



MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS



Dear Stuyvesant Community,

With the college admissions process in full swing, the issue of ensuring our seniors get the requisite letters of recommendation without undue burden to our teachers has once again come to the fore. Our January 20th SLT meeting was almost entirely devoted to this question; we have opted to include a detailed summary of the proceedings as written by PA Sophomore SLT Representative, Paul Bauer, instead of the usual Co-presidents' letter. With Presidents' Week coming up, we wish you a restful break and take the opportunity to remind everyone of Stuyvesant's Vacation Homework Policy.

— Paola de Kock and Susan Mendelsohn

The January 20th SLT meeting was devoted to a round-table discussion of the College recommendation process. The importance of this topic to the Stuyvesant High School community was evident from the large number of teachers, students, parents, and College Office staff in attendance.

The PA began the discussion by acknowledging that writing college recommendations is a time consuming task requiring significant effort on the part of the faculty. It was also noted that the number of applications per student has increased significantly in recent years compounding the burden. The PA encouraged a thorough discussion in hopes of developing an alternative approach or streamlining the recommendation process.

The College Office presented an overview of the application process and the role and importance of teacher recommendations. Large out-of-state and public universities tend to rely more heavily on data driven selection processes. These schools focus on grades and test scores, and in some cases, may not require recommendations. On the other hand, Ivy League universities, private universities, and smaller liberal arts colleges will take a more holistic view of the student. These schools place a greater importance on teacher recommendations when evaluating potential candidates.

The College Office was quick to point out that, while recommendations are important to the process, they are only one component of the college application. A stellar recommendation will not get an unqualified student into a "reach"

school and a technically flawed, but enthusiastic, recommendation is not going to hurt a highly qualified applicant's chances.

Several teachers attending the meeting shared their views of the recommendation process as well as personal experiences in writing recommendations. It was clear from the discussion that the faculty takes this seriously. Writing a quality recommendation takes a significant amount of personal time and energy. To maintain confidentiality, the teacher is responsible for copying the recommendations and mailing them to each school the student applies to. Some teachers even go so far as to customize the recommendation to fit a particular school. Varying deadlines and scholarship recommendations also add to the workload.

Several teachers indicated that they have developed individual systems and approaches to aid in the handling of recommendations. These approaches range from limiting the number of students they will write for, to a detailed list of requirements for each student to follow.

The college office demonstrated the on-line service known as the Common Application. The Common Application is accepted by more than 300 institutions. The on-line tools for writing, sending, and tracking recommendations should alleviate some of the burden on teachers. Training will be scheduled with the faculty to encourage wide-spread use.

In addition to adopting of the Common Application, it was agreed that a set of guidelines should be developed to help students, teachers, and parents with recommendations. The guide will outline student/teacher responsibilities and procedures including:

- Deciding on which teachers to ask
- How to ask for a recommendation
- Student information and materials
- Guidelines for the recommendation writer
- Thank you notes*

The College Office will draft the guidelines and distribute to the administration and faculty for comment.

* Parents: it is strongly recommended that your student acknowledge the hard work of the faculty by sending a brief thank you note to each recommendation writer, perhaps letting the teacher know where they got in!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, January 14, we learned that Stuyvesant had eleven semi-finalists in the Intel Science Talent search. This represented more than any other New York City high school. I held a small reception in my conference room to congratulate these students, their parents, and their mentors.

On Tuesday, January 20, we had a special time schedule to allow the entire school to stop and watch the inauguration of our 44th president, Barack Obama. I was in the theater with about 1,000 students and I could not have been more proud as they all sat and listened intently.

On Tuesday, February 3, we began the spring semester. New programs and metro cards were issued to all students.

On Tuesday, February 10, over 1,000 students sat for the American Mathematics Competition exam. This is a testament to our students in their dedication to math.

Some of our upcoming events this Spring are: Open House (February 11), SING 2009 (March 18, 19 and 20), Open School (March 26 & 27), and College Night (April 30).

Finally some sad news. On Thursday, January 8, Ava Hecht, a member of the class of 2009, died. Stuyvesant celebrated Ava's life on Thursday, January 22. Ava's parents would like to form a scholarship fund in her name. Anyone interested in making a donation, please make your check payable to Stuyvesant High School and put Ava's name in the memo section.

Sincerely,

— Stan Teitel



P.S. Stuyvesant High School does not sponsor or chaperone any cast parties after SING!



2008-2009 CALENDAR

Feb 16 - Feb 20	Mon - Fri	Mid-Winter Recess – No School
Feb 24	Tue	SLT Meeting – 3:30 PM
Feb 24	Tue	PA General Meeting – 7:00 PM
Mar 3	Tue	Chinese Outreach Meeting – 6:30 PM
Mar 10	Tue	PA Executive Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
Mar 18-20	Wed-Fri	SING!
Mar 24	Tue	SLT Meeting – 3:30 PM
Mar 24	Tue	PA General Meeting – 7:00 PM
Mar 26	u	Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mar 27	Fri	Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences
Apr 7	Tue	PA Executive Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
Apr 9 - Apr 17	u - Fri	Spring Recess – No School
Apr 21	Tue	SLT Meeting – 3:30 PM
Apr 21	Tue	PA General Meeting – 7:00 PM
Apr 30	u	College Night – 6:30 PM
May 5	Tue	PA Executive Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
May 25	Mon	Memorial Day – No School
May 26	Tue	SLT Meeting – 3:30 PM
May 26	Tue	PA General Meeting – 7:00 PM
June 2	Tue	PA Executive Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
Jun 4	ur	Chancellor's Conference Day – No School
Jun 9	Tue	SLT Meeting – 3:30 PM
Jun 9	Tue	PA General Meeting – 7:00 PM
Jun 16 - Jun 24	Tue - Wed	Regent Exams
Jun 25	u	Regent Rating Day – No School
Jun 25	u	Graduation - Beacon eatre; Time: TBA
Jun 26	Fri	Last Day Of School – Early Dismissal

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Biology: Elizabeth Fong	7011
English: Eric Grossman	6011
Health & PE: Martha Singer	5010
Social Studies: Jennifer Suri	3021
Chemistry/Physics: Scottomas	9010
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Sajni S.	Cornell, Barnard, Tufts
Anthony V.	Northwestern, Georgetown, BC, Emory

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Amanda W.
Trinity School, Manhattan, NY

Name	Before Tutoring	After Tutoring	High School	College Attending
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Kelly W.	SATI: 1420/1600	SAT: 1600/1600	Stuyvesant HS	Harvard U.
Amanda W.	PSAT: 1840	SATI: 2240	Trinity School	Harvard U.
Stephanie Y.	PSAT: 1920 Physics: B	SATI: 2230 SATII Math:780 Physics: A+	Scarsdale HS	U. Penn. Wharton
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED AT FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

by *Cathy Minuse, PA Second Vice President*

At the PA General Meeting on February 24, 2009, a Nominating Committee will be formed to recruit candidates for the Spring Election and to conduct that election in May. The Nominating Committee is charged with publicizing the election to call forth a diverse and representative group of candidates from the PA membership. The role of the Nominating Committee is set out in Article IV, section 9 of the PA Bylaws, available on the PA website.

