



# Bulletin

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

April is a month full of traditional Stuyvesant events, both academic and cultural.

On April 8<sup>th</sup> parents are invited to visit their child's classroom during open school week. At the end of that week on April 11<sup>th</sup> (evening) and April 12<sup>th</sup> (afternoon) **parent/teacher conferences** are held, at which time parents have an opportunity to meet teachers and speak privately about your student's academic progress. As is custom at Stuyvesant, the parents' association hosts a lovely and well-received dinner for the teachers the evening of parent/teacher conferences.

The foreign languages department hosts the school's **27<sup>th</sup> Annual International Food Festival** on April 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00 pm. This event provides a sampling of foods from around the world and reflects the cultural diversity of the Stuyvesant population. The efforts of the entire foreign language staff and students make this event a success year after year.

Sing — A true Stuyvesant tradition and one that sparks the enthusiasm of the entire Stuyvesant community is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. This friendly theatrical competition between soph/frosh, junior, and senior classes is a major spring event that requires many hours of practice and dedication by the students and always proves to be a show worth seeing.

Please note: Stuyvesant high school does not sponsor or encourage sing cast parties either in or out of the school building. In addition, sing faculty advisors do not organize or chaperone any events after the performance.

Happy Spring!,

— S. Teitel, Principal

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### Message from Marilena Christodoulou President of the Stuyvesant PA

Dear Parents,

We are currently faced with two major challenges which, if not addressed, will seriously compromise our children's education and potentially their health.

It has been 6 months since September 11 and 5 months since our children returned to school. On several occasions we brought outside experts to the PA meetings to discuss the environmental situation, including experts from Government Agencies, the scientific and medical communities, and the Board of Education (BOE) administrative and technical personnel. We have been successful in obtaining: an asbestos cleanup of the school; environmental monitoring; and an upgrade of the ventilation filters (to 40% efficiency at 1 micron) at the end of January. We have not obtained, however, an upgrade to adequately protective filtration (to at least 90% efficiency) and the cleaning of the ventilation systems.

The BOE never cleaned the ventilation ducts and we have recently learned that the 300 unit ventilators located in the classrooms, where our children spend most of their time, have also never been cleaned. Despite recent improvements in air quality in Lower Manhattan, further action is needed because particulates and contaminants from September 11 and thereafter (including those generated from the truck and barge operation) have not yet been removed from the ventilation systems. Since the return to school, BOE testing has demonstrated that elevated levels of particulates continued to enter the school. These particulates can be re-suspended and re-circulated and pose a continuing health risk to the children, faculty, and staff at Stuyvesant.

Dr. Irving Hamer, a member of the BOE, requested of the Chancellor that the BOE clean the ducts during Spring Recess. Senator Clinton has requested a prompt resolution of this issue. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, the EPA Independent Investigator issued a recommendation that the EPA immediately clean the ducts and install  
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## PA GENERAL MEETING — TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2002

**6:30 PM Hospitality**  
**7:00 PM Business Meeting: Final nominations for officers for next year's PA Officers will be taken from the floor.**  
**Vote on litigation**  
**(See Message from the PA President above)**

The program will be an exploration of the Math and Music Departments at Stuyvesant presented by Assistant Principals Danny Jaye and Bernard Leiberman. The session will include some interactive activities for the parent audience that will prove to be very interesting for all in attendance. (Subject to change.)

The May General meeting is very important. Elections for the PA Executive Board will be held. All PA members are encouraged to come and vote on Tuesday evening, May 21.

## STUYVESANT CALENDAR SPRING 2002

March 28 – April 5	Spring Recess – School Closed
Sunday April 7	Daylight Savings Time Begins. Set clocks ahead 1 hour
Monday, April 8	School resumes after recess
April 8, 9, 10	Open School Week / Parent Classroom Visits
Thursday, April 11	Chamber Music Recital – 3:15 p.m.
Thursday, April 11	Parent Teacher Conferences 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday, April 12	Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday, April 15	E Bell Schedule (10 <sup>th</sup> period dismissal: 2:23 p.m.)
Tuesday, April 16	PA General Meeting 7:00–9:00 p.m. (PA Hospitality* 6:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, April 17	End of Second Marking Period
Thursday, April 18	International Food Festival
April 24, 26, 27	SING!
Monday, April 29	E Bell Schedule (10 <sup>th</sup> period dismissal: 2:23 p.m.)
Wednesday, May 1	Distribution of Report Cards
Thursday, May 2	College Night
Saturday, May 4	SAT Exams
Monday, May 6	E Bell Schedule (10 <sup>th</sup> period dismissal: 2:23 p.m.)
May 6, 7, 8	PA Phonathon
May 6th – May 17th	AP Exams
Tuesday, May 7	Calculus AP Exams (special schedule)
Sunday, May 12	Mother's Day
Monday, May 20	E Bell Schedule (10 <sup>th</sup> period dismissal: 2:23 p.m.)
Tuesday, May 21	PA General Meeting 7:00–9:00 p.m. (PA Hospitality* 6:30 p.m.)
Thursday, May 23	Spring Concert & Art Show
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day – School Closed
Wednesday, May 29	ARISTA Induction Ceremony
Saturday, June 1	SAT Exams / Speech & Debate Dinner
Wednesday, June 5	Awards Night
Thursday, June 6	Spring Comedy
Friday, June 7	Spring Comedy
June 13 & 14	Final Exams (tentative)
Saturday, June 15	Incoming Family Orientation
Saturday, June 15	Senior Prom at Waldorf Astoria
Sunday, June 16	Father's Day
Monday, June 17	Graduation Rehearsal / Sports Luncheon
Tuesday, June 18	PA General Meeting 7:00–9:00 p.m. (PA Hospitality* 6:30 p.m.)
June 18th – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Regents Exams
Monday, June 24	Graduation at Avery Fisher Hall
Wednesday, June 26	Last Day of School

\* Meet your PA representatives. Talk to other parents. Coffee and cookies provided.

high-efficiency filtration at Stuyvesant.

Funding should be provided through the Federal Agency FEMA, or from other Government sources.

The BOE refuses to do anything. We have two options: accept the situation, which we believe is not adequately protective of our children's health, or initiate litigation, which is the only other road open to us after 6 months of efforts.

As mandated by a vote at the last PA General Meeting, we have retained Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, a prestigious law firm, on a pro-bono basis (i.e., at no cost to the PA) to advise us on our legal options. The lawyers have already been in touch with the BOE to request that the ducts be cleaned over Spring Recess. The BOE has failed to respond.

It is absolutely essential that all parents attend the PA meeting on April 16 and vote on giving the PA permission to initiate a pro-bono lawsuit to cause the BOE to clean the school's ventilation systems in order to protect the health of our children.

We continue to work with the community and public officials to call for the speedy closure of the truck and barge operation next to the school. Most importantly, we are working for the establishment of a Medical Registry and health surveillance system to cover our children in case of long-term adverse health effects from their 6 months of exposure to the post-9/11 environment (especially from their first 4 months prior to the installation of even the 40% efficient filters at the school).

The second critical challenge we have to address immediately is the proposed cuts to our school's budget resulting from the devastating State and City proposed cuts to the public school system. Although initially Mayor Bloomberg announced 7% cuts to the BOE, it now appears that the cuts will be less, but would still have a material adverse impact on the schools.

In anticipation of 7% budget cuts, Principal Stanley Teitel informed students that they could only take 6 academic courses in the Fall term, as opposed to the 8 academic courses that they can currently take. (This, of course, could change if a lower level of cuts is instituted). This action strikes at the very core of the Stuyvesant education: Elective and Advanced Placement courses.

We need to immediately mobilize to both fight the State and City budget cuts, and to explore other possibilities within Stuyvesant that would not be essential to the core mission and the academic excellence of our school. Such solutions may include reverting back to 6 periods of Regents Science instruction per week instead of the current 7.5 periods; waiving the Physical Education requirement for students on athletic teams; allowing computer science to fulfill one term of drafting; offering subjects where class registration is low as independent study through the Department Chairs; having all AP classes be single period, etc. In the coming weeks, the PA will be working closely with the School Administration, the Faculty, and the Student Government, to explore such solutions.

On the PA side, this effort will be led by First

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## COLLEGE NIGHT - MAY 2, 2002

The P.A. takes great pride in hosting the annual college night dinner and dessert buffet for the approximately 150 college representatives who make presentations and are at hand to answer questions. We still have a number of slots we need volunteers to fill. If you have a few hours between now and May 2, please email Carol Edgar at [Cedgar1005@aol.com](mailto:Cedgar1005@aol.com).

You could also help us make us this year's dessert buffet as memorable as always. Volunteer to send in a dessert with your student on Thursday, May 2nd to room 211, care of Peggy Harvey. We recommend finger foods like brownies, assorted cookies, lemon squares, small fruit tarts, mini cupcakes, chocolate dipped strawberries, dried apricots and nuts and so forth.

Please sign up at the upcoming April 16th General PA meeting or email your commitment to [ellen@womenscommission.org](mailto:ellen@womenscommission.org); or call Ellen @ 212-551-3115 or Saberah @ 718-627-5136.

Thanks in advance for your spirited support!

— Carol Edgar, Chair, College Night

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## STUYVESANT ADVANCED SCIENCE SEMINARS (S A S S) – SPRING 2002

Stuyvesant has sponsored a series of advanced science seminars since the spring of 1998. All these seminars begin at 10:15 AM and are held at Lecture Hall A. Here is the current list of the Spring 2002 seminars:

April 8, 2002	David Rosner, PhD - Columbia University / Mailman School of Public Health Making History: Epidemics and the Built Environment in 19th Century New York
April 9, 2002	Allen I. Mincer, PhD - New York University Very High Energy Gamma Ray Astrophysics
April 15, 2002	Munish Khaneja, MD - Columbia University
May 1, 2002	Jordan Goodman, PhD - University of Maryland
May 3, 2002	Steve Maran, PhD - NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center Great Discoveroes on Space Science at the Millennium
May 6, 2002	Kenneth Miller, PhD - Brown University Lifting the Veil on the Human Genome: What's really inside?
May 21, 2002	Rayna Papp, PhD - New York University

Parents are welcome to attend these seminars.

— Olga Livanis, AP - Physics and Chemistry

## KOREAN PARENTS MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Korean Parents will have a meeting on Tuesday, April 30, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at Stuyvesant High School in the cafeteria on the 5th floor as an effort of outreach and mental health services.

Korean speaking speakers will talk about the choice of career, mental power, and college education.

— Roger Kim

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## PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH FAMILY ORIENTATION DAY 8:15 AM - NOON

Please help welcome next September's new freshmen. Students who have decided to attend Stuyvesant (graduating class 2007) are invited, with their parents, to our annual Family Orientation on Saturday, June 15th. Many of us remember how important Orientation was!

All parent volunteers can be of assistance. We'll be working in teams, so by participating on June 15<sup>th</sup> you'll also have an opportunity to meet other Stuy parents. Volunteers are needed from 8:15am - Noon.

Please e-mail Ellie Freudenheim at [ellenfreud@yahoo.com](mailto:ellenfreud@yahoo.com) or call 718-636-5040 at your earliest convenience if you can join us.

Thanks!  
Ellie Freudenheim  
Family Orientation Committee

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## STUYVESANT P.A. SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The Stuyvesant Parents Association announces our annual Scholarship Essay Contest. There are five scholarships of \$1000 each. All seniors are eligible and all are encouraged to apply. When you go to college every dollar counts. Please give us the opportunity to contribute to your success.

Write a 250-500 word essay, format it on MS Word (PC platform), and e-mail it by the deadline, 11:00 PM, May 1, 2002 to: [dismeado@aol.com](mailto:dismeado@aol.com)

Essay Question:

Tell us, in 250-500 words, about a memorable experience you have had during your time at Stuyvesant. Think back across your high school years to recall something personal and possibly unique to yourself. The event can be class-related or not, serious or humorous or both. Be yourself, write from the heart.

All essays will be kept confidential, read only by the PA Scholarship Committee, who will not know the authors' names. If we elect to make public/publish any essay we will ask the author's permission first. Winners will be announced at the Stuyvesant HS Awards Night in June 2002 (winners' presence not required).

Any questions call Denis Meadows, Chair, PA Scholarship Committee at (718) 768-0494 or email [dismeado@aol.com](mailto:dismeado@aol.com)

Thank you and good luck!  
Denis Meadows

Vice-President Sheldon Stachel and Sophomore SLT Delegate Stephen Kessler, who are both on the School Leadership Team Budget Subcommittee. If you wish to contribute to this effort, please e-mail Sheldon or Steve (at maxstach@aol.com, and cigslk@aol.com, respectively).

At the same time, it is critical that we join with the other schools to lobby elected officials at the State and City levels. Through the PA's efforts on the environmental front, we already have established associations with other schools and community boards, as well as a hard-working Political, Legal, and Social Action Committee headed by Richard Roth. If you wish to join this Committee, please e-mail Richard (at Richard.roth@bbh.com). We urge all parents to write and call their elected representatives. Please see the PA website for guidance.

I hope to see you all at our General Meeting on April 16, and work with all of you on these important issues.

— Marilena Christodoulou, PA President

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## CHINESE LANGUAGE UPDATE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AT STUYVESANT

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Under the leadership of the PA President, Marilena Christodoulou, the PA is dealing with the environmental issue trying to protect the health and safety of our children. It has now come to the a point where the environment issue is narrowed down to three basic demands of:

1. BOE to clean the air ducts and the unit ventilators.
2. BOE to upgrade the ventilation filters.
3. The City to remove the barge at pier 25.

Unfortunately, the BOE has refused to clean the air ducts and upgrade the filters. Assuming no agreement is reached with the BOE, the PA will vote at the April 16 general meeting to proceed with Pro Bono legal action. Please be sure to attend the April 16 PA general meeting as only those who attend are able to vote. In the event voting does take place, it will be the first item of business on the agenda.

On the barge issue, there was a rally on March 20 by the Stuyvesant bridge to ban the barge. The rally was organized by the WTC Environmental Coalition for the community.

May Umeki

### 空氣安全環境的新聞

家長會會長, MARILENA CHRISTODOULOU, 的工作是整天的專任工作, 為了我們孩子的健康和安全的處理學校空氣的問題。在她領導下有不屈的奉獻和非常的努力, 現在家長會要求縮小到三個基本點:

1. 教育局清洗通風管和各單位通風機
2. 教育局改善優良的過濾網
3. 紐約市移動第25碼頭殘骸船。

不幸, 教育局拒絕清洗通風管和改良過濾網。假如一路和教育局達不到滿足的同意, 在4/16家長會大會有投票決定開始 PRO-BONO (律師報酬免費) 進行打官司。各位家長本人請確定參加因為來到會場才有資格投票, 如果當天投票實在進行的話, 會安排到議程表第一件事情。

關於殘骸船, 在3/20有在 STUYVESANT 高中人行天橋前有示威行動。這集合是地區共同生活體世界貿中心環境聯合會組織的。

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## COLLEGE COLUMN

Because of the Baby Boom bulge, emphasis on the importance of attending college for job prospects, higher incomes of families, increased scholarships, and desire for more geographic representation (spreading out the numbers from NYC) competition for slots at the best colleges has greatly increased. Even with this in mind and the complications from the events of September 11th, Stuyvesant seniors have done quite well in early decision (binding) and early action (non-binding).

College counselor Pat Cleary made a presentation aimed primary at junior families, to the PA on March 19th. She reminded families of the importance of reading and re-reading the College Handbook, which each junior received last week. Copies of last year's are available for \$2 from the College Office. It contains ALL the vital information about the college process. She also mentioned the College Bulletin, which is placed in homerooms and on the website ([www.stuy.edu](http://www.stuy.edu) with the link to college). The Bulletins provide up-to-date information about scholarships, visits from college representatives and summer academic programs. Families are also encouraged to look at the statistics from last year's acceptances, which are posted on the website. Those from this year will be up as soon as they are available.

### **Juniors**

Juniors have been given a two sided information sheet, which is to be filled out and given to their SSR (Secondary School Report) writers (Stuyvesant teachers who meet with the students, receive updated biographic information from them, review their college files – which should be checked by students to insure that the paragraph raves requested each term from a teacher are there as well as any awards, notice about outside activities, etc - and write the guidance letter which goes from the school directly to students' college choices).

Juniors should be stopping by the College Office to sit down with one of the advisors, discussing their interests and reviewing possible choices. The office has many resources to guide students in that decision.

A newly developed College Inventory Card will also remind juniors of what they need to keep in mind (standardized tests, college visits – considered very important, which two teachers, usually one from the humanities and one from math/science who they will ask to write their reference letters). All students are advised to take the Writing SAT II test. The more competitive schools suggest two others. SAT II subject tests are taken after a student has completed the course (e.g. freshman year for Biology, sophomore year for chemistry and junior year for physics).

This is the last academic year when students can select "Score Choice" from ETS, the testing service. This means that any standardized SAT II tests taken after this June will go automatically on a students' transcript to be sent, when requested by the student, to colleges. Any tests taken through

June can remain as "Score Choice" enabling the student to decide after they receive the results whether or not they want colleges to see any of those scores. Reminder that it is up to the student to contact ETS to release scores to the colleges.

Early action/early decision which requires applications by mid-November of senior year has become increasingly important to students and colleges. This year Columbia University accepted 49% of its fall entering freshmen class via early decision; Harvard about 40%. However, MIT took in only 14%. About 25% of Stuyvesant seniors this year applied early. Only those students who clearly have a favorite picked early in the fall, who have a very good chance to get accepted (The college office can provide advice on this) and who are less dependent on financial packages (since students cannot weigh choices from multiple acceptances by applying only to one early) should take this option.

May 2nd in the evening is College Fair Night. Juniors and some sophomores are encouraged to attend with their families. Often the college representatives who attend are the ones who review Stuyvesant high school applications. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about new places and to ask questions.

Students are advised to pay attention to written and verbal notification about visits from college representatives, which usually occur in the fall. Again, these individuals are usually the ones who review our students' applications.

Ms. Cleary explained the rationale for limiting the number of college applications per student to 7 (which is 2 more than is permitted at Hunter and at some private schools). Multiple SUNY and/or CUNY applications are counted as 1. Some students' safety schools are others' dreams. Colleges are increasingly interested in spreading out the demographics and will not accept all the eligible Stuyvesant students. We want to be sure that the best students do not inhibit other peers from getting into the college of their choice. Narrowing the selection to 7 is not easy but is an excellent process for making sure that the choices are good ones. You should have a dream or two, several possibles and one or two safeties (ones that are assured).

### **Seniors**

By May 1, students must give a deposit for ONE and only ONE college. There is no limit on the number of wait lists a student may be on. It is a good idea for students to write a letter to a college which has put them on their wait list, in addition to sending back their card.

Students should write to those colleges whose offer of acceptance they are declining letting them know that they will not be attending. This releases your slot and may permit another Stuy student to be accepted.

— *Katherine Kline and Pat Cleary*

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## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS -- BECOME A PARENT BUDDY

YES, I am friendly and inclusive.

YES, I would like to be a parent buddy for a new incoming Stuyvesant parent

YES, I will welcome the new parents with a phone call before school starts

Mentor Parent's First and Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's First and Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

First Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association  
PA Special Committee Parent Buddy, Room 271  
345 Chambers Street  
New York, NY 10282-1099

# STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

## March 19, 2002 Draft General Meeting Minutes

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PA President, Marilena Christodoulou opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

### Announcements:

- **Spring Recess:** March 28 through April 5.
- **Open School Week:** April 8, 9, and 10. Parents may visit classes during the three days before the parent-teacher conferences. Please observe guidelines for classroom visits published in the March Bulletin, also available at the PA website, [www.stuyva.org](http://www.stuyva.org).
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** April 11, 6:30—8:30 p.m. and April 12, 1:00—3:00 p.m.

- **Parents' Association Scholarships:** The Parents' Association announced its annual scholarship Essay Contest. All seniors are eligible and encouraged to apply. Contestants should write a 250-500 word essay, formatted on MS Word (PC platform) and email it to [dismeado@aol.com](mailto:dismeado@aol.com). Deadline for submission is 11:00 p.m., May 1, 2002. Essay Question: "Tell us, in 250-500 words, about a memorable experience you've had during your time at Stuyvesant. Think back across your high school years to recall something personal, perhaps unique to you. This event can be class-related or not, serious or humorous or both. Be yourself, write from the heart." All essays will be kept confidential, and will be read only by the PA Scholarship Committee (who will not know the names of the authors). Winners will be announced at Awards Night on June 5.

- **Annual PA Elections:** Bernard Rivers, Nominating Committee Chair, spoke about the role of the Nominating Committee which is to preside over the upcoming elections to the PA Board, and to attract as many qualified and committed candidates as possible. The school and the PA have faced extraordinary challenges this year, and next year's PA Executive Board will have to deal with the impact of the City's planned budget cuts. Bernard believes it's crucial for dedicated parents to stand for election to the PA Board. Nominations must be received by Wednesday, March 27. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor during the April 16 General PA Meeting. The election will take place via written ballot at the PA General Meeting on May 21. Parents must be present if they wish to vote.

- **Board of Education Budget Cuts:** Principal **Stan Teitel** announced that in anticipation of severe budget cuts for the coming year students are being asked to prioritize their class choices when they register on-line for next term's classes. With 77% of the school's budget going into classroom instruction, it is to be expected that the budget cuts will have an impact on instruction. Stan cannot guarantee at this time 9 periods of instruction. Students should therefore prioritize their class choices and will be guaranteed 6 instructional periods plus Physical Education and lunch. An additional eighth and ninth class selection may be added if the budget allows.

The PA **Political Action Committee** will work to address the school budget cuts and is planning a meeting when classes resume after the break. Anyone interested is invited to join. Visit the PA website for further details.

A **demonstration** about the barge is planned for Wednesday, March 20, 7:30—9:30 a.m. Anyone interested should join the demonstrators at the foot of the TriBeCa bridge.

**Treasurer's Report:** Donovan Moore, treasurer, presented the report; we are in good shape; some Wish List allocations have not been spent yet; Donovan will try to accelerate spending of the remaining wish list items.

**Approval of Committee Chairs:** Ellen Freudenheim was approved as chair of the Family Orientation/Open House Committee and Kiki Dinos was approved as co-chair of the Phonathon Committee.

Marilena introduced our **guest speaker, Pat Cleary**, Stuyvesant High School College Advisor. Pat's presentation was full of essential information for parents and concluded with Q&A from the audience. Our job as parents is to guide our child through the college process, to encourage our child to take risks and not be overly concerned by status and prestige. All parents want what's best for their child, but what's "best" for you neighbor may not be the best for your child. The goal is to find the best fit between the criteria important to your child and the opportunities available at particular colleges. These are some of the main points:

- There is a college suitable for every student, and it doesn't have to be Harvard.
- The college application process has become extremely competitive due to changing demographics and increased disposable income. Applications to individual schools have been steadily increasing in the last decade. Example: in 1988 Columbia University received 4,000 applications for 1,000 spots, this year it received 16,000 applications for 1,300 spots.
- The college office staff meets individually with every student in the senior class.
- There are 6 SSR (Secondary School Report) writers; they work closely with the guidance counselors and write excellent recommendations.
- Colleges look at the entire student and the progression of grades earned, classes taken, and extracurricular activities. It's best to show genuine interest in something, "a passion" rather than many different activities.
- There are deadlines that must be met! Please read the College Handbook.
- Each student is allowed **7 college applications**. This forces both parents and student to look more critically at possible schools. A parent asked about the possibility of allowing one more college application to help students in the middle/lower part of the class. Marilena promised to put the request on the agenda of the next Executive Board Meeting.
- New this year: the **Junior College Inventory Card** that all juniors are required to fill out.
- Choose 2 "dream" schools, 3 "middle of the road" schools, and 2 "safe" schools.
- If you apply "**early decision**", your child is required attend that school.
- If you apply "**early action**" your child may apply to other schools. Early action is not binding. Only Harvard, MIT and Georgetown allow "early action".
- Many colleges fill a significant portion of their freshman class under "early decision". Columbia accepted 49% of its freshman class early; Harvard 40%.
- This year, approximately 300 Stuyvesant students applied under early decision/early action and about 100 were accepted. This is similar to last year.
- Most competitive colleges require 3 SAT IIs (writing, math and one more depending on area of study). After this year **score choice** will no longer be possible for SAT II scores.
- Be realistic with your child about what you can afford. Encourage your child to watch for and apply for the many scholarship opportunities available.
- Visit schools and help your child find a school he or she will like.
- Your child is getting an excellent education at Stuy, so urge him or her to experience it fully and participate in school life, especially in 9th and 10th Grades.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lillian Brash, Corresponding Secretary

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PHONATHON

Volunteers are needed to make phone calls, handle paperwork or assist with food and other details. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer! Please fill out this volunteer form and return it to the PA office. Please call us to find out how YOU CAN HELP. Call Harvey Blumm at 212-866-8213 or email HBlumm@aol.com.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday May 6, 7, and 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Name and E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name & Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please check date and time available:

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday, May 6      \_\_\_\_\_ Time      Check Task: \_\_\_\_\_ Help Plan Event  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, May 7      \_\_\_\_\_ Time      \_\_\_\_\_ Make Calls  
\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, May 8      \_\_\_\_\_ Time

I can make calls in the following language: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: PHONATHON, PA OFFICE  
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## The Parents' Association of Stuyvesant High School BULLETIN

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