

PARENT NEWSLETTER

12/5/11

College of Staten Island High School For International Studies
Joseph Canale, Principal Lauren Torres, Assistant Principal
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PTA MEETING



Financial Aid Night

December 8th @ 7:00 pm in the **CAFETERIA**

Our guest speaker will be: Allan Katz, President of Comprehensive Wealth Management Group, LLC:

- The importance of the FAFSA form and what it means to families
- How to appeal to the college of your choice to receive more free money: Grants and Scholarships
- What steps to take if you have lost employment , are self employed, or are a single parent
- How a private college can cost less than a state university
- New changes to financial aid programs by the US Department of Education
- Ways to pay for college without going broke

\$500.00 SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AWARDED!!

**The Staten Island Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations
Presents the Agnes Miller Memorial
Journal Cover Design Art Contest
\$500 Award to be presented at Our 2011 Scholarship Luncheon
Please see attached flyers for the details.**

The Fashion Show drawing raffle tickets for \$500 were distributed in the advisories last week. If you did not receive your booklets please ask you child if they received them. If they did not, please contact Ms. Lentini or Ms. Cammarata at csiptavp@aol.com .

The Annual Fashion Show is scheduled for March 22, 2012 at LiGreci's Staaten at 7 pm. Invitations will be distributed after the holiday break. Volunteers are needed to solicit raffle donations and journal ads, organize fittings, advertising and wrap baskets. To volunteer or for more information please contact Kelly Cammarata at csiptavp@aol.com .

The PTA would like to thank you everyone who assisted with the Macaroni Dinner for the Dragon's Teams and the Holiday Fair. These events were both successful thanks to the contributions, support and assistance of the parents, children and staff!!!

REMINDER: COLLEGE NOW SPRING 2012 REGISTRATION

Spring registration will take place starting Monday, December 12th – Thursday, December 15th from 9:30AM – 4:30PM. Registration will be held in building 1A room 208 at the College of Staten Island, 2800 Victory Blvd. Students (or parents) are required to bring the following information when they register:

1. A copy of a current transcript;
2. SAT/PSAT (if needed to document the student has fulfilled course prerequisites);
3. A completed College Now Registration Form;
4. A completed College Now Contract signed by a parent or guardian;
5. The “Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccination Form”;
6. Student’s SS# (If you do not have one, the college will assign a temporary ID#)

Please note that students are not required to register in person. Parents can register for their children provided they bring the proper documentation.

New York State Summer School of the Arts

A program supported by the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature

If you are a New York State **high school student who is considering a career in the arts or entertainment industries**, the New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA) is for you. We offer intensive pre-professional summer training programs that are exciting, challenging and fun. You will have the chance to work with internationally acclaimed artists and artistic companies and you will gain world-class training, education and inspiration that could change your life forever.

Visit the website for more information: <http://www.occ.nysed.gov/nysssa/>

Princeton University Summer Journalism Program 2012

What is the Princeton University Summer Journalism Program? We welcome about 20 high school students from low-income backgrounds every summer to Princeton’s campus for an intensive, 10-day seminar on journalism. After the program ends, counselors stay in touch with students to help guide them through the college admissions process. Counselors assist students in preparing for standardized tests, determining an appropriate list of colleges to apply to, and filling out applications and financial aid forms. The program’s goal is to diversify college and professional newsrooms by encouraging outstanding students from low-income backgrounds to pursue careers in journalism. All expenses, including students’ travel costs to and from Princeton, are paid for by the program. Students who attend the program come from across the country. The program will enter its eleventh summer in 2012. Application deadline is 2-15-2012.

Visit the website for the application: <http://www.princeton.edu/sjp/>



SAVE THE DATE - January 3rd at 6:00 PM in the Library

Re: Spain Trip in February 2012

Mandatory meeting for all students who will be attending the trip and their parent/guardian

The NYC Department of Youth and Community Development has released the **2012 NYC Ladders for Leaders Program Application!** The deadline is **11:59 PM Thursday December 15th**.

NYC Ladders for Leaders is an innovative program that offers high school and college students the opportunity to participate in **summer internships** with some of the most dynamic corporations and businesses in New York City. NYC Ladders for Leaders is a partnership between DYCD and the Commission on Women's Issues.

The program offers

- Professional paid summer internships
- Pre-employment training
- Free college preparatory and SAT courses, career guidance, and leadership development workshops

Who can apply?

- Anyone with prior work experience (paid or volunteer)
- Permanent resident of one of the five boroughs of New York City
- At least 16 years of age but not over 21 years of age
- Current High School Junior/Senior or College Freshman/Sophomore
- Legally allowed to work in New York

To apply and find more information, follow the links below.

NYC Ladders for Leaders: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/jobs/nycladders_for_leaders.shtml

2012 Application: https://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/jobs/ladders_for_leaders.shtml

Deadline for submissions is **Thursday December 15th, 2011.**



**OUR ATHLETIC CALENDAR IS ATTACHED
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR TEAMS!**

I have attached the **FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE** for the week of January 13th – January 23rd. The schedule is made up such that there is 1 final a day given from 8:20 – 10:20 AM. Other classes are shortened to allow the extra time for the exam.

The **REGENT'S EXAM SCHEDULE** is also attached for the week of January 24th – January 27th. Only students who are scheduled to take a regent exam will be in attendance for that week. If you are not scheduled to take a regent you do not come to school that week.

From the desk of Councilmember Letitia James:

1. Wake Forest University has an opportunity for minority students to attend its MBA program for FREE, and so far the response has been very poor. Please pass along this opportunity to your friends, families. This is a great school and a tremendous opportunity to attend a top graduate school. See the details below, the contact person is: Derrick S. Boone, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Marketing, Rm. 3139 Worrell Professional Center, Babcock Graduate School of Management - Wake Forest University_ WINSTON_SALEM N.C 27109-8738 email:derrick.boone@mba.wfu.edu or visit www.wfu.edu phone# toll free (866) 925-3622
2. Harvard University is offering free tuition to families of HONOR STUDENTS and their income is less than \$125,000 per year. Visit www.fao.fas.harvard.edu or call 617-495-1581.
3. Syracuse University School of Architecture is desperately seeking young women and men of color interested in pursuing a 5 yr. professional degree in Architecture. Contact: Mark Robbins, Dean School of Architecture, 201 Slocum Hall, Syracuse, NY 13244-1250 (315) 443-256 www.soa.syr.edu/index.php.
4. A free pair of eyeglasses from Target for any child ages 12 and under brings a valid prescription for glasses from their doctor. You can find stores with optical departments at www.target.com.
5. APPLY NOW - If you have/know young adults between the ages of 18-31 with a High School Diploma. Can earn up to \$100,000 and earn benefits. The Federal Aviation Association is taking application for Air Traffic Collegiate Training Initiative visit the website http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ahr/jobs_careers/occupations/atc/at-cti/.

ATTENTION SENIORS:

Students who signed up for St. John's University onsite interviews will receive appointment times on 12/6/11 for their interview on Thursday, 12/8/11 in the library during B/C blocks. Students participating that day will find out if they are accepted on the spot from the admission representative.

FLYER IS ATTACHED FOR COLLEGE NEWS OF THE WEEK

TUTORING SCHEDULE IS ATTACHED. PLEASE CHECK IT WEEKLY FOR ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND UPDATES.

Japanese Club – Thursdays in room 238 from 3:10- 4:00 pm
Spanish Club – Thursdays F-Block in room 246
Key Club – Mondays F-Block in room 243
UNICEF Club – Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 341
Fencing Club and Dance Club – see Mr. Miano room 340 for dates and times

DURING F-BLOCK (LUNCH) THERE IS ADDITIONAL TUTORING AVAILABLE:

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY ECONOMICS TUTORING IN ROOM 341
EVERY DAY MS. PAN IS AVAILABLE FOR CHINESE TUTORING IN ROOM 338

FRIDAY IN ROOM 248 NHS STUDENTS WILL TUTOR IN ANY SUBJECT AREA

Upcoming events:

- January 12th – PTA Meeting
January 16th – MLK Day – No school
January 17th – January 23rd– Final Exams
January 24th – January 27th – Regents week
January 30th – No classes for students
January 31st- First day of 2nd semester

To get translation of a document please contact your Parent Coordinator.	Pou w jwenn dokiman sa a tradwi an kreyòl ayisyen, kontakte Koòdonatè paran ki nan lekòl pitit ou a.
للحصول على نسخة مترجمة باللغة العربية لهذه الوثيقة، نرجو منكم الاتصال بمنسق شؤون الآباء التابع لكم.	한국어로 번역된 자료를 원하시면 자녀가 재학 중인 학교의 학부모 코디네이터에게 연락해 주십시오.
বাংলায় এই নির্দেশকার কপি সংগ্রহে অনুগ্রহ করে আপনার প্যারেন্টকোঅর্ডিনেটরের সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন।	Для получения русской версии данного документа свяжитесь с координатором по работе с родителями.
要獲得本文件的中文譯本，請與您子女學校的家長專員聯絡。	Para obtener una versión en español de este documento por favor comuníquese con su coordinador de padres.
Pour avoir une version traduite de ce document, veuillez contacter le Coordonnateur des Parents à votre école.	اس دستاویز کی اردو میں ترجمہ شدہ اشاعت کیلئے براہ کرم اپنے والدین ربط دہندہ سے رجوع کریں۔
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