委托學科老師為他們撰寫的,務必提前委托和檢查每一位老師是否按時寄出,切記!

家長們,幫助你們的子女一起去努力完成大学申請,如需購買大学手冊,請到學校的大学辦公室(225號房)

謹記以下的重要日期:

十一月份:

11/7~8 — 湘州州立大学的第二日期。

11/11~22 — 呈交貼有郵票和地址的信封給大学辦公室作為寄出你的SSR用。

11/13 — 申請在12月7號考SAT I和SAT II的登記截止日。

11/20, 21 — 毕业生家長小組會議。

十二月份:

12/2~3 — 湘州州立大学的第二日期。

12/7 — SAT I和SAT II考試日。

12/23 — 申請在1月25號考SAT I和SAT II的登記截止日。

**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association**  
**General Meeting**  
**Oct. 15, 2002**

Judy Moore, co-president of the Parents' Association, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

**Co-presidents' Report and Announcements (Judy Moore)**

Judy gave the co-presidents' report, as follows:

- Ballots for tonight's PA fall elections are available in the lobby.
- Carey Meltzer is planning programs for this year's PA general meetings. Topics will include academic issues and the many aspects of high school life of which parents should be aware and that the PA should address in concert with school administrators.
- All parents are encouraged to attend Open School Week, Oct. 21 – 23, and Parent-Teacher conferences on Thurs., Oct. 24 from 6 – 8:30 p.m. and/or Fri., Oct. 25 from 1 – 3 p.m. Parents who need additional time with a teacher can set up individual appointments. Students can attend the conferences with their parents.
- Volunteers are needed during Open School Week as follows: Monday – Wednesday to help parents find classes, and Thursday from 3 – 6 p.m. to set up the Faculty Reception. In addition, parents can send in desserts on Thursday morning (c/o Peggy Harvey in Room 211) for the Thursday evening Faculty Reception.
- Volunteers are needed for a committee that will revise the Parents' Association bylaws. Interested parents who can attend several daytime meetings should contact bylaw committee chair Melanie Arwin at mgarwin@aol.com or relay their name to Melanie via the "Contact Us" button on the PA website ([www.stuypa.org](http://www.stuypa.org)).
- Parents who do not want their child's name, address and telephone number released to institutions of higher education and military recruiters should respond to a letter sent home Sept. 23, 2002 by Eleanor Archie, AP for Guidance by Friday, Oct. 18.

Judy explained that as of last week, the school day was lengthened by 20 minutes due to provisions in the new contract with the United Federation of Teachers. At the beginning of the school year, the extra instructional time had been used to offer tutoring each afternoon. Judy asked the audience to consider the following question: "Do you authorize the PA leadership to explore whether there is any flexibility in the use of the extra 20 minutes per day?" By a show of hands, the membership voted that the PA leadership should explore the issue with school officials.

**Approval of Minutes** The minutes for the September 17 PA General Meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and passed.

**Treasurer's Report (Donovan Moore)** Donovan said the PA has just started spending money budgeted for this school year. He said the PA has received about \$45,000 more income than projected in the budget, and expects another \$15,000 in unbudgeted money from the recent sale of books related to Sept. 11, 2001, at Rockefeller Center. He thanked Marty Katz, Harvey Blumm and the football parents for helping with the book sale, which raised money for Stuyvesant and other downtown public schools. He said the appropriations committee would meet in December or January to recommend how to spend the unbudgeted income.

**Committee Reports**

**Health and Safety (David Ross)** David announced the receipt by the PA of a letter from the Department of Education that responded to an August 12 letter from the PA listing outstanding issues related to the summer cleanup of the Stuyvesant building. The DoE letter, dated Friday, Oct. 11, was accompanied by supporting statements from the NYC Department of Health, the NYC Department of Environmental Protection and the US Environmental Protection Agency. David said copies of the DoE's response were available in the lobby and the supporting letters from other agencies would be posted on the PA website.

The letters said that the DoE would remove additional carpeting from Stuyvesant, with most work being done on weekends and holidays. The DoE also said it would remove the auditorium drapes but has determined it is not necessary to replace the covers of the auditorium seats.

David said the Health and Safety Committee met on Sept. 30 and discussed issues that were "on the back burner" last year as the committee focused on the cleanup of the school's air handling system and auditorium. He said committee members volunteered at that meeting to prepare reports on the following four issues: 1. high-efficiency air filtration systems, 2. the cleanup of the waste transfer site north of Stuyvesant, 3. the establishment of a health registry and 4. the implications of a proposed Westway tunnel near Stuyvesant. The date for the next meeting of the Health and Safety Committee will be posted on the website.

