



# Bulletin

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## GUIDELINES FOR OPEN SCHOOL WEEK CLASSROOM VISITATION

Open School week this semester is from Monday, March 26 to Friday, March 30. Parent-teacher conferences will take place, as usual, on Thursday evening and Friday afternoon. Parents should expect to spend about three minutes with each teacher.

Stuyvesant has instituted an Open School Week policy supporting classroom visitation by parents during the three days before parent-teacher conferences. Parents may visit the school at any time from 8AM to 3PM, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday only, to visit one or more classes. Parent volunteers will be present at tables on the second floor, as you enter the school from the bridge, to give directions and to assist you. In order for this policy to be comfortable for all concerned, we ask that you respect the following guidelines (which will also be handed out at the school by parent volunteers):

1. Visitation to classes is to be on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Open School Week, March 26-28.
2. Parents should obtain their child's class schedule from their child before coming to school.
3. Parents must enter via the bridge where they can pick up the following:
  - ▶ an explanatory handout showing which subjects are generally on which floors and the general bell schedule.
  - ▶ the ground rules.
  - ▶ departmental chair office numbers and locations.
  - ▶ in case parents fail to get their child's schedule from their child in advance, a copy of their child's

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## **OPEN SCHOOL WEEK**

**MARCH 26-30**

***Attend your child's classes:***

**Monday - Wednesday March 26, 27, 28**

***Confer with your child's teachers:***

**Thursday March 29, 6:00pm – 8:30pm**

**Friday March 30, 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Dear Parents,*

*March is the month during which our parents are very involved in the life of Stuyvesant. On Saturday, March 3, many parents volunteered at our Open House for incoming students. The first marking period ends on March 9 and report cards will be distributed on March 21. The week of March 26 is Open School Week. Parents are encouraged to visit classes Monday March 26, Tuesday March 27, or Wednesday March 28. This week was set up to give parents an opportunity to see the level of instruction given by our faculty. I hope that you take advantage of this program.*

*Please read the list of guidelines for classroom visits in this Bulletin. The week culminates with Parent-Teacher conferences on Thursday March 29, and Friday March 30.*

*I look forward to seeing many of you at these school-related events!*

*— Stan Teitel*

## **PA GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2001**

- > 6:30-7:00pm **Hospitality: refreshments will be served**
- > 7:00pm **Business Meeting: Election of Freshman Member-at-Large and vote on Bylaw Revisions**
- > 7:15pm **Program: Carol Katz, College Advisor**

The meeting will begin with the election of a new Freshman Member-at-Large for the Executive Board (to fill an unexpected vacancy and a vote on the PA Bylaws. See article on pg. 9).

Then Carol Katz, College Advisor at Stuyvesant, will speak on "The College Application Process – is there life after the Ivies?" Ms. Katz's presentation is directed towards Sophomore and Junior parents, but all parents are, of course, encouraged to attend. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

*— Margorie Blackman*

schedule may be requested at the information table.

4. To avoid disruption of instruction, parents are expected to enter a classroom at the beginning of a class, stay for the entire class, and exit at the end of the class.
5. Parents may visit other classes than those their child currently is in.
6. A maximum of five parents may sit in any class. If the class a parent wishes to observe happens to already have 5 parents in it or if there are 5 parents ahead in the line, a parent should choose to attend another class during that period and observe the next period of the class he/she missed. Parents may also attend the class of another teacher teaching the same subject or another class — one their child may be considering for the future, or one in which they happen to be interested.
7. At the end of the class, parents should restrict conversation with the teacher to a polite “thank you” or other such acknowledgement. Any conversation about a personal issue must be deferred until the conferences on Thursday and Friday.
8. To assist navigation, there will be relevant Departmental Programming Schedules enlarged and posted near the elevators on each floor, as well as at the entrance information table, showing: Teacher’s name, Room Number, Course Name and Course Code.
9. Outside of each classroom there will be a sheet showing the class periods and the teacher and course in that room during each period.
10. There is to be no eating or drinking in the classroom.
11. If lost, ask a student for directions.
12. At the time of the three-minute parent/teacher conferences on Thursday and Friday, parents feeling the need for more time to converse may give the teacher their phone number and a convenient hour for the teacher to call.

— *Marilena Christodoulou, PA President*

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## PHONATHON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Phonathon this year will be held on Monday, May 7, Tuesday May 8, and Wednesday, May 9. Volunteers are still needed for this very important event! The Phonathon is the Parents’ Association’s only fund-raiser, so please volunteer to make some calls during those three days. We need your help.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the PA meetings in March and April, so please put your name on the sheets or you may call Harvey Blumm, at 212-866-8213 (no calls after 9:30pm), or email [hblumm@aol.com](mailto:hblumm@aol.com).

— *Harvey Blumm*

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**NOTE: The PA Executive Board Meeting** scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, has been changed to Tuesday May 1, due to a scheduling conflict with the Phonathon.

## HOW TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL

Several parents have asked us how to contact the school in case of questions, problems, or emergencies. We hope the following suggestions offered by our Principal are of help.

In case of emergencies during the school day, parents should call Assistant Principal of Organization Steve Satin’s office at (212) 312-4957.

In cases where a child is participating in teams or extracurricular activities and parents wish to inquire about the status of a particular activity after school hours, the number to call is (212) 312-4957.

