

HIGH SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Yves Mompoint Jr., Principal



Parent Coordinator Message

Welcome to our newly formatted Newsletter!

On behalf of the HSHM family, I would like to welcome you to the 2016-17 school year!

My name is Melody Paniagua and I am the new Parent Coordinator. The beginning of the school year is a special time, and I am very excited to be a part of the HSHM family. I look forward to working and collaborating with you to ensure the ongoing development of your child.

This newsletter will serve as a resource to inform, and engage you in your school community.

HSHM Highlights

- Congratulations Ms. Vilberg! She was awarded the NYC DOE 2016 Excellence in School Technology award.
- Athletic programs, (Public School Athletic League, PSAL) are offered through campus sports. Sports offered include: Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Soccer, Running Club and many more. For more information about school athletics have your child contact their physical education teacher.
- HSHM partners with the Navy Junior Reserve Training Corps (NJROTC). The program will instill in members the values of citizenship, service, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment.
- We have a wide range of **extracurricular activities**, including after school programs such as: The Arts Club, Robotics Club, Mouse Squad, College Now courses and many more! Clubs begin in October.
- Introducing our Youth Leaders, Jeniece Hernandez, Daisy Pardesi, and Maylee Mejia! Our Youth Leaders will engage all students in the college planning process. They will do this by: facilitating workshops, planning events, and supporting other students in their college journey (college search, applications, and financial aid process.)

Technology 101

We live in the technology era, and our children live virtually plugged in 24/7. Although technology can be very innovative and helpful. To some parents, technology seems frightening. HSHM is now providing you with a 'Technology 101' section in the newsletter where we will share and discuss tech issues or applications to help you become more tech savvy.

Evernote:

What is 'Evernote'?

Statistics are showing that students are finding virtual notes more helpful than handwritten notes, and that is where Evernote comes in! In most cases studies have shown that the notes you take in class are only increasingly effective when rewritten and revisited. By using Evernote your child can have this become a more organized, technological reality. Evernote is a cross-platform, free premium app designed for note taking, organizing and archiving.



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Save the Date

SAT Examination Dates for Fall 2016

Saturday, November 5, 2016 SAT Exam

The registration deadline is Fri Oct 7, 2016.

Expected score delivery is Tue Nov 29, 2016.

Saturday, December 3, 2016 SAT Exam

The registration deadline is Tue Nov 3, 2016

Expected score delivery is Fri Dec 23, 2016

To register for any SAT Exam, your child must log in to their College Board account.

ACT Examination Dates for Fall 2016:

Saturday, October 22, 2016 ACT Exam

The registration deadline is Fri Sep 16, 2016.

Expected score delivery is Tue Nov 8, 2016.

Saturday, December 10, 2016 ACT Exam

The registration deadline is Tue Nov 4, 2016.

Expected score delivery is Tue Dec 20, 2016.

To register for any ACT Exam, please visit the ACT website at: www.act.org.

Parent Bulletin

Upcoming Parent Association Meetings:

Tue October 11, 2016 - SLT/PA Meeting

6:00pm-8:00pm

Tue November 8, 2016 - SLT/PA Meeting

6:00pm-8:00pm

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Evening

Thurs November 17, 2016

5:30pm-7:30pm

Afternoon

*Students have early dismissal

Fri November 18, 2016

1:00pm-3:45pm

HSHM Policies & Regulations

Policy on Cell Phones and Electronic Communication Devices:

The ban on bringing cell phones and other electronic communication devices was lifted on March of 2015. As per the school chancellor, students are allowed to bring their devices to school. Items include and are not limited to: laptops, iPads, cell phones, etc. However, this does not mean that students can use their devices during school hours. More information on this policy can be found by visiting: hshm.info under the Parents section and looking at school policies.

College Planning Starts Now!

No matter what grade, college becomes an important aspect of your child's academic career. It is important and highly suggested for students as well as parents/guardians to begin thinking about college as early as the ninth grade. Below is a guide of what you should be looking out for as school progresses:

Ninth Grade:

- The initial weeks of high school can be an overwhelming adjustment both socially and academically. Parents/Guardians, it is important to keep open dialogue about how classes are going. If you see your child struggling, now is the time to access your resources. You may also want to speak about placing your child in more advanced classes in the future if the work seems too easy.
- As classes progress, encourage school involvement in extracurricular activities (athletics and clubs) and volunteering (service learning opportunities) in and out of school. Allow your child to feel out what they are comfortable with and how much time they can dedicate without impacting their schoolwork negatively.
- Begin compiling a record that lists your child's participation in activities, as well as accomplishments, awards and any leadership positions they have acquired.