In response to a question from David Newman, a member of the H&S committee, asking David Ross to paraphrase comments by the PA's environmental consultants at the 6 p.m. pre-meeting on environmental issues, David said that all parents had been invited to the 6 p.m. meeting and that it would be impossible to paraphrase the comments made during the hour-long discussion.

**Elections (Dale Bernstein)** Dale said parents could pick up ballots until 8:45 p.m. and that filled-out ballots would be accepted until 9 p.m., when counting would start. She said the bylaws permit each parent present to vote for each position up for election. She said candidates would each be given 45 seconds to speak and would be called to the podium in alphabetical order within their contests. Denis Meadows was designated as timekeeper.

Candidate names were read in order and each candidate in attendance was given the chance to speak. Several nominated candidates had withdrawn before the election and their names did not appear on the ballot. One candidate, Lissette Velez de Intriago, announced from the podium her withdrawal from the election.

At the end of the speeches, Dale thanked all candidates and listed those who had withdrawn. In answer to a question, she said that parents who mark their ballot and then want to make a change must do so very clearly and put their initials by the change. [Note: See the PA website ([www.stuypa.org](http://www.stuypa.org)) for full election results.]

**Program** Judy Moore introduced Eric Grossman of the English Department. She said that senior parents were invited to stay in the auditorium for a presentation by Pat Cleary and members of the college office. All other parents were invited to hear a presentation by Mr. Grossman in the cafeteria and see a video clip of the student play, with their eyes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Ritter, Recording Secretary

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### Program Notes

#### PA General Meeting, Oct. 15, 2002

#### "Beyond the Course Catalogue:

#### English, Reading and Writing at Stuy"

#### by Eric Grossman, Assistant Principal, English Dept.

Eric Grossman, Assistant Principal (I.A.) of the English Department, spoke at the Oct. 15 PA meeting on the importance of writing and addressed ways in which Stuyvesant seeks to teach and improve students' writing. Freshman composition, taught in small groups of 25, is an example of the type of writing course which has proven successful. Writing is integral to all English courses: generally, few exams are given; there are usually five or so pieces of writing per semester and often a cumulative piece of writing. There are ample opportunities for students to improve their writing in later years, in classes such as Poetry, Journalism, and Writers Workshop, and in senior courses on Fiction Writing and Advanced Writing. Research Writing is offered for students conducting research in math and the sciences. Each year Stuyvesant students participate in writing contests and competitions including Bertelsmann and Scholastic. These competitions are brought to students' attention by teachers during class and are also listed on the Stuyvesant website (www.stuy.edu). In response to a parent querying the brevity of three-page papers, Mr. Grossman said that with a large student body these shorter papers were felt by the department to be an effective way to teach and assess writing.

Mr. Grossman noted the extensive literature offerings given by the department, including American, British, Asian American, Gothic, Classical and World literature courses and a Great Books course. He cited the substantial improvement in students' English Regents scores over the past few years and noted that the department specifically addresses Regents requirements in English courses, preparing students for the Regents exams, including teaching the different components and terminology used on the exams. He also noted that the writing done throughout English department courses is helping to prepare students for the new SAT writing segment slated to begin in 2005.

Mr. Grossman noted that new English department course offerings and changes to the English course catalogue are posted on the Stuy web site. The English department impacts much of student life throughout the school, including student publications, student activities such as Open Mic and Writing on the Wall, along with drama productions and student playwriting efforts such as with their eyes. The evening culminated with video presentation of a segment of with their eyes.  
--Carey Meltzer

NOTE FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE The Program committee invites parents to visit the PA website (www.stuy.org) for additions and updates to programs at parent meetings throughout the year. To submit suggestions and to volunteer to assist with programs, please e-mail the PA program committee through the PA website.

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**The Stuyvesant PA Bulletin**

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**Stuyvesant PA Website**

Information is also available at the Stuyvesant PA website, www.stuy.org. The webmaster is Elise Passikoff.

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I would like to volunteer as a parent representative for a C-30 Level I Committee at Stuyvesant.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student grade \_\_\_\_\_

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I am willing to serve on any of the committees

I am only interested in serving on the committee for

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Return no later than November 14th to Annette Arroyo (Room 105), or fax to (212)678-9407, or email Judy Moore (jmoore30@nyc.rr.com) or Dale Bernstein (brod645@aol.com)

Note: All parents who wish to receive periodic e-mails of announcements and reminders from the Co-Presidents and the Executive Board, please send your e-mail address to dismeado@aol.com. (Names listed in the PA Directory have already been entered.)