The May election will fill the following positions:

Officers:

- President or Co-Presidents
- First Vice President
- Second Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer

School Leadership Team Delegates:

- Sophomore Parent Delegates (two plus one alternate)
- Junior Parent Delegates (two plus one alternate)
- Senior Parent Delegates (one plus one alternate)

The Nominating Committee will consist of a minimum of five and a maximum of seven members. The PA Executive Board selects a minority of the Committee (two to three members), subject to ratification by the general membership at the February meeting. The majority of the Nominating Committee will be PA members who are not serving on the Executive Board. They will be selected by the general membership through nominations from the floor at the February meeting. If more people are nominated than there are positions available, an election will take place at the May meeting.

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If you serve on the Nominating Committee you cannot run for election. Current Executive Board members may serve on the Nominating Committee but then cannot stand for re-election or a new position.

The PA invites parents to come forward at the February 24 General Meeting to offer to serve on the Nominating Committee.

PA SPECIAL ELECTION HELD AT JANUARY 20 MEETING

by *Cathy Minuse, PA Second Vice President*

A Special Election took place at the Parents' Association General Meeting on January 20, 2009. The PA Recording Secretary had resigned, and, according to the PA bylaws, a special election was required to fill the position. The duties of the Recording Secretary are described in the bylaws, available on the PA website; the principal duty is to make an accurate, permanent record of all meetings of the general membership and the Executive Board. Prior to the General Meeting, sophomore parent, Lee Levitt had submitted his nomination. Lee

had been fulfilling the duties on a temporary basis since the prior Recording Secretary's resignation. At the meeting, nominations from the floor were solicited, but no additional candidates came forward. Lee introduced himself to the assembled parents and then was elected by acclamation.

Also at the January 20 General Meeting, the appointment of Albert Gavalis as Assistant Treasurer was ratified. The position of Treasurer had become vacant. According to the PA

bylaws, if the Treasurer resigns, the Assistant Treasurer becomes Treasurer and serves the rest of the term. The Executive Board nominates a new Assistant Treasurer, subject to ratification by the general membership. Former Assistant Treasurer Silvia Rivas therefore had become PA Treasurer. At its December 4, 2008 meeting, the Executive Board had nominated Albert to serve as Assistant Treasurer. Prior to the ratification vote, Albert addressed the parents and described his qualifications for the office.

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Each year the Stuyvesant PA funds a great number of programs that benefit students, parents and the school. **The amount of money we raise NOW determines the amount we are able to spend NEXT YEAR.** The more money we can raise, the greater the number of programs we will be able to fund next year!

We need the financial support of EVERY Stuyvesant family to help us reach our goal!

You may donate by check or credit card. To make it as easy as possible, you may even choose to set up automatic recurring monthly installments to your credit card by visiting our website (www.stuy-pa.org) and clicking on the "Donate Now" button.

As of January 31st, the Annual Appeal has raised \$121,326. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Annual Appeal thus far – and please keep those donations coming in!





JANUARY 20, 2009 STUYVESANT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by PA Co-President, Susan Mendelsohn.

2. Principal Teitel spoke in detail about Ava Hecht who passed away last month. He also discussed the situation involving a second student who was hospitalized after taking ill during the week that followed Ava's tragic illness. Mr. Teitel described how the incident became the lead story on two major network television stations, and the circumstances that precluded him from commenting publicly on the situation.

Mr. Teitel expressed his concern over the budget for the remainder of this year and for the coming year. He stated the he would not be surprised if the cuts increased in the coming weeks, adding that he is particularly concerned with the \$745,000 already being cut from next year's budget. He may need to limit the number of classes that can be taken to 7 or 8. Schedules for upper classmen will only be cut as a last resort.

Mr. Teitel explained how he reconfigured the schedule, last month, in order to carve out 50 minutes for the students to watch the presidential inauguration. Everyone in the auditorium was dead silent, except for the occasional applause. The students were thrilled to watch the ceremony, and Mr. Teitel stated that he was extremely proud of the students.

3. Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 18 General Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Second Vice-President, Cathy Minuse, introduced the topic of PA open positions. The position of Assistant Treasurer was filled by the appointment of Albert Gavalis at the January 8th Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Gavalis briefly introduced himself before a motion was made and seconded to ratify his appointment. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A second position of Recording Secretary was also open. Lee Levitt, who had been filling-in since the position became vacant, had already submitted his nomination prior to the meeting. Ms. Minuse opened the election process to other potential nominees, and no other candidate stepped forward. Mr. Levitt introduced himself and was subsequently voted in by acclamation.

5. Corresponding Secretary, Dave Gibson, presented the proposal that a grant writer be partially funded by the PA. Mr. Gibson spoke of how, last year, a parent brought in a grant of \$250,000 to replace the lockers in the boys and girls locker rooms. Mr. Teitel has asked for the PA to help fund the grant writer position by allocating a sum of \$1200; the school pledged to contribute an additional \$1200, bringing the total to \$2400. A motion was made to reallocate \$1200 from the *Bulletin* budget in order to provide funding for the grant writer position. The motion was seconded and passed.

6. Budget/Treasurer's report: Treasurer, Sylvia Rivas, announced that a financial report was due to Mr. Teitel on January 30th, and would be distributed to the membership at the February 24th General Meeting.

7. SLT Report: PA Co-President, Susan Mendelsohn characterized the most recent SLT meeting as having been extremely well attended. The central topic concerned the existing recommendation process that she described as cumbersome for teachers. The two factors that Ms. Mendelsohn identified were the increase in the number of students attending Stuyvesant High School, and the increase in the number of universities to which the students are applying. One proposed solution that was discussed at the SLT meeting was the implementation of an online platform for teacher recommendations called the Common Application, which is accepted by most colleges and universities. A second proposal under consideration calls for the development of a standardized procedure for students to provide the information, stamps and envelopes needed to facilitate the recommendation process. A third proposal concerns updating the College Handbook to include practical advice on how a student may best select a teacher from whom to solicit a recommendation, a reminder to thank the teachers who are writing these recommendations, and the importance of providing feedback to those teachers that have generously contributed their time, energy, and skill toward the ultimate success of our children. The forth and final proposal is that the school organize training sessions for teachers, with an emphasis on writing the actual recommendations.

8. Fundraising: Much of the money raised by the Lunar Feast goes to help pay for college services. Festivities include traditional Korean dance, Stuy students singing acapella, and a sumptuous, 10-course dinner.

The Annual Appeal is also under way. With the school budget being drastically cut, the PA needs all parents to give generously. We are looking for 100% participation. The money raised will go to help pay for next year's PA budget.

9. Susan announced the close of the business portion of the meeting, and introduced the main program for the evening, which featured presentations concerning how to help your child if he or she is struggling at Stuy. (Please see accompanying article on page 5.)

10. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Levitt, Recording Secretary

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PARENT ADVICE: RESOURCES FOR STRUGGLING STUY STUDENTS

Last month's General Meeting featured a special segment dealing with support for struggling Stuy students, including specific in-house programs and resources designed to help our kids through tough times. While some students are able to cope reasonably well with the day-to-day challenges of teen life, there are many who would surely benefit by availing themselves of the numerous services offered at Stuyvesant High School. Spark Coordinator, Angel Colon, along with a remarkable team of helpful and dedicated Stuy students, delivered an informative address on the Spark emotional support network, which is open to all Stuy students. Immediately afterward, Parent Coordinator, Harvey Blumm, was on-hand to discuss the numerous avenues for academic assistance at Stuy. The paragraphs below contain the substance of these presentations.

Angel Colon, the Program Coordinator for Spark, came forward with a group of students, to discuss peer counseling. Spark focuses on every teen related issue, including social relationships, substance abuse, group dynamics, as well as offering training in peer leadership. Students of all grades were represented. Spark includes two small clubs that focus on community outreach: Stuy Unity and Stuy Aspira. The student presentations were mainly personal accounts of the challenges that many students face, and how the Spark program addressed each student's particular needs. Some of the key issues involved adjusting to the workload and making friends, while others included more serious problems such as drugs, depression and the suicide of a best friend. There was a general sense of camaraderie, and each student cited his or her personal association with Mr. Colon as a critical component to that student's success. Another important theme that prevailed throughout was that the students all felt welcome from day one, and that each student felt committed to helping others. Spark also engages in community outreach such as helping special-ed kids and participating in the Breast Cancer Walk.



Harvey Blumm discussed a variety of topics relating to academic resources as follows:

- AIS tutoring, wherein teachers are paid extra money to tutor students at the end of the academic day.
- Arista, which is our National Honor Society. Students in need of academic assistance may either email an Arista member who is strong in a particular subject, or visit the Arista Office at 3:30 PM daily.
- Students are encouraged to speak to the teacher. Many teachers will take time to work with a particular student. Mr. Blumm offered to speak to the respective teacher as well.
- There are some families that are able to support their children by hiring outside tutors. Sometimes they may use an adult tutor or a college student. The school is not permitted to refer outside tutoring services, however Mr. Blumm may refer parents to other families that use tutors.
- Guidance Counselors are willing to assist with organization and time management. Mr. Teitel has increased the Guidance staff from 3 to 11 counselors. Urge your kids to make use of these helpful individuals.



- Each year, the students are issued Student Planners. Mr. Blumm recommends that parents urge the students to use them.
- The adults in the school really want to help. If there is an issue, do not hesitate to let them know.
- Mr. Blumm stated that the Guidance Office would be asked to present at a future PA meeting.
- The school listserv is another valuable source of information. If you are not already a member, sign-up at the Stuyvesant HS website.
- The new Parent Tools online resource allows parents to access their children's academic records. Mr. Blumm added that your children cannot hide anything from you anymore. The program is interactive, and more features will be added shortly, including one that enables parents to communicate directly with teachers. Mr. Blumm cautioned that attendance on the online transcript will include both excused and unexcused absences. However, Stuyvesant maintains its own internal records, adding that we do not go by the DOE system, which is rigid. Mr. Blumm further explained that attendance is internal, and not shared with colleges.

Mr. Blumm noted that Stuyvesant Currently has 10 Intel Award Semi-Finalists, and that, according to a recent Daily News article, Stuyvesant High School was chosen as the top high school in New York State by a website called greatschools.net. The website selected Stuy from both public and private schools, and based its selection on parent satisfaction.

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JANUARY 8TH EXECUTIVE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS *by Lee Levitt*

The Parents' Association Executive Board conducted its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 8. Below are highlights of the meaningful issues that were discussed or acted upon at that meeting:

- Stuyvesant High School has recently introduced a new online resource called Parent Tools, available through the Stuyvesant website. Parents who register (with their email address and the same password they received when they registered for the school's listserv) will be able to view their child's schedule, attendance record, report card, transcript, and outstanding textbooks. This is separate from the DOE's ARIS system. Any question concerning Parent Tools should be directed to the Stuyvesant Parent Coordinator, Harvey Blumm.
- There is an upcoming Open House event for admitted students scheduled to take place on February 11th. The PA assists in running this event.
- With the current New York State and NYC budget crisis, Stuyvesant High School has been struggling to cope with the reality of severe budget cuts which could seriously impact the quality of our children's education. The PA has been considering a proposal to help create and fund a Grant Writer position to raise money for school initiatives. It was agreed that it is reasonable in principle to – fund a part-time Grant Writer, and that the funding question should be put before the membership and voted upon at the January 20 General Meeting.
- The Stuyvesant PA is conducting its Annual Appeal in an effort to raise money for next year's PA budget. Thus far, we have a total of 230 donations, but we are continuing to strive for 100% participation. These efforts at fundraising could potentially alleviate the negative

effects of the financial crisis on our school. Other fundraising programs include the Lunar Feast, the Barnes and Noble Book Fair, and Onecause.com.

- The February 24 General Meeting will feature a safety presentation which will address many critical concerns, and offer valuable and helpful advice. Issues to be discussed are likely to include emergency contingency plans, alternative travel arrangements, and what to do if your child is assaulted or is the victim of a crime.
- College recommendations have become increasingly burdensome to teachers as the number of students in the senior class has increased and the limit on the number of college applications allowed per student was lifted; there is also concern that the burden of writing recommendations is borne by a relatively small number of teachers. The teachers' union contract does not require teachers to write recommendations, nor are they compensated for doing so. Teachers are also burdened with the logistics of sending stacks of mail to the respective colleges. Moreover, there is a general lack of consistency in terms of quality, with some parents reporting complaints from college admissions officers. The PA Executive Board agreed to bring the matter to the School Leadership Team (SLT) in the hope of finding a resolution. The Board, furthermore, resolved to recommend to the SLT that the mundane tasks associated the mailing process be lifted from the teachers, and handled internally.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled to take place March 10 at 6:30 PM. All PA members are welcome to attend.

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COLLEGE OFFICE AND WALK-IN SCHEDULE

- **Ms. Pat Cleary:** Homerooms A-H (last name A-L of homeroom H)
- **Mr. Gregg Walkes:** Homerooms H-Q (last name M-Z of homeroom H)
- **Ms. Diana Ferrer:** Homerooms R-Z

Urge your student to ask questions and get answers in the College Office during general advisement hours 7:30-8:30am, 5th period, and 10th period- after school.

Stuyvesant's Parent Coordinator, Harvey Blumm, (212) 312-4926, hblumm@stuy.edu can answer many procedural questions or assist you in obtaining an answer.

THANK YOU ALL!

