a matter of perspective

Dr. Mars, Principal

Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts

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WEEKLY
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Highlights from Drama

Week of December 8, 2017

GREEN SCHOOLS ALLIANCE
Member School

Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts
02 Weekly Calendar

Important upcoming dates

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Winter Break through January 1, 2018; Building Closed
School Resumes on Tuesday, January 2, 2018

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Where to get help...

Crisis Text Hotline:
741741

Trevor Lifeline  LGBTQ
thetrevorproject.org (Online instant msg.)
8664887386
Text “Trevor” to 1 (202) 3041200
Monday  Friday, 3 PM  10 PM

Transline (allinclusive help line for transgender people)
(877) 5658860

National Suicide Prevention Hotline
1 (800) 2738255

Samaritans 24Hour Crisis Hotline
(212) 6733000

At School...
See your Guidance Counselor or stop by the Wellness Center in Room 323.
Dear LaGuardians,

We live in a time where rushing to judgment is the default behavior, where online profiles and social media have given people the impetus to say things online that they would never tell you in person.

If you fall victim to such behavior, it’s easy to respond in kind.

*You attack me, I attack back.*

*You accuse me, I’ll search through your social media profiles and find something far worse to accuse you of.*

*You judge me, I’ll make sure the world judges you, too.*

In this age where civil discourse may be a relic of the past, we Artists must step forward and reflect the best of our society; we must become the examples for future and past generations to know that there is a community where civility and mutual respect matter.

In the spirit of kindness, openness, and mindfulness, may you have a most wonderful 2018!

Best wishes,

*Dr. Mars*

Principal
Hello,

I am writing a quick note to remind you how the school responds when there are significant events that are disruptive to either life at school or life in NYC, and how communication is disseminated to families. Please remember that there are events that occur within NYC that do not directly impact school and there are events that occur within NYC that does directly impact school.

Clear expectations of how, when, and in what manner communication will come from the school will not only help manage families’ expectations but also allow us to have all of our necessary staff available to complete essential work.

During city-wide events, communication comes directly from NYC, either through Notify NYC, www.nyc.gov, or local media. These should be viewed as primary sources since it may not be possible for us to activate internal school communication procedures. I have included information on helping families receive city-wide communication (Notify NYC) as well as helping families prepare for emergencies.

For city-wide events that do not directly impact the school, we receive information through Notify NYC. Depending on the situation, the AP administrative team may walk the building and visit classrooms. We look for any effect on students and staff and ensure bell to bell instruction is taking place. At the beginning of period we made a school wide announcement regarding the train delays.

Once again, families are strongly encouraged to have a plan in place for when there is an emergency situation. Our staff often take parent phone calls and verify whether or not their child had scanned into school and what time their child arrived. When the immediate information the school receives does not directly impact school, no school-wide communication is sent by LaGuardia.

On the next pages you will find excerpts from our emergency procedures that will explains how we respond in these situations.

Dr. Stricklin-Witherspoon
Disruptive Events

In the event of an event that is disruptive to life in NYC, our response would depend, to some degree, on the location of the incident and the time/day that it happens.

If school is open and the incident is in close proximity to school where it directly impacts our operations:

- We will secure the students inside the building, contact all families, and make plans for dismissal.
- We will remain in the buildings until we can safely dismiss students and staff and until ALL children and adults are safely on their way home.

If an event were to happen when school is open, but away from the school and not directly impacting school operations, delays in pick up and travel, may occur. We will remain in the school until every child has been safely dismissed, and all adults are safely on their way.

If the event happens during a time when school is closed and in a location that does not directly impact school operations, but one that has a direct impact on those in the school community, you will hear from us in fairly short order, though it is likely that we will wait until the situation and its aftermath are better understood.

If the event happens when school is closed but in a location that directly impacts school operations, likely you will hear from us immediately and then again when our plans become clearer.

Notify NYC

Chancellor’s Regulation A-415

The Department of Education is committed to ensuring that parents, staff and elected officials are aware of emergency incidents and occurrences that may pose a threat to the health and safety of students and staff in New York City school buildings.

