



Bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents:

May is a month of mixed emotions for me. I am happy knowing that our Seniors and their parents have survived the college application and admissions process. I am concerned that the next two months will be very stressful for the rest of the school.

I wish to congratulate all of our Seniors and their parents. The college acceptance process is difficult and stress filled to say the least. The acceptance each student receives is based upon successful academic completion of high school. Encourage your child to stay the course.

The entire school now faces the most difficult period of the school year. During May there are two weeks of advanced placement examinations in all subjects. In early June many students will take the SAT I and SAT II exams. In late June the mandated Regents examinations will be administered. Please encourage and support your child in any way possible during this stress filled period.

I want to thank the entire parent body for the support you have shown during this difficult school year.

Sincerely,
Stan Teitel

MESSAGE FROM MARILENA CHRISTODOULOU PRESIDENT OF THE STUYVESANT PA

Dear Parents:

We hope to see all of you at the May 21 PA General Meeting. Your participation in the elections for next year's PA Officers and School Leadership Team delegates is important to the success of our association.

Sincerely,
Marilena Christodoulou

OPEN SCHOOL WEEK

Open School Week was well attended and graciously administered by a wonderful group of parent-volunteers. It could not have happened without you! Many thanks, as well, to the generous parents who helped produce the Faculty Dinner on the night of Parent-Teacher conferences. The desserts were wonderful, every last bite was consumed – with pleasure. A special thanks to the parents who gave precious workday hours to set-up and serve at the event!

– Dorothy Schuster and Mary Salter

PA GENERAL MEETING — TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2002

6:30 PM	Hospitality
7:00 PM	Business Meeting: PA Elections
7:15 PM	Program: Danny Jaye, Assistant Principal Mathematics Department and the Math Team

STUYVESANT CALENDAR SPRING 2002

COLLEGE COLUMN

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 (10th 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 – 21st	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

Seniors

A deposit should have been sent to one and only one college by May 1. You can remain on as many wait lists as you want. If you are offered a slot, and accept it from the wait list, you must inform the school which took your deposit that you will not be attending. You forfeit your deposit.

Please make sure that your children inform those schools where s/he was accepted but choose not to attend, otherwise you are preventing a wait listed student from attending who would take the slot. Seniors should bring in envelopes for final grades and certification of graduation between May 23 and June 14.

Seniors should not slack off second semester as colleges have rescinded acceptances due to poor performance in senior year.

Juniors

Mrs. Ferrara and Ms. Cleary are interested in talking with students about their college process. Bring in your College Inventory Card, which was distributed in English classes last March. Extensive information about colleges is available on-line (every college has its own website) and in the library.

Should take an SAT I test in May or June and SAT II subject tests on June 2nd only in those areas in which you are strong. You cannot take both SAT I and SAT II tests on the same date. It is possible to sign up for the SAT tests by May 8th but you pay a late registration fee of \$15. After May 8th, it is still possible to sign up for the SAT tests as a walk-in (fee is \$30). Contact John Mui in the Guidance Office to sign up to try to take it at Stuyvesant.

– Katherine Kline and Pat Cleary

KOREAN PARENTS MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 30

On April 30, more than 70 Korean parents showed up at school dining room. It was a very successful educational conference and PA membership outreach. Dr. Hae Am Kim, a well-known psychiatrist at Cornell University, lectured about our children's choice of career and mentality. He also addressed an early referral and proper counseling when our children had signs and behaviors of the posttraumatic stress. Dr. Ki He Kim, a very dynamic speaker from New Jersey State University at Wayne gave a detail guide, step by step preparation for college application. Salon Ling and Hyun Jung Shim from Hamilton Madison House introduced their counseling program of Project Liberty Associate funded by FEMA. As PA board members at the meeting, Johanna Choy, Joanna Peters from Outreach committee, Jeanne Chin from Hospitality committee, Judy Moore from Mental Health program, and Richard Roth from Political Action committee explained their activities and addressed the importance of fund raising on May 6-8. Any parents may call Dr. Hae Am Kim at (212) 879-2322, Dr. Ki Hi Kim at (201) 461-6960, and Project Liberty at (212) 720-4570 for more information.