On behalf of all the Senior students and their families, the Parents' Association would like to thank all the people who have helped our Senior students in their college application process. First and foremost, we would like to thank Ms. Pat Cleary for genuinely caring about and working tirelessly and patiently with our students. Thank you also to Mr. Gregg Walkes and Ms. Diana Ferrer for counseling our students and processing all of the college applications in such a timely manner. Thank you to Ms. Archie and all the guidance counselors for organizing and writing the SSR's. And a special thank you to all the teachers who spent holidays and weekends writing recommendations for our students. Your labor and efforts are much appreciated.

We would also like to remind parents to urge their students to write Thank You notes to teachers who wrote recommendations.

SENIORS

Early Decision and Early Action Results

Approximately half the class applied early. As of this date, the results show 437 students applied early; of these 139 were accepted. To highlight a few of the more popular schools at which our students have been accepted, we mention Cornell (23), Columbia (9), Yale (7), MIT (7), the University of Pennsylvania (7), Brown (5), the University of Chicago (5), and Cooper Union (4); Congratulations! If you have been deferred to regular decision, talk to your counselors to see if they suggest including additional information that may enhance the original application.

To Do for Seniors:

- **Write thank you notes** to teachers who wrote your recommendations and inform them as to which college you have been accepted.
- If you intend to pursue financial aid, and you haven't already done so, it is important to fill out the FAFSA form now. You need a PIN first. The FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Many colleges have Priority deadlines that must be met, after which financial aid money may be more difficult to obtain.
- You are allowed to estimate while preparing and submitting the FAFSA. Once your actual tax return for 2008 is filed, you must amend the FAFSA to accurately reflect the information.
- Many Private Colleges require an additional form called the CSS Profile. This form can be accessed through www.collegeboard.com. Check to see when your college wants the form filed. Ensure you file it at least 2 weeks prior to that deadline so that it arrives on time.

Juniors: Getting Started.

- Complete and enter your SSR background information online if you haven't

done so yet. **SSR Background Questionnaire and College Worksheets need to be completed online by February 22nd.**

- Check your email account. This is how you will be notified of your SSR interview. You will be given at least one week's notice and are expected to get clearance to attend. If you have a test conflict, contact your counselor.
- College Office advisement for families will begin February 24th. Notices and details have been sent to Junior class parents via listserv. Student attendance at this advising is mandatory.
- Start thinking about two teachers (teachers from either Junior or Sophomore year) whom you will ask for recommendations. One should be a Math or Science teacher; the other should be an English, History, or Foreign Language teacher. Follow all the guidelines from the teachers once they agree to write the recommendations for you. Maintain good records of your academic achievements and make notes of what you contributed in class so you can provide detailed input to those teachers.
- The College Office is introducing a new seminar program this year for Juniors which was announced during a mandatory Junior assembly on February 2nd.
- A college evening program for Junior Parents will be held on March 25th, 6:30-7:30 pm.
- Juniors will be given a copy of the Stuyvesant College Handbook in late February. **THIS IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENT YOUR FAMILY WILL HAVE TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE COLLEGE PROCESS.** It will answer most questions about procedures at Stuyvesant. Chinese and Korean translations will also be available.
- Remember to utilize the Parent Tools section of the Stuyvesant website, where you can find college acceptance statistics for Stuyvesant students.

Glimpses of China 2009

Glimpses of China is a Chinese cultural exposure program in Shanghai for high-achieving students from the North America and Europe. Key components of this four-week program include:

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校長來函

親愛的家長,

1月14日星期三那天,我們得知本校有11位學生被選入圍英特科學天才準決賽。人數比紐約市所有其他中學都要多。我特此恭賀我們這些學生,家長,以及導師。

1月20日星期二歐巴馬總統上任之日,我校各年級約1,000位學生觀賞在本校禮堂播出的總統就職儀式。在那一刻,我為學生們的聚精會神而感到驕傲。

本校的2008年春季學期,於2月3日星期二開始。學生可領取新的課程表,以及地鐵票。2月10日星期二那天,本校有約1,000位學生參加全美數學考試,恰好證明本校學生對數學的重視。

右列為幾項活動日期:2月11日是為新生所辦的學校開放日Open House。3月13-14日是‘聲藝’之夜 SING 2009。3月26-27日是學校參觀日Open School。4月30日是大學之夜College Night。

最後,要報告一段不幸事故。1月8日星期四,本校畢業班學生Ava Hecht去世。我們於1月22日星期四舉行追悼。Ava的父母希望為她名下成立一項獎學金。如願意施援,請划支票具名 Stuyvesant High School,並備註Ava的姓名。

至誠的, 校長Stan Teitel

附記:本校不贊助,也不監督“聲藝之夜”SING之後,任何學生之演後活動。

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大學專欄

撰稿人:Florri Levi與Lillian Sage大學委員會共同主席

大學辦公室輔導時間: * Pat Cleary女士:教室A-G (7:30 - 8:30), * Gregg Walkes先生:教室H-Q與一般諮詢(第10節課與放學後時間為一般諮詢), * Diana Ferrer女士:教室R-Z與獎學金諮詢(第5節課)。

學生如有問題應向大學辦公室(College Office)詢問,解決疑惑。

本校家長專員Harvey Blumm (212-312-4926, hblumm@stuy.edu)可答覆許多手續方面的問題,或協助您獲得解答。

鳴謝:

家長會謹代表全體12年級學生,以及家長,感謝今年幫助辦妥大學申請事宜的所有人士。首先要感謝大學辦公室主任Pat Cleary。她與各地大學入學部之深刻關係,對史岱文森來說,尤其寶貴。百忙中,她還為家長會舉辦講座。我們也要感謝Gregg Walkes與Diana Ferrer不掘不撓幫助學子的精神。更感謝副校長Mrs. Archie與SSR個人資料書寫人輔導員。也再三感謝為所有學子寫推薦書的老師。

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12年級學生請注意

提早決定與提早行動之結果

有將近一半學生參予提早申請。437位申請提早決定與提早行動之學生,有139位被錄取。舉例說,康乃爾大學錄取我校學生23名,哥倫比亞大學9名,耶魯大學7名,麻州理工7名,賓州大學7名,布朗大學5名,芝加哥大學5名,庫巴Cooper Union 4名等等。還有一批學生也正被延後考慮Deferred。如你對自己的申請條件有所補充,可以跟大學輔導員商討。

已被錄取學生,該當寫信感謝寫推薦書的老師,通知錄取結果,並維持好成績。

財務援助

如還沒申請聯邦財務援助FAFSA,要趕緊填表。首先要申請個人密碼PIN。聯邦財務援助免費申請表,可以上網站www.fafsa.ed.gov下載。各大學有自己的截止日期,請留意:

- 所需2008年報稅表,可以暫用估計方法。報完2008年稅後,可以再報補充資料。
- 有些大學要求提供CSS Profile。此表格請上網www.collegeboard.com下載。查看一下你將就讀的大學院校,何時需要填好此表格。要期限前兩週就填好此表。