Each school has a safety plan in place that defines the normal operation of the site and establishes protocols and procedures for addressing emergency incidents in the school. In addition, each school has a school safety committee that meets on a monthly basis to address ongoing safety concerns and develop safety procedures and prevention and information strategies and programs. Pursuant to state law, in order to provide parents with another means to access the most up-to-date information about school related emergencies, the Department of Education has established a system whereby parents, staff and elected officials may voluntarily subscribe to receive emergency notifications through electronic text messages, phone calls, and/or electronic mail.

Parents, staff and elected officials who subscribe to receive such electronic notification will receive information regarding the following incidents which may pose an imminent threat to the health or safety of a substantial number of students and staff at a particular school building.

1. School evacuation and relocation of students
2. Incident which requires students to remain in school after regular dismissal time resulting in late dismissal
3. Emergency closing of school
4. Delayed opening of school

- Parents, staff and elected officials may enroll to receive emergency notifications by e-mail, through the Notify NYC system which may be accessed at the following website www.nyc.gov/notifynyc or by telephoning 311.
- Parents, staff and elected officials who subscribe using web enrollment may select five zip codes from which to receive emergency notifications. Parent selection should correspond to zip codes for schools attended by their children. Persons who enroll through the web may elect to receive notifications through email, text messaging and/or telephone.

- Parents, staff and elected officials who subscribe by calling 311 will receive phone notification, not text or e-mail notifications.
- Any subscriber who wishes to cancel or suspend their participation may do so by following the procedures set forth at https://a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov/NotifyNYC/FAQ.aspx.
New York City winters often bring extreme cold temperatures, heavy snow, ice, sleet, and freezing rain. Plus coastal storms, called nor’easters, can bring high winds, flooding, power outages, and structural damage.

Of course schools close during the worst weather. But at other times, weather changes can occur quickly while students are in school. Even when winter weather isn’t severe enough to close schools, it still needs to be taken seriously.

Let’s get ready and stay safe when winter weather hits!

Weather Words: Watches and Warnings Issued by the National Weather Service

- **Winter Storm Watch:** Alerts the public to the possibility of severe weather conditions, such as heavy snow or ice. The watches are issued 24 to 36 hours in advance.

- **Winter Storm Warning:** Hazardous winter weather—such as heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet—is occurring or definitely on its way. Issued 12 to 24 hours before the event is expected to begin. Can also be issued when heavy snow combined with strong winds of 25–34 mph will cause blowing or drifting snow.

- **Blizzard Watch:** Sustained winds of at least 35 mph and falling or blowing snow results in visibility at or below ¼ mile expected within 24 to 36 hours.

- **Blizzard Warning:** Sustained winds of at least 35 mph and falling or blowing snow resulting in visibility at or below ¼ mile expected within 16 hours.

- **Snow Advisory:** A low pressure system that will produce snow that may cause significant inconveniences but does not meet warning criteria. Amounts can range from 2 to 5 inches.

- **Heavy Snow Watch:** An average snowfall of 6 inches in 12 hours or 8 inches in 24 hours is expected.

- **Heavy Snow Warning:** Snowfall totaling 6 inches or more in 12 hours is strongly expected. The warning also can be issued when snowfall totaling 8 inches or more in 24 hours is strongly expected.

**Did you know?**
The biggest snowfall ever recorded in New York City happened February 11–12, 2006, when 26.9 inches of snow fell in Central Park.

**Quick activities to try at home:**

- Winter weather definitely calls for being prepared. Did you update your emergency reference card, Go Bags, and emergency supply kit last month when you changed your clocks for “fall back”? If not, do it now! (While you’re at it, throw in some packets of hot chocolate for a special treat if you get stuck indoors!)

- What winter weather events do you recall over the years? Were you prepared? What would you do differently? Spend a few minutes telling stories with your family and discussing the next steps.