Newly elected Korean parent representatives are Myung Jin Rho (718) 897-8016 and Chong Mi Hwang-Ryu (718) 229-7417. Associates in each grade are the following. 11th grade: Agnes Park (212) 594-7773, Jin Young Kang (718) 698-2464, Roger Kim (718) 667-1417. 10th grade: Hyang Lee (718) 279-2016, Bonnie Song (718) 279-8485, Myeonghye Bae (718) 698-7834. 9th grade: Young Sook Kim (718) 899-5724, Yoo Sook Lee (718) 428-0450. New student: Jung Hee Lim (718) 565-6462, Jung Soon Kim (718) 259-2956, Won Hee Yoo (718) 446-4490.

We very much appreciate Agnes Park, Julie Kim and Jeanne Chin for the preparation of dinner with donations of drink and snack.

– Roger Kim

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM BUDGET COMMITTEE UPDATE

On Friday April 26, 2001, the School Budget Committee of the School Leadership Team [SLT] had a meeting for the purpose of evaluating possible offsets to potential budget cuts at Stuyvesant H.S. Mr. Teitel said that the amount of the potential budget cuts might be from 2% to 6%.

The PA had received a petition signed by 188 students requesting that the Drafting and 10 period Technology requirements be eliminated for members of the Concert Chorus and Chamber Choir which would be similar to the exemption given to members of the Orchestra and Band. Elimination of the 10 period Technology requirement for seniors is also high on the list of students and many parents. The relevancy of several of the courses offered has come into question, and will be reevaluated.

Another option might be to revert -- to 6 periods of Regents Science instruction per week instead of the current 7.5 periods. This might help avoid cuts in subject matter but Mr. Teitel and Ms. Held raised the issue of whether Stuy would meet the 280-minute State requirement if this was done. Due to new state requirements, Stuy can only revert to 7.0 periods of Regents Science instruction instead of 7.5 today.

Students also advised the PA that they would be in favor of replacing 1 term of drafting with Introductory Computer Science and 2 terms of Drafting with an AP Computer Science course.

There were other possible budget savings ideas discussed that would affect the administration of the school and the course offerings in other areas. Mr. Teitel said that all options remained open. The good news is that the expected budget cuts, if they occur at all, will probably not have a significant effect on the academics at Stuy.

The PA will continue to propose reasonable offsets and oppose budget cuts that may impact on the special educational experience that is Stuyvesant HS and will keep all aware of our on-going efforts.

Sheldon D. Stachel
Stephen Kessler

CHINESE SPEAKING PARENTS MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, AT 7 PM IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Mandarin and Cantonese speakers

The last meeting for this school year will be held on Wednesday, May 15, at 7:00 PM in the Stuyvesant cafeteria. The meeting will focus on the following two important topics:

- Selecting and visiting colleges, parents visiting colleges with their children, the when and how and other information on the process.
- Strategies for time management, how parents can help their children plan school work and extra curricular activities.

Come join us for our wrap up meeting for this year.

Membership Outreach Committee
Johanna Choy and Joanna Peters

史蒂文生中學中國家長會

中國家長會在5月15日(星期三)下午7時在學校五樓飯堂舉行。在會中有國語和廣東話演講。這次開會是本學年最後的一次。這次有兩個重要的主題。〈1〉選擇大學和參觀大學。家長們與子女們何時與怎樣去參觀大學及其他資料有關的程序。〈2〉時間分配困難。家長們如何去幫助他們的子女計劃學校的作業並其他特別額外的課外活動。

請踴躍來參加今年最後這一次的中国家長會。

家長聯絡組負責人

Joanna Peters 與 Johanna Choy

CHINESE UPDATE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE

At the last April 16th PA General Meeting, a vote was taken for the PA to have authority to take legal action against the BOE in order to ensure that the air ducts and unit ventilators at the school be cleaned. The parents voted by a margin of approximately two to one in favor of giving the PA the authority.