11年級學生請注意

- 2月22日前你要為中學報告(Secondary School Report,簡稱SSR)上網填你個人資料。
- 定時到網站stuy.EDU e-mail閱讀網站上公佈的SSR會面期公告。你要出席會談。如果因考試想改期,請跟大學輔導員商討。
- ‘大學11年級會談’定2月24日開始。強制規定學生要出席。
- 開始物色兩位將來幫你寫推薦書的老師。其中一位應該是數理科老師。另一位應該是英語、歷史、或外文科。學生要緊跟寫推薦書老師的規定。
- 大學辦公室正向11年級學生介紹一項嶄新會談。會談介紹在2月2日強制規定學生出席之11年級論壇上公佈。
- 為11年級學生之家長特備的“大學之夜”將在3月25日下午6:30至7:30時推出。
- 11年級生將獲派一本大學手冊。這手冊非常重要。上面記載許多有用的問答,資料,程序,等等。另提供有中文與韓文翻譯的手冊。
- 家長可利用本校網站所設Parent Tools,找到我校學生們申請各大學與被錄取的數據。

2月家長會全體大會將組成提名委員會 * 第二副會長Cathy Minuse

家長會於本年2月24日之全體大會，將組成提名委員會，以向各家長會會員遊說參選春季選舉。並多方公佈將近舉行的5月選舉。以求達到候選人多元化，並有代表性。提名委員會將被責成舉辦該次選舉。家長會網站所刊登之本會章程第4章第9節，記載有提名委員會之職責。

5月選舉將選出：會長(或共同會長)，第一副會長，第二副會長，記錄秘書，通訊秘書，財務長，以及助理財務。

各級學校領導小組代表：12年級(1名正選與1名候補)，11年級(2正選與1候補)，10年級(2正選與1候補)。

提名委員會由5至7人組成。提名委員會成員之少數(即其中2至3人)由董事會選派，並由2月家長會全體大會通過。提名委員會成員之多數(即其中3至4人)由非董事會成員之家長出任，並由2月家長會全體大會現場選出。如多人被提名，則當場選舉決定。提名委員會委員不能參選該次選舉。現任董事會成員如出任提名委員，則不能參選該次選舉。家長會要求有心服務者，踴躍參選。

提名委員會將於2009年2月24日星期二7時，家長會全體大會舉行時組成。

家長會1月20日特別選舉 - Cathy Minuse* 家長會第二副會長

家長會於1月20日星期二，下午7時家長會全體會議，舉辦一項特別選舉。本會記錄秘書已然辭職。跟據本會章程，此職位須由特別選舉之當選人遞補。家長會網站所刊登之本會章程，記載有記錄秘書之職責主要為永久性記錄家長會所有全體會議與董事會會議之議決。當天全體會議前有10年級生家長Lee Levitt報名參選。前任記錄秘書辭職後Lee曾暫代記錄秘書一職，當天全體會議時會方接受現場提名，但無第二人參選。Lee向與會者自我介紹後，大家鼓掌通過其職。

1月20日星期二家長會全體會議舉行時，也通過本會助理財務長一職由Albert Gavalis出任。跟據本會章程，原財務長辭職後，其職位可由前任助理財務長遞補。而助理財務長則由家長會之2008年12月4日理事會議，通過提名另一家長出任，並將由全體會議批准。

週年募款呼籲

週年募款是家長會最重要的募款活動，以資助本校學生家長與校方所須。本年向您募得款項，將被用來資助明年各方活動。

失去您的支援，則各式各樣史岱文森高中生所需課程、活動、與教材，將無以為繼。

您所捐款項，能補助學校欠缺的經費，加強孩子的教育。

家長可用信用卡捐款，也可以每月由信用卡，扣除一定數量之捐款。請點擊家長會網站(www.stuy-pa.org)上所設DONATE NOW 訪查資料。

至1月31日止，本會募得款項為\$121,326。請踴躍捐助。

家長會全體會議(常會)記錄- 2009年1月20日(摘要)

1. 會議召開：會議於7:00，由共同會長Susan Mendelsohn孟素珊召開。
2. 校長報告：Teitel校長表示對去世的本校畢業班學生Ava Hecht悼念。他也宣佈：因明年預算削減\$745,000，唯有削減班次，由8節減為7節課。他說：我校各年級學生觀賞在禮堂播出的總統就職儀，學生們聚精會神，令人自豪。
3. 會議記錄：常會於現場一致通過上次11月18日之全會會議記錄。
4. 特別選舉：家長會第二副會長Cathy Minuse報告：跟據本會章程，本會助理財務長一職由Albert Gavalis出任。Lee Levitt報名參選記錄秘書。會方接受現場提名，但無第二人參選。Lee向與會者自我介紹後，大家鼓掌通過其職。
5. 會方工作：通訊秘書Dave Gibson報告：我校曾有家長由外界申請到\$250,000贊助，替換更衣室藏衣櫃。為繼續發揮這方面潛能，校長提議家長會撥款\$1200，校方撥款\$1200，專門找人申請各式贊助。該提議由現場無異議通過。
6. 財務報告：新任財務長Sylvia Rivas報告：家長會財務報表，將於1月30日向校長報備。並於2月24日向家長們派發。
7. 領導小組：共同會長Susan Mendelsohn孟素珊報告：最近領導小組會議出席率非常高。會議所談，集中在寫推薦書的老師之工作量與所遇到的難題。因越來越多學生就讀本校，而且近年來，不再限制畢業班學生所報考之大學數量，以致寫推薦書之數理科與文科老師工作繁重。領導小組會議出席各方提出多種建議，希望能解決問題。
8. 募款計劃：家長會己丑年農曆新春晚宴，於2009年1月30日晚在華埠包厘街50號之金橋大酒樓舉行，晚會募款用於家長會支持史岱文森各級學生進修大學的工作。許多嘉賓出席晚宴，享受中西美食和精采表演。春節過後，家長會將另外舉辦春季拍賣募款。年度募款Annual Appeal也同時展開，需要各家長的踴躍參與捐贈。
9. 節目安排：當晚安排之節目為“如何幫助學業上有困難的學生。”詳情請看本月刊第五頁英文原文。
10. 會議結束：8:22宣佈休會。

- 本會議記錄由記錄秘書 Lee Levitt 呈送。

翻譯由家長Larry Sit薛啓滿提供。因資訊量大而版面濃縮，且日期程序或有更改，請參照英文原版。如有錯漏，敬請原諒。

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1월 20일에는 1000명의 학생들의 강당에 모여 44대 대통령의 역사적인 취임행사 순간을 함께 목도하는 시간을 가졌고 열심으로 그 광경을 지켜보고 듣는 우리학생들을 지켜보며 마음이 더없이 흐뭇하였습니다.

2월 3일에는 봄학기가 시작되었고 모든 학생들에게 새로운 프로그램과 메트로 카드가 발급되었습니다.

2월 10일에는 1000명의 학생들이 전미수학경시대회에 참가함으로 우리학생들의 수학에 대한 열정을 증명해보였습니다.