**To Learn More:**


OEM on Facebook, www.facebook.com/NYCemergencymanagement

OEM on Twitter, @nycoem

Notify NYC: Register for emergency notifications by visiting NYC.gov/notifynyc, calling 311, or following @NotifyNYC on Twitter
Surprise Guest Model Visits Art Studio Class

Ms. Maniotis’ drawing classes enjoyed a surprise mini-visitor on Friday. The visitor was Pasquale, a small gentle, well-behaved cockatiel, rescued by Ms. Maniotis in 2011. He loves attention, making him the perfect model for students. Students observed the little bird, dressed in a tie dye jumpsuit and his own music playlist to get him moving for the occasion. Students questioned how capturing movement is achieved through quick gestures. They drew non-stop, shaping their movement compositions, which resulted in sharpened gesture skills. The finished work was phenomenal. Students were excited to give feedback and reflect on the lesson while pondering next steps on when Pasquale will visit again with another fun lesson.

SGO STUDENT SURVEY

CLICK HERE to take the SGO-developed survey!
The Drama and Technical Theater Department is busy as we head into the end of December.

The Technical Theater Department worked tirelessly this past semester on *42nd Street*. Many technical theater students are also involved in the Work Based Learning Program which places them in paid internships.

Drama Seniors just closed the One Act Festival which included scenes from *Wolves*, *12 Angry Men*, and *A View from the Bridge* to name a few, and they are busy preparing to audition for our Spring Drama Festival (SDF), a series of three plays that are the culminating activities at the conclusion of the Senior year. The SDF Season includes *You Can’t Take it With You*, *August Osage County*, and *A Little Night Music*.

Seniors took a trip to see the play *Jesus Hopped The A Train* and Juniors went to the Drama Book Shop.

Drama Juniors are rehearsing for their scene juries. Scenes include: *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Of Mice and Men*, *Singing in the Rain*, *Fences*, *Crucible*, *The Reluctant Anarchist*, and many more. Scene juries will be Dec 15, 19 and in January. After scenes, Juniors will prepare songs from Ms. Faison’s Musical Theater class for the Winter Sing.

Drama Sophomores are working on their first semester scenes for juries in January and Freshman will soon choose their first scenes for performance in the Spring.
Arts Endorsed Diploma — Drama

Not only can students receive the Arts Endorsed Diploma, passing the Exam can be used in lieu of the LOTE Exam for the Advanced Regents Diploma.

In January, all Drama Seniors take the first part of the City Arts Exam, which is the practical exam in acting: short two person scenes. Seniors also are required to submit pre- and post- essays, assessments and annotated scripts based on their One Acts.

In June, Seniors take the written section of the exam, which includes multiple choice questions and essays.

In order to receive a passing score, students must complete all sections of the Exam. If a student would have received a passing score but does not sit for all sections, the student does not pass.

Guest Artists

Guest Artists this semester included Ansel Elgort, Chris Meyers, photographer Marcia Ciriello.

Guest artists next semester include Maggie Gyllenhaal, Peter Skarsgard, and Mary Louise Parker.

Karla Kash, head of The University of Albany’s Theater Department will visit the junior classes in January.

YoungArts

Congratulations to our Drama YoungArts Winners:

Finalists
Ethan Riordan
Henry Thrasher

Honorable Mention:
Theater
Sidney Diaz
Isabela Ferrer
Caroline Rosenblum
Daniel-Elijah Taveras

Merit
Film: Gabriel Kahane,
Theater: Evan Dominguez,
Voice: Ethan Riordan | Singer-Songwriter
In the News — Holidays Approaching

Food Allergies
People like to bring holiday treats to share with their friends. Please be mindful that many in the LaGuardia community have food allergies and sensitivities. Some severe allergies are triggered just by walking by an allergen, such as nuts. Always ask whether a person has any allergies when offering a food item, or ask if an item contains specific ingredients. Only by looking out for each other can be make La! a safe place to acknowledge the holidays. Please also refrain from bringing items containing peanuts, as this ingredient seems to be more troublesome than others.

Winter Door Decorating Contest

The SGO is excited to announce “Period 3 Winter Door Decorating Contest.” This is voluntary for Period 3 classes, but it would be brilliant if everyone participated. With teacher permission, students can begin decorating now!

Doors should be complete by December 9 and the doors should remain decorated until Recess. There are a few safety-conscious reminders that must be followed:

- lights used in the display must be turned off at the conclusion of the school day.
- decorations may be attached to the door and walls and should never be attached to the ceiling.
- Holiday displays must not appear to promote or celebrate any single religion or holiday; therefore, any permitted symbol or decoration must be displayed simultaneously with other symbols or decorations that reflect different beliefs or customs.