In cases of questions or problems related to instruction and/or a classroom situation, parents should first contact the specific teacher by calling the general number 312-4800 and leaving a message for the teacher with the telephone operator. After school hours, parents should wait for the recorded message to end and then leave a message in the General Delivery Mailbox. If unable to connect with the teacher after a couple of calls, parents should contact the appropriate Assistant Principal:

	<b>Extension</b>
<b>Biology:</b> <i>Carol Ann Held</i>	<b>7011</b>
<b>Chemistry/Physics:</b> <i>Olga Livanis</i>	<b>9010</b>
<b>English:</b> <i>Dr. Steven Shapiro</i>	<b>6011</b>
<b>Fine Arts/Music:</b> <i>Bernard Liebermann</i>	<b>1321</b>
<b>Foreign Language:</b> <i>Dr. Rolf Schwagermann</i>	<b>5021</b>
<b>Mathematics:</b> <i>Daniel Jaye</i>	<b>4020</b>
<b>Physical Education:</b> <i>Martha Singer</i>	<b>5010</b>
<b>Social Studies:</b> <i>Jennifer Suri</i>	<b>3021</b>
<b>Technology:</b> <i>Jeffrey Levin</i>	<b>2500</b>

If you are unable to connect with the Assistant Principal after a couple of calls, parents should contact the Principal, Stanley Teitel, preferably by email, at [teitels@stuy.edu](mailto:teitels@stuy.edu).

For more resources, we refer parents to the sections on Guidance and Information/Whom to Call in the Parent Handbook.

—*Marilena Christodoulou, PA President*

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## MARCH 3 OPEN HOUSE

The March 3 Open House was a huge success, thanks to the more than 70 volunteers who helped to meet and greet the potential incoming freshmen class for the 2001-2002 school year.

We started the morning a little after 7AM, with coffee and donuts, and the doors opened at about 9AM. Approximately 900 kids and their families got what was for most, their first view of the inside of the building at 345 Chambers Street. Special thanks goes to Peggy Harvey, Renee Levine, Gene Blaufarb, and Gene’s staff, for all of their valuable help and preparation. Thank you to all the teachers and faculty who came in just to meet the newest members of the Stuyvesant community! This year we had the largest number of teachers and volunteers helping the families understand what life at Stuyvesant is like.

We hope that everyone who volunteered for this event will be available on Saturday, June 16, for the Family Orientation. We need you! If you have any comments you would like to share about the Open House — something you thought could be done differently, for example, — please call Betsy Combier at 212-794-8902, or email at [solarmedia@aol.com](mailto:solarmedia@aol.com).

Thank you from the Open House Planning Committee:  
Betsy Combier (Chair), Fran Meyerson, Marjorie Blackman, Linda Cates, Marilena Christodoulou.

—*Betsy Combier*

## MUSIC AT STUYVESANT

Many parents believe that Stuyvesant is a school which excels in math and science. But anyone who has attended the theater performances or concerts knows that there are many students here at Stuyvesant who excel in the arts. There are several not-to-be-missed music events on the school calendar:

### **MUSICAL SHOWCASE**

**Saturday, March 17, 2001**

*The Intermediate Orchestra, 2  
Intermediate Bands,  
and the Stage Band will play.  
\$7 at the door, \$5 advance sale*

### **CHAMBER MUSIC RECITAL**

**March 29, 3:15PM**

*Award-winning Dvorak piano  
Quartet*

### **SING!**

**Friday, April 20, 2001 &  
Saturday, April 21, 2001**

### **SPRING CONCERT**

**Saturday, May 19, 2001**

Mark these events on your calendars! If you would like information on the Music Program, please contact Mr. Bernard Lieberman, at 212-312-4913, or email [Liebermb@stuy.edu](mailto:Liebermb@stuy.edu).

— Betsy Combier

Dear Parents' Assoc.,

Hi! My name is Mira Rapp-Hooper and I am the Club-Pub Director for the Stuyvesant High School Student Union. I know that your child has been confronted with hundreds of overwhelming choices upon his/her arrival at Stuyvesant. A point of much confusion for any incoming student is extra-curricular activities. Students are unsure of how they should get involved, what they should get involved in and how to find other students with similar interests. The Student Union and Parent's Association hope to make this choice a little easier for you and your child. We currently have about 200 clubs and publications at Stuyvesant. Our organizations represent almost every possible interest. To view a list of all Stuyvesant Clubs and Publications (and find out specific information about any organization that appeals to you and your child), visit [Studentgov.Stuy.edu](http://Studentgov.Stuy.edu). If your child is interested in starting his/her own Club or Pub, they may apply for a charter at this same web site next September. There is no minimum member requirement and we are always excited to have new clubs. We encourage all students to visit the Club/Pub fairs this coming June, and again in September. Encourage your child to talk to his/her Big Sibs about their extra-curricular experiences. In addition, anyone in the Student Union is always glad to help students get involved wherever they can. Feel free to contact the SU or send your child down to talk to me at any time. I would be glad to answer any of your questions via e-mail ([Chili621@aol.com](mailto:Chili621@aol.com)). Thank you all for your interest.

Best Wishes,  
Mira

### ***Proverb:***

*Success – some people call it luck  
– happens when preparation meets  
opportunity.*

### **SOME WEB SITES THAT PARENTS MIGHT FIND USEFUL:**

General School Information and Calendar:

**[www.stuy.edu](http://www.stuy.edu)**

Course Descriptions, Registration Procedures, Graduation Requirements, School AP