2월 11일: 신입생으로 선발된 학생들 학교방문

3월 13,14일 : SING 2009

3월 26,27일 : 공개수업

4월 30일: 대학의 밤 (College Night)

마지막으로 슬픈 소식은 1월 8일 2009년 졸업생예정자, Ava Hecht 의 사망소식입니다. 우리는 1월 22일 Ava의 삶을 기념하는 학교 행사를 가졌고 Ava의 부모님은 그녀 명의의 장학재단을 설립하고 싶다고 하였고 기부금을 낼 분들이 Stuyvesant High School 로 수표를 발행하고 memo란에 Ava의 이름을 써서 보내달라고 했습니다. 교장, 스탠 타이틀 드립

2월 PA 모임에서 발족될 후보지명위원회 (Nominating Committee)

2월 24일 PA 정례모임에서는 봄학기 선거 출마 후보 모집과 5월에 있을 위한 후보지명위원회가 발족될 예정입니다. 이 위원회의 역할은 PA 회원의 다양성을 살리고 과 대표성을 지닌 선거가 되도록 알리는 것입니다. 후보지명위원회는 PA의 조례규정 4장 섹션 9에 나와 있고 PA의 웹사이트에 자세히 나와 있습니다.

5월 선거의 공식은 다음과 같습니다.

- 회장 또는 공동회장
- 제1 부회장
- 제2 부회장

- 서기
- 대변인(Corresponding Secretary)
- 회계
- 부회계
- School Leadership Team 대표

12학년 대표 1인과 대리 1명

11학년 대표 2인과 대리 1명

10학년 대표 2인과 대리 1명

후보지명위원회는 최소 5인에서 최대 7인으로 구성될 수 있고

PA 집행부에서 2-3인(minority) 약간명을 선출후 2월 정례회에서 인준을 받고 나머지 다수(majority)의 위원은 PA 집행부 위원이 아닌 PA의

회원이운데 2월 정례모임에서 참석자 가운데서 지명을 받아 선출될

예정입니다. 만일 정해진 후보보다 많은 후보가 지명된다면 선거를 통해

위원이 선출됩니다.

후보지명위원회로 활동하고 있는 사람은 선거에 후보자가 될 수 없습니다.

현재의 집행부위원은 후보지명위원회원으로 봉사할 수 있지만 재선이

되거나 새 임원으로 선출될 수는 없습니다.

학부모님들께서는 2월 24일 정례모임에 참석하셔서 후보지명위원회에서

봉사하실 기회를 가지시길 바랍니다.

1월 20일 PA 정례회의 에서 열린 특별 선거결과

1월 20일 PA정례모임에서 특별선거로 서기로 10학년 학부모인 Lee Levitt씨를 선출했다. Levitt 씨는 정례모임이 시작되기 전에 자신의 후보지명사를 밝혔고 이전 서기의 공석을 메우며 임시로 그 역할을 해오고 있었다. 그 이외에는 다른 후보자가 없었으므로 만장일치 박수로 그를 서기로 선출했다. 서기가 공석이 된 경우는 PA의 내규에 정해진 바, 특별선거를 통해 그 자리를 채우게 되어 있다. 또 서기의 역할은 내규에 정해진 바, PA의 모든 회의와 모든 집행부회의의 회의내용을 자세히 기록하는 일이다.

또한 1월 20일 정례모임에서는 새로 부회계로 지명된 Albert Gavalis 의 인준이 있었다. PA의 내규에 의하면 회계과 사임을 하면 부회계가 회계가 되어 남은 임기를 채우도록 되어 있고, 집행부에서 새로운 부회계를 후보지명하여 PA정례회의에서 인준을 받도록 되어 있다. 전 부회계인 Silvia Rivas가 회계가 되었고 12월 4일 정례회의에서 집행부는 Albert 씨를 부회계로 지명하였고 본인소개를 들은 후에 부회계로 그를 인준하였다.

연례 기부금 모금 중간 보고 (ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE)

매해 우리PA에서는 학생들, 학부모 그리고 학교의 프로그램을 지속적으로 후원하기 위해 기부금을 모금하고 있습니다. 여러분의 기부금 실적에 따라 우리학교의 다음해 프로그램의 방향과 수가 결정되는 것입니다. **모든 가정의 꼭 참여하셔서 우리의 목표를 이룰 수 있도록 재정적인 도움을 바랍니다.**

크레딧카드나 개인수표, 또는 크레딧카드에서 일정금액 다달이 나가도록 자동납부하도록 하는 방법도 있습니다. Stuy-pa.org 웹사이트에 가셔서

“Donate Now”라는 곳을 클릭하십시오.

1월 31일 현재 모금총액은 121,326입니다. 지금까지 기부금을 납부해 주신 모든 학부모님께 진정 감사드리고 참여를 원하시는 학부모님들의 지속적인 기부금 모금참여를 부탁드립니다.

1월 20일 PA 정례모임 회의내용

1. 오후 7시 공동회장인 Susan Mendelsohn의 개회선언으로 회의시작됨.
2. 교장이 지난 달 사망한 Ava Hecht에 관한 세부 사항을 언급하고 Ava가 아픈 증세를 보인 그 다음 주에 아픈 증세를 보인 또 다른 학생에 관한 논의, 주요 TV 방송국에서 다룬 관련기사와 이에 관해 공적인 코멘트 하지 않았던 사항들을 설명함.

교장이 올해와 다음 학년도에 있을 예산삭감에 관하여 깊은 염려를 보였고 당장 다음 주부터라도 예산삭감이 단행된다 해도 놀랄 일이 아님을 언급하며 다음 학년도로 예정된 \$745,000의 예산삭감으로 학생 한 명당 수강할 수 있는 과목을 7-8 과목으로 제한하는 방법도 마지막 수단으로 고려해 볼 수 있다고 함.

교장은 지난 달의 50분간의 대통령 취임식을 학생들이 볼 수 있도록하기 위해 어떤 방법을 모색했었던가도 설명 했다.

3. 11월 8일에 있었던 정례모임의 회의록을 받기로 동의, 재청있는 후 만장일치로 통과시킴
4. 제2 부회장, Cathy Minuse는 PA의 공석을 소개하고 공식인 부회계 자리에 Albert Gavalis가 지원한 것과 1월 8일의 집행부 모임에서 그를 부회계로 받기로 동의 재청하고 만장일치로 통과했다. 공식인 서기역시 그간 임시로 서기를 맡아오던 Lee Levitt 씨가 이미 제출한 자원서류를 제출했고 다른 지명자가 없었으므로 Levitt 씨가 자기소개를 한 후 모두 박수로 서기가 임명 동의했다.
5. 대변인인 Dave Gibson은 grant writer 프로그램을 PA에서 부분적으로 지원하자는 건의를 했고 그는 작년 어떤 학부모가 \$250,000의 보조금을 받아와서 학생들의 개인장(lockers room)의 자물쇠를 교체한 것을 예로 들어 말하며 그 방법을 제안했다. 교장은 이에 대해 PA에서 1200 불정도 grant writer 프로그램에 보조하고 학교도 역시 1200 불을 보조하여 총 2400 불을 지원하기로 하고 PA의 예산중 학부(Bulletin)에 책정했던 예산 1200 불을 사용하는 방안이 동의 재청으로 통과되었다.
6. 예산/회계보고 회계 Sylvia Rivas는 재정보고서가 1월 30일로 마감예정되어 있고 2월 24일 정례모임에서 배부될 예정이라고 보고 했다.
7. SLT모임내용은 처음 페이지를 참고하십시오.
8. 기금마련: 윤력실행사의 모금금액은 대학진학을 위한 기금으로 전액사용하기로 했습니다. 행사에서는 한국고전무용,