Categories
The Spirit of LaGuardia (Best Door)
Most Creative
Most Original

Prizes
Coffee & Pastries Party
February 7
National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
#NBHAAD

March 10
National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
#NWGHAAD

March 20
National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
#NNHAAD

April 10
National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day
#NYHAAD

April 18
National Transgender HIV Testing Day
#TransHIV

May 18
HIV Vaccine Awareness Day
#HVAD

May 19
National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
#APIMay19

June 5
HIV Long-Term Survivors Day
#HLTSAD

June 27
National HIV Testing Day
#HIVTestingDay

September 18
National and HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day
#NHAAAD

September 27
National Gay Men’s HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
#NGMHAAD

October 15
National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day
#NLAAD

December 1
World AIDS Day
#WAD2017

Fast Facts

- More than 1.1 million people in the U.S. are living with HIV today, but 1 in 7 of them don’t know it.
- In 2016, 39,782 people were diagnosed with HIV in the U.S.
- Gay and bisexual men, particularly young African American gay and bisexual men, are most affected.
- Southern states bear the greatest burden of HIV, accounting for 50% of new infections in 2014.
- Gay and bisexual men accounted for 67% of all diagnoses and 83% of HIV diagnoses among males.
- Black/African American gay and bisexual men accounted for the largest number of HIV diagnoses, followed by Hispanic/Latino and white gay and bisexual men.
- Heterosexual contact accounted for 24% of HIV diagnoses.
- Women accounted for 19% of HIV diagnoses. Diagnoses among women are primarily attributed to heterosexual contact (87%) or injection drug use (12%).
- People who inject drugs accounted for 9% (3,425) of HIV diagnoses (includes 1,201 diagnoses among gay and bisexual men who inject drugs).
- African Americans represented 12% of the U.S. population, but accounted for 44% of HIV diagnoses. African Americans have the highest rate of HIV diagnoses compared to other races and ethnicities.
- Hispanics/Latinos represented about 18% of the U.S. population, but accounted for 25% of HIV diagnoses.
- An estimated 1,122,900 adults and adolescents were living with HIV in the U.S. at the end of 2015.
- Of those 15%, or 1 in 7, had not received a diagnosis, so were unaware of their infection.
- Young people were the most likely to be unaware of their infection. Among people aged 13-24 who were living with HIV, an estimated 44% didn’t know.
What Is the Impact of HIV on Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the U.S.?

In the United States, HIV is spread mainly through anal or vaginal sex or by sharing drug-use equipment with an infected person. Although these risk factors are the same for everyone, some racial/ethnic groups are more affected than others, given their percentage of the population. This is because some population groups have higher rates of HIV in their communities, thus raising the risk of new infections with each sexual or drug use encounter.

Additionally, a range of social, economic, and demographic factors—such as stigma, discrimination, income, education, and geographic region—affect their risk for HIV.

How is HIV spread? (hiv.va.gov)

HIV is spread mostly through four body fluids:
- semen
- vaginal fluid
- blood
- breast milk

HIV is NOT spread through:
- tears
- sweat
- feces
- urine

How is HIV spread through sex?

You can get infected from sexual contact with someone who is infected with HIV. Sexual contact that can transmit HIV includes:
- vaginal sex (penis in the vagina)
- anal sex (penis in the anus of either a man or a woman)
- oral sex (penis in the mouth)

If you have unprotected sex with someone who is infected, it doesn’t mean that you will be infected, too. But there is always a chance, especially if your partner is not on effective HIV medicines.

HIV is NOT spread by:
- hugging or massage
- masturbation
- fantasizing
- dry kissing
- phone sex
- cyber sex
- sex toys you don’t share
- daily living with someone who has HIV.

How is HIV spread through blood?

You can become infected if you have contact with the blood of someone who is infected with HIV. Blood-borne infection with HIV can occur through:
- sharing injection equipment when shooting drugs
- getting tattoos or body piercings with unsterilized needles
- accidental needle sticks
- blood transfusions
- splashing blood in your eyes

HIV is NOT spread by blood passed through insect bites.