Tenth Grade:

- Encourage preliminary testing! Start prepping your child for the PSAT's. The PSAT is a standardized exam that helps prepare students to take the SAT or ACT. A great score on the PSAT can also open the door to National Merit scholarship awards.
- Continue to encourage your child's involvement on campus. Motivate your child to continue or foster relationships with clubs in the school, as well as seek leadership roles within clubs.
- Make sure your child sets up a my College Board account.

Eleventh Grade:

- Make sure your child is prepared to take the SAT's. This is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. Your child's SAT score is a pivotal component of their college applications!
- Be aware of your child's academic performance.
- Go to college fairs. Accompany your child in visiting colleges, and gathering information about the colleges attended. Encourage your child to gain familiarity with the college resources available at the school.

Twelfth Grade:

- This year is about solidifying! Go over your child's options for college and start application processes.
- Continue attending college fairs.
- Move your child in the "write" direction! Have your child begin looking at application essay topics and have them start brainstorming and compiling their ideas.
- If college applications require recommendations, now is the time to have your child ask the teachers and staff.
- Gather required documents and have your child take their SAT's. If they have already done so, have them submit grades through the College Board. Make sure your child attends Financial Aid Night and begin filling out the FAFSA application.



Technology 101 (continued)

How can 'Evernote' help my child?

This app allows your child to make new text and audio notes, as well as viewing your existing material with a swipe or tap of a finger. They are able to organize their notes into specific notebooks making classes easily distinguishable. Again Evernote is completely free. Please visit their website at www.evernote.com for more information and to download the software.

Engaging with our Community

New York City is an amazing place to live! It is filled with various opportunities to help us actively learn with our children. Below are some activities you may want to attend with your child:

Event: Long Island National College Fair

Date/Time/Location: Sun Oct 3, 2016 from 11am-3pm at Suffolk Community College, Uniondale NY.

Description: This college fair is one of the largest educational fairs in the region. It has a large turnout of recognized colleges, universities as well as other related higher education training institutes. In order to attend this event, you must RSVP by visiting <http://10times.com/longisland-national-college>.

**Event:** Ghostland: An American History in Haunted Places

Date/Time/Location: Wed Oct 5, 2016 at 7pm at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on 2289 Broadway, New York NY 10024

Description: Join the author Colin Dickey as he speaks about the relevance of ghost stories and where they stem from through a historical lens. He focuses on ghost stories in various time periods and landmarks in America.

Event: Manhattan Community Boathouse Free 20 Minute Kayaking

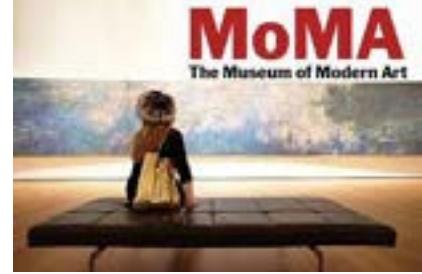
Date/Time/Location: Sat-Sun up until Oct 9, 2016 at Pier 96 56th Street at Hudson River Park

Description: This nonprofit organization provides free kayaking in NYC. New Yorkers are encouraged to come and kayak with their friends/family to get to know New York and get in touch with the environment.

**Event:** UNIQLO Free Friday Nights at the MoMA

Date/Time/Location: Fri from 4-8pm at the MoMA on 54 Street Entrance (Suggested time of arrival 6pm)

Description: The Moma (The Modern Museum of Art) has displays and exhibits, as well as film regarding modern art and existing culture. On Fridays, all ages are granted free admission to all their galleries, exhibitions. For free admissions to film, inquire within the MoMA to acquire the pass granting access.



Closing Remarks

The HSHM family hopes you enjoyed the new look of our Fall Newsletter!

Suggestions, comments or questions are always welcome. Feel free to reach out to me using the contact information found below.

We look forward to having you back for our upcoming issue, and we hope your child has an amazing school year!

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