- 우리 학생들의 무반주증창, 맛있는 10코스 정식으로 아주 즐거운 시간을 가졌다.
- 연례 기금모음이 진행중이고 엄청난 예산삭감이 예정되어 있는 현상 상황에서 반드시 이 연례 기금마련에 모든 가정이 협조해 주시기를 부탁드립니다.
 - 모임은 8시22분에 마쳤다.
- 서기 Lee levitt 의 보고서

학업에 어려움을 느끼는 학부모를 위한 도움말

지난달의 정례모임은 학업에 어려움을 겪고 있는 학생들을 돕는 방법에 초점을 맞추어 진행되었다. 몇몇 학생들 가운데는 같은 침대들의 삶을 겪으면서도 다른 학생들을 위해 돕기 위해 스타이에서 제공하는 보충학습 프로그램에 참여하여 동료나 후배를 돕는 학생들도 있다. Spark의 코디네이터인 Angel Colon 씨에 의한 스타이 모든 학생들에게 오픈되어 있는 Spark 정서생활지원에 관한 정보와, 학부모 코이네이터인 Harvey Blumm 씨에 의한 학업성적향상을 위해 소개된 많은 논의가 다음에 구체적으로 소개되었다. Spark의 프로그램 코디네이터인, Angel Colon씨는 동년배 상담 (peer counseling)에 관하여 논의하기 위해 그룹의 학생들을 데려왔다. Spark 프로그램은 침대와 관련된 여러가지의 고민거리 - 교우관계, 마약복용, 친구 관계, 또한 동료 상담을 위한 훈련을 포함하고 어떤 학년도 대표할 수 있다. Stark는 지역사회를 위한 봉사활동에 초점을 맞춘 2가지의 소규모 클럽이 있다. Stuy Unity와 Stuy Aspira라는 것으로 그 그룹을 소개한 학생들에 의하면 그 활동은 주로 많은 학생들이 겪는 학생들의 사회적이고 도전적인 문제를 다루고 있고 Stark는 이런 문제를 각각의 학생 개인별로 해결을 받도록 돕는다는 것이다. 주된 사항들은 과중한 학과수업과 숙제들을 어떻게 해결할지, 친구를 어떻게 사귀는지, 좀더 심각한 문제로는 마약, 우울증, 친한 친구의 자살을 어떻게 극복할지 등이다. 학생들은 기본적으로 서로에게 동지적식을 갖기 느끼고 있었고 Colon씨와 강한 유대감을 갖고 있다고 느껴졌고 이것이 아주 중요한 요소중에 하나라는 인상을 받았다. 또한 중요하게 느낀 것 가운데 하나는 학생들이 조인한 첫날부터 그 반기는 분위기에 매료된다는 것이고 그와 더불어 남들을 돕는 일을 스스로 하고 싶어 하게 된다는 것이다. Spari는 특수교육아동들을 돕는 것과 유방암 검진 프로그램(Breat Cancer Walk)에도 참여하는 등 다양한 지역봉사활동도 펼치고 있다.

- Harvey Blumm씨가 소개하는 학업향상 프로그램은 다음과 같다.
- AIS Tutoring: 방과 후에 과외수업료를 받고 교사가 학생들을 직접 공부를 가르치는 것
 - Arista는 재미적인 명예조직으로 학생들은 특별과목에 강점을 가진 학생에게 이메일을 보내거나 매일 3시 30분에 Arista 사무실을 방문하면 된다.
 - 학생들은 교사들에게 얼마든지 질문할 수 있도록 권장된다. 대부분의 교사들은 특별한 질문을 한 학생을 위해 시간을 낸다. Blumm 씨 자신도 학생들이 원하면 해당교사에게 질문을 할 수 있게 도와줄 수 있다고 한다.
 - 어떤 가정중에는 외부가정교사-주요어른 가정교사나 대학생을 고용하여 자녀의 학업을 돕기도 한다. 학교 방침상 그 가정교사를 소개할 수는 없지만 그를 고용하여 써비스를 받고 있는 가정을 알려줄 수는 있다.
 - Guidance Counselor를 만나서 생활을 규모있게 하는 방법이나 시간활용하는 방법등에 관하여 반드시 조언을 얻고 도움을 받기 바란다. 교장선생님은 이를 위해 기존에 3명이던 Guidance Counselor를 11명으로 증원했다. 여러분의 자녀들에게 반드시 강조하여 이들로 부터 많은 조언과 도움을 받도록 강력히 바란다.
 - 매해 학생들은 Student Planner를 받는다. Blumm씨는 부모님들이 자녀들이 이것을 잘 활용하도록 강조할 권한다.
 - 학교내의 어른들은 학생들을 진심으로 돕고 싶어한다. 어떤 문제거리가 있다면 주저하지 말고 알려주길 당부한다.
 - Blumm씨는 Guidance Counselor 들도 PA 모임에 참석하도록 부탁하겠다고 말했다.
 - 학교 listserv는 무척 중요한 정보제공처이다. 아직 이곳에 sign up하지 않은 분들은 싸인 없하기 바란다.
 - 새로운 Parent Tool은 부모가 자녀의 학업성적을 직접확인하는 새로운 방법으로 학생이 부모에게 학업 성적에 관하여 비밀이 더이상 없다는 것을 강조했고 이후에 교사에게 직접 통하는 것(Interactive)등의 다른 내용이 곧 추가될 것임을 알렸다. 또한 온라인 성적표는 결석(무단이나 이유있는 결석)을 표시하지만 교육국으로 연락이 되는 것은 아니고 어디까지나 내부자료로만 쓰이는 것이고 대학에도 알려지지 않는 것임을 강조했다.

Blumm씨는 우리학교 10명의 인텔 존결승전 입상자를 낸 것을 알려면서 최근 데일리 뉴스에 나온 기사를 인용 greatschools.net 이라는 웹 사이트에 의해 우리학교가 뉴욕주의 최고 고등학교로 선택되었습다 학부모 만족도를 조사하여 공립, 사립부문을 모두 통틀어 얻은 결과다.