If you inject drugs, the best thing to do is to use new or sterilized injection equipment every time.

Can mothers pass HIV to their babies?

Infection can pass from HIV positive pregnant women to their babies in the womb and during birth. Taking anti-HIV drugs during pregnancy and childbirth dramatically lowers the risk of a baby becoming infected with HIV.

After birth, transmission can occur through breast milk of infected women. The highest risk may be in the early months after birth. It is recommended that HIV-positive new mothers bottle-feed their babies rather than breast-feed. If you are an HIV-positive woman and intend to become pregnant, or you find out that you are HIV positive during your pregnancy, talk to your doctor immediately about ways to minimize the chances that your baby will become infected, too.

What is an HIV test?

The HIV test determines whether you have been infected with HIV—the virus that causes AIDS.

When you get infected with HIV, the HIV virus replicates itself and spreads through the body, and your body produces cells and particles (antibodies) to fight the virus.

There are different types of HIV tests, some that can detect HIV itself (HIV antigen), and some that can detect antibodies to HIV in your body. If you have either HIV antigens or HIV antibodies, then you have been infected with HIV. The HIV test does not tell you if you have AIDS, how long you have been infected, or how sick you might be—for this you need other kinds of tests. Using newer HIV testing methods, it is possible to identify most cases of HIV 2-3 weeks after infection.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently recommends that all adults in the United States get tested for HIV infection at least once, regardless of risk factors for HIV infection, and that they be tested repeatedly if there is an ongoing risk of HIV infection.

Is HIV always fatal?

Most people who do not receive treatment for HIV will eventually (over years) become ill and die of complications of HIV infection. With effective treatment (called antiretroviral therapy), though, most people with HIV infection will lead long and healthy lives; this is especially true if they start HIV treatment when their immune system is still relatively strong.
Professional Development
Several topics have been established for Staff members to receive professional development on. While this list is not exhaustive, here is a list of training scheduled so far.

Teen Relationships:
December 13 4:30PM-5:30PM

Mindfulness:
January 8 3:02PM-3:39PM
January 29 All Day

Digital Leadership
January 29 All Day
March 5 3:02PM-3:39PM
March 19 3:02PM-3:39PM
April 16 3:02PM-3:39PM
May 14 3:02PM-3:39PM
May 21 3:02PM-3:39PM
June 7 All Day

Closed Building
LaGuardia is a closed building, and students are not allowed to leave the building without following the procedures in place. This includes students who are on blackout or have consecutive classes (such as periods 10 & 11.)

Rooms to Remain Locked
Please remember that rooms are to remained locked unless a staff member is present, and no students should be in rooms without supervision. Teachers leaving a room should ensure that the door is locked upon leaving.

Cell Phones
Cell phones can be a necessary and important tool to be used during the day, and students who bring cell phones into the building are expected to follow LaGuardia’s cell phone policy.

While students may be in possession of cell phones while in the building, students may not use their phones in the hallways, stairwells, and escalator bays or during evacuation drills, and phones should not be visible at any time. Students and parents needing to make contact with each other during school hours should either go to the Parent Coordinator’s Office (Room 235) or phone Ms. Price at ext. 2235

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TEEN RELATIONSHIPS

WHEN
January 3rd, 2018
4:30-5:30 PM

WHERE
LIBRARY
100 AMSTERDAM AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10023

WHO IS IT FOR?
For All Students

WHAT WILL WE TALK ABOUT?
Healthy Relationships
Consent
Equal Power Through Communication

HOST
Guidance Department Wellness Center

This is a partnership with the Guidance Department and NY Foundling Wellness Center to provide 1 hour workshops in the library on healthy relationships, consent, and equal power through communication.
In order to provide better supervision and security of our after school programs, many clubs have been assigned to new rooms. Allowances have been made for some clubs whose advisors requested specialty classrooms. The schedule listed below is effective immediately.

As always, to join the vast majority of our clubs, all a student needs to do is attend the meeting. Please remember that an approved advisor must be present at all times during club meetings.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2018.

With all of the pomp and circumstance of Senior year, comes a lot of stress. With planning, awareness, and following deadlines, the year will go a lot more smoothly. Please be aware that 100% of all communication regarding your Senior Year will come through either the Weekly Bulletin or PupilPath. Please make a habit of reading all information thoroughly; in an effort to reduce paper use, information may only appear once -- and missing an information item may result in consequences weeks or months down the road.

This issue of the Senior News deals specifically with the required Senior Dues. The Spring Senior News will include all of the specific details for the end of the year, including Graduation, Prom, Awards Ceremonies, etc.

Graduation Ceremony
We are working towards finalizing the location and date of Graduation. The location and date will be announced as soon as the agreement is finalized.

Senior Dues
Payment of Senior Dues is mandatory. The full amount of $250 must be paid by Friday, February 2, 2018. Any Senior Dues paid after this date is subject to a late fee of $10; The late fee for payments received after May 1, 2018, is $20. Dues are mandatory and are non-refundable. Items cannot be purchased individually. Here is what is included with your Senior Dues:

- Graduation payment is included in Senior Dues and includes rental of hall, programs, awards, diploma and case.

- Caps and Gowns
  Includes the cap, gown, and souvenir tassel. Graduates are fitted by Jostens on the date published in the Weekly Bulletin. Students who are not fitted are given gowns in the closest size available.

- Yearbook
  A collection of your everlasting memories of your experiences and friends at La! Our yearbook is over 200 pages in color.

- Senior Luncheon
  Held after one of the Graduation rehearsals, this is the final social event for the Class of 2018. We would like to thank the Parents Association for supplementing the cost of the luncheon.

Expenses Associated with the Class of 2018
A small amount of money is allocated to Senior Dues to pay for expenses associated with the Senior Class, such as printing and materials for College Office Presentations.

Award Ceremonies
While no scholarships are paid for with Senior Dues, there are expenses associated with presenting both ceremonies.

Paying Senior Dues
Senior Dues may be paid in Room 231. We accept cash, cashier's check, or money order. Cashiers checks or Money Orders should be made out to “LaGuardia High School” with the student’s name in the memo section. We are not able to accept personal checks.

Our preference is that payment is made in full; however, we realize that it may be more convenient to make payments. We do have deposits and fees that must be paid within certain time frames, so it is important that your dues are completely paid by February 2, 2018. If your financial situation is such that you need additional time or to make several, smaller payments, that is all right. Please discuss making payments with Ms. Javier, Room 231.

You may also pay with a credit card through our school store, located on the school’s home page. To log into the Web Store, your ID number is your 9-digit student ID. Your password is your first name’s initial and last name, ie. JSmith. There is approximately a 7% service charge for using this outside service. You may wish to set up a payment plan with Ms. Javier in Room 231.

If you will be attending Prom, please pay your Dues early. It makes it less of a burden on your family.

Financial Assistance for Senior Dues
Behavior Expectations
Seniors should be aware their behavior – both during the school day and at school events -- could effect their participation in the Prom and Graduation. Chancellor’s Regulations state that only students who have successfully completed all requirements for a high school diploma, including the necessary required credits, courses, and standardized tests will be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies.

Seniors who are suspended at the end of the school year may be denied participation in these events. Please be advised all Senior activities are a privilege, including Prom and Graduation, and can be revoked at any time due to inappropriate behavior, academic failure, or unexcused absences.

Please Note
Outstanding charges, fees, or lost textbooks may cause delays in receiving Prom or Graduation tickets, caps and gowns, yearbooks, etc.
Juniors to Begin to Enter Basic Information into Naviance

On December 19, the Naviance “All About Me” Survey will be available for the Junior class to be able to complete.

http://www.laguardiahs.org/apps/links/

You can find this survey in the “about me” section in Naviance. This survey is used to help your Guidance Counselor get to know more about you, thereby assisting us with writing the Counselor Letter of Recommendation, if it is required by your college. We love details, so please provide as much information as possible that you would be comfortable sharing with your colleges. Remember, it does not need to be completed in one sitting. In fact, you may want to approach it with the mindset that it will take you two or three sittings to complete — this may help it feel less daunting. Students generally spend between one to two hours completing it in detail. The survey is a “living document,” meaning that at any time you can go back to it and make updates or edits. (For example, you may add in September any summer programs completed.) We recommend saving it as a Microsoft Word document or Google document as well to ensure that you have a copy!

For help with your login information please see Ms. Price in Room 235!

We will begin meeting with the Junior class in the spring of 2018!

We look forward to helping you navigate the college process!

Thank you!

The Guidance Department

Post-Secondary Planning to Begin for All Grade Levels Spring Term.

The Guidance Department is working with our Studios and is in communications with College Confident, Financially Clean, High Water Women, Options Institute, and the NYC DOE College Access for All Initiative to expand the process of preparing for College for all students, including 9th Graders, at LaGuardia.

Our focus is two-fold for the Spring:

- Providing grade level appropriate Post-Secondary Planning exposure and support
- Providing training and support regarding the process of paying for college

For the initiatives above, we are continuing to collaborate and push into the Studios for this essential work in Semester Two.

Freshmen & Parents Receive Access to Naviance

In preparation for academic planning with the Guidance team, all Freshmen students and parents have been given Naviance access. We encourage families to explore the Naviance features. Use the Naviance Log In link from the school’s home page.

Students: You are already registered. Use your LaGuardia Google account user name and PW to log into Naviance. [mark27890@laguardiahs.org; 123456789]

Parents: You must register as a New User. Use your child’s 9-digit ID number as your registration code.
The Princeton Prize in Race Relations committee was created to identify and commend high school students who have had a significant positive effect on race relations in their schools or in their communities through their volunteer efforts. The prize comes with a $1,000 cash award and an invitation to participate in a national symposium at Princeton University. We also recognize students working to improve race relations by awarding Certificates of Accomplishment.

This year’s application is due by January 31, 2018.

The application is available online: https://pprize.princeton.edu/apply.

National Youth Science Camp

The National Youth Science Camp is a residential science education program for young STEM enthusiasts the summer after they graduate from high school. Two graduating high school students will be selected to represent New York at the all-expenses paid honors program which will be held from June 27, 2018 through July 21, 2018.

The online application to attend the 2018 National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) is now available at http://apply.nysc.org/.

All applications and all supporting documents/forms must be submitted online no later than 6:00 PM EST February 28, 2018.

Apollo Theater Academy

2018 Spring Internship Application Now Available

The Apollo Theater Academy Spring Internship Program provides High School students in their senior year with opportunities for professional and personal development as they explore administrative and managerial careers in the performing arts and entertainment industries.

The Apollo Theater Academy 2018 Spring Internship Program provides high school students with opportunities for professional and personal development as they explore managerial and production careers in the performing arts and entertainment industries.

AES Engineers Sponsored Scholarship

The consulting firm of AES Engineers is committed to continuing its support of higher education by providing scholarships to deserving students. This award is available to all students, regardless of their field of study.

To be eligible the student needs to answer one of the essay questions that they will find on our site at http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2018 SUMMER STUDY

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS WITH ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018
Incomplete and late submissions will not be accepted

Students must fill out this paper form and the online application at:
https://alumniandfriends.org/summer-study

Last Name _____________________ First Name _____________________ Grade _____________

Your Email ___________________________ Your Cell Phone # ___________________________

Applicant/Student Information
- Complete the online application at: https://alumniandfriends.org/summer-study
- A copy of your acceptance letter, if you have one
- This filled out form with GPAs and all signatures

Parent/Guardian Information
- Please provide the first two pages of the 2016 IRS 1040 Form (as filed) from the household
claiming the student as a dependent

Bring this paper to Maria LaMonica in room 201, where you will receive your GPA information and get her
signature.

Total GPA _______ Studio GPA _______ Maria LaMonica’s Signature _______________________

SIGNATURES

1. ________________________________  ____________________________________
   (Print Student Name)       (Student Signature)

2. Studio Faculty Signature
   My signature below indicates that this student is in good standing and I support this application.

   ________________________________  ________________________________
   (Print Studio Faculty Name)       (Studio Faculty Signature)

3. Parent/Guardian Signature
   I have reviewed and approve this application.

   ________________________________  ________________________________
   (Print Parent/Guardian Name)      (Parent/Guardian Signature)