Subsequently, we are now waiting for the BOE's response to the PA demands of cleaning the ventilation systems and upgrading the filters.

The present PA under the leadership of the President, Marilena Christodoulou, has worked very hard to improve the health and safety of our children's school environment. Now that the current school year is coming to a close, at the next May 21st PA General Meeting we will hold elections for PA officers and school leadership team representatives for the next school year.

Please again show your concern and support as a parent and do attend the May 21st PA General Meeting by participating in the elections of the new PA Officers. Only parents who attend the meeting are eligible to vote.

May Umeki
Second Vice President

空氣安全環境的新聞

上次四月十六日家長會總會有投票決定家長會本身有否權力告教育局為了確實通風管和各單位通風機的清洗工作。投票結果差不多二對一的大多數票家長決定家長會有權力告教育局。現在達成共識在等教育局的誠意來清洗通風設備和改良過濾網。

現在的家長會在會長, MARILENA CHRISTODOULOU 的領導下為了我們孩子的健康和安全工作非常努力。今年的學年快完了, 下次五月二十一日的家長會總會有預定新學年的家長會幹部和學校領導隊的選舉。

請各位再一次表現您做家長的關心和支持而務必出席五月二十一日總會參加選舉明年新的家長會會長和幹部員。只有出席的家長才有資格投票。

趙福梅
第二副會長

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

MAY 1, 2002

At the April 16 PA General Meeting, parents voted by a margin of about 2 to 1 in favor of giving the PA the authority, through the use of its pro-bono counsel, to undertake legal action against the Board of Education of the City of New York and any other necessary parties, in order to require those entities to ensure that the air ducts and unit ventilators at Stuyvesant High School are professionally cleaned.

We are sorry to report that the Board of Education continues to resist cleaning Stuyvesant's ductwork and classroom unit ventilators, neither of which has been cleaned since the events of 9/11. However, following the PA vote, the Board of Education has commenced testing of the ducts and unit ventilators. We expect to receive the test results in approximately one week.

On April 10, we learned for the first time that five weeks earlier the Board of Education's environmental vendor unilaterally changed the settings on one of the instruments used to measure particulate matter (PM 2.5) in the school. On February 25, the Dusttrak was arbitrarily reset so that measurements would read 66% lower than previously. On March 4, it was reset to read 50% lower than it had originally been reading.

It is our understanding that these altered readings are not reflected in the data that has been supplied to the PA (i.e., environmental results the PA receives and posts are not altered). These events were part of an effort to compare disparities in results for measuring PM 2.5 produced by different measuring methods. Nevertheless, these events are of concern for two reasons:

1. The PA's environmental expert, Howard Bader, was not consulted or informed of the changes.
2. The recalibration was not performed in accordance with custom calibration procedures specified in the manufacturer's Operation and Service Manual for the Dusttrak Aerosol Monitor (TSI Incorporated, March 2002, pages 31-32).

With regard to particulate contaminants, parents should be aware of the following continuing concerns:

- Averaged measurements and graphs, such as those presented recently by the Board of Education, do not always provide accurate representations of levels of contamination when events occur episodically rather than on a regular basis.
- Ductwork and unit ventilators still have not been cleaned.
- Although outdoor air quality has substantially improved, contaminants are still entering the school, as evidenced by the PM 2.5 readings of April 17, which exceed EPA guidelines.

With regard to the physical and mental health of the Stuyvesant community, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (CDC/NIOSH) released its preliminary report of its Health Hazard Evaluation of the Staff of Stuyvesant, conducted on January 29, 2002. Its preliminary findings include the following:

- About 50-60% of the staff reported respiratory symptoms after the WTC disaster, a majority of which were new onset symptoms.
- About 30-40% of those who experienced physical symptoms improved by January 29.
- 33% of Stuyvesant staff reported symptoms suggestive of depression and 23% reported symptoms suggestive of post-traumatic stress disorder.

As neither the Board of Education nor the Department of Health has conducted an epidemiological study of the Stuyvesant students, the PA Environmental Health & Safety Committee initiated an informal study of its own. Preliminary results are as follows:

- To date over 430 responses have been received.
- About two-thirds of the respondents indicated new incidence of illness since the return to school on October 9, 2001.

We encourage all parents to complete the Confidential Questionnaire (available on the PA website at www.stuyapa.org) and mail it back to the PA.

Sheldon Stachel
Chair, Environmental Health & Safety Committee

OFFICIAL NOTICE
ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2002 - 2003
Parent's Association of Stuyvesant High School

At the General Meeting of the Parents' Association on May 21, 2002, elections will be held for the officers for the 2002-2003 school year. In accordance with PA Bylaws, the membership is being hereby notified of the complete list of candidates for these positions.

Position	Candidate #	Name	
OFFICERS:			
President / Co-President (Co-Presidents)	1	Dale Bernstein and Judy Moore (Co-Presidents)	Identified by Nominating Committee
	2	Philip Newman	Identified by Nominating Committee
	3	Richard Roth and Sheldon Stachel (Co-Presidents)	Identified by Nominating Committee
1st Vice-President	4	Melanie Arwin	Identified by Nominating Committee
	5	Tom Berkovits	Identified by Nominating Committee
	6	Betsy Combier	Identified by Nominating Committee
	7	Linda Lam	Identified by Nominating Committee
2nd Vice-President	8	Robert Gochfeld	Nominated from the Floor
	9	Elizabeth Lee	Nominated from the Floor
	10	David Ross	Identified by Nominating Committee
	11	Stephen Zhang	Identified by Nominating Committee
Recording Secretary	12	Partha Banerjee	Identified by Nominating Committee
	13	Jane Ritter	Identified by Nominating Committee
Corresponding Secretary	14	Frances Chin-Stevens	Identified by Nominating Committee
	15	Kiki Dinos	Identified by Nominating Committee
	16	Denis Meadows	Identified by Nominating Committee
Treasurer **	17	Donovan Moore	Identified by Nominating Committee
Asst. Treasurer **	18	Julie Romano	Identified by Nominating Committee
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM DELEGATES:			
SLT Delegate – Senior	19	Avis Alexander	Identified by Nominating Committee
	20	Harvey Beringer	Identified by Nominating Committee
TWO (2) to be elected	21	Marian Chow	Nominated from the Floor
	22	Norman Ellis	Nominated from the Floor
	23	Russell Pinsley	Identified by Nominating Committee
SLT Delegate – Junior THREE (3) to be elected **	24	Sankar Chakraborty	Identified by Nominating Committee
	25	Steve Kessler	Identified by Nominating Committee
	26	Ellen Krug	Identified by Nominating Committee
SLT Delegate – Sophomore TWO (2) to be elected	27	Rochelle Kalish	Identified by Nominating Committee
	28	Jean-Claude Kaufmann	Identified by Nominating Committee
	29	Bing Lu	Identified by Nominating Committee
	30	Therese Munfakh	Identified by Nominating Committee
	31	Felice Perlman	Identified by Nominating Committee
	32	Elizabeth Roistacher	Identified by Nominating Committee
	33	Barbara Zahler-Gringer	Identified by Nominating Committee

** These positions are uncontested, and election for them will be confirmed by voice vote.

Elections for all positions other than those marked ** will be by secret written ballot.

On the day of the election, each candidate will be allowed to provide one sheet of written information in support of his/her candidacy for office, and each candidate for a contested seat will have the opportunity to speak briefly.

**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 15th 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 or call 718-636-5040 at your earliest convenience if you can join us.

Thanks!

Ellie Freudenheim
Family Orientation Committee

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
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