1월 8일 집행부 모임의 하이라이트

- Listserv 의 Parent Tool 을 통해 자녀들의 성적표, 출석상황, transcript 교과서 미제출 상황등을 확인할 수 있다. 이것은 교육국의 ARIS시스템과는 다른 것이고 질문이 있으신 경우는 Blumm씨에게 직접 질문해도 된다.
- 2월 11일에 PA가 주관하는 OPEN HOUSE 행사가 예정되어 있다.
- 뉴욕주와 뉴욕시 예산삭감으로 심각한 재정난을 겪을 것이 예상되는 가운데 PA에서 추진하고 있던 Grant Writer 프로그램은 Part Time Grant writer를 고용하는 방법과 논의를 거쳐 1월 20일 정례모임에서 투표에 부치기로 했다. (앞의 1월 20일 PA 정례모임 회의내용 5번 참조)
- 연례기금모금 참여를 진정으로 마라 100% 참여 마라 이외에 기금마련 행사로는 음력설행사, Barn's * Noble Book Fair, Onecause.com 등이 있다.

- 안전교육: 2월 24일 정례모임에서, 이는 안전교육에 관한 중요한 논의가 있을 예정이고 비상사태대비 비상대책과 비상연락망, 대체사용건물계획등, 또 범죄의 희생자가 된 경우 대책등이 제시될 예정이다.
- 교사추천서 관련 기사는 1 페이지에서 SLT 모임내용을 참조. 다음 집행부 모임은 3월10일 오후 6시30 분으로 예정되어 있음. 일반회원의 참석도 환영함.

대학코너 College Corner

대학 위원회 공동의장, Florri Levy 씨와 Lillian Sage 씨 씀

대학 사무실과 방문 시간

- Ms. Pat Cleary** : Homerooms A-H (홈룸이 H이고 성이 A-L 인 경우: 7 시 30분-8시 30분
Mr. Gregg Walkes: Homerooms H-Q (홈룸이 H이고 성이 M-Z인 경우:
Ms. Diana Ferrer : Homeroom R-Z
 일반상담시간: 아침 7:30-8:30 / 5교시 / 10교시 이후방과후 학생들이 질문하고 답변은 받아가도록 권고해 주십시오.

학부모 코이네이터: Harvey Blumm (212-312-4926, hblumm@stuy.edu) 씨는 많은 절차상의 질문에 대답해 주실 수가 있고, 여러분들이 답변을 얻도록 많은 도와주실 수 있습니다.

감사의 말

12학년 학생들과 그 가족들을 대신하여 PA에서는 그동안 대학지원과정을 도와주신 모든 분들께 깊은 감사의 말씀을 전합니다. 우선 먼저, Pat Cleary씨에게 그분의 진심어린 보살핌과 지지 없이 참을성 있게 우리 학생들과 대학지원과정을 도와주심에 감사를 드립니다. 또한 Greg씨와 Diana Ferrer씨께도 아이들의 상담과 시간내에 지원원서를 제출 할 수 있도록 도와 주심에 감사를 드립니다. Archie 양과 모든 guidance counselor 선생님께서 SSR을 조직하고 써주심에 감사를 드립니다. 또한 휴일과 주말도 마다하지 않으시고 우리 학생들을 위해 추천서를 써주시는 데 수고를 아끼지 않으셨던 모든 선생님들께 깊은 감사의 뜻을 전합니다. 또한 학부모님께서는 자녀들로 추천서를 써주셨던 선생님께 반드시 감사의 뜻을 전달할 것을 권고해 주십시오.

12학년 학생들

Early Decicion과 Early Action 결과와 관련하여 대략 반수정도의 학생들이 조기 입학지원을 합니다. 오늘까지 437명의 학생들이 조기지원했고 139명이 입학허가를 받았습다. 우리 학생들이 조기입학허가 받은 대학은 Cornell(23명) Columbia (9명) Yale(7명), MIT(7명) University of Pennsylvania (4), Brown(5) University of Chicago(5), Cooper Union (4) 등입니다. 축하합니다. 만일 일반결정으로 통고를 받았다면, 여러분의 카운셀러를 만나 원래의 지원서에 더 첨부함으로 입학허가를 받을 길이 있는지 알아 보아야 한다.

12학년이 해야 할 일 - TO DO LIST for SENIORS

- 추천서 써주신 선생님께 입학허가 받은 대학을 알려드리며 **Thanks you note** 를 보낼 것.
- 재정보조를 신청할 계획이지만 아직 하지 않았다면 **FAFSA** 양식을 지금 바로 작성해야 한다. 우선 **PIN** 이 필요하고 **FAFSA**는 www.fafsa.ed.gov에서 **print** 할 수 있다. 많은 대학들이 **Priority Deadline**을 정해놓고 있으므로 반드시 지켜야 하고, 이 마감일 이후에는 재정보조를 받기가 더욱 힘들어 질 지도 모른다.
- FAFSA**를 작성하는 동안은 대학적인 수를 써도 된다. 그러나 2008년도 세금보고를 마친 후에는 그 실제 액수로 수정된 **FAFSA**를 작성해야 한다.
- 많은 사립학교들은 **CSS**라고 하는 또다른 재정보조신청양식을 원한다. 이 양식은 www.collegeboard.com에서 찾을 수 있고 지원한 대학이 이 양식을 원하든지도 확인하고 마감일 전적어도 2주 전에 보내 마감일에 여유있게 도착할 수 있도록 하라.

11학년들에게

- SSR** 배경조사 정보를 온라인으로 입력하여 완성하라. **SSR** 배경조사 설문지와 **College Worksheet**은 2월 22일까지 작성을 보내야 한다.
- 너의 이메일 주소를 확인하라. 이를 통해서 너의 **SSR** 인터뷰를 통고받을 것이다. 너는 1주일의 여유를 받고 그 인터뷰에 참석해야 한다. 만일 스케줄상의 문제가 있다면 너의 카운셀러에게 연락해야 한다.
- 가족들에 대한 대학진학상담은 2월 24일 부터 시작된다. 가정통신문과 그 자세한 내용이 listserv를 통해 11학년 학부모님께 전달되었고 학생들은 이 **advising Session**에 의무적으로 참석해야 한다.
- 추천서를 받을 두 분의 교사(10학년이나 11학년)를 미리 생각해 두어라. 한분은 수학이나 과학 선생님이여야 하고 다른 한 분은 영어, 역사 외국어 선생님중의 한 분이여야 한다. 교사로부터 추천서를 써주시기로 확인을 받으면 교사가 지지하는 모든 사항을 지켜야 한다. 학업성적을 잘 관리하고 수업시간 중에 어떤 기여를 했는지를 잘 기록해두어서 선생님께 구체적인 내용을 추천서에 쓸 수 있도록 하라.
- 대학 사무실은 2월 2일 11학년을 위해 의무적인 **Junior Assembly** 기간동안 공고된 대로 새로운 세미나 프로그램을 소개하려 한다.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009
7-9 PM

Murray Kahn Theatre
6:30 PM - Hospitality and Refreshments
7:00 PM – Meeting

PROGRAM

Health & Safety Concerns—What Parents Need To Know!
Plus Nominating Committee will be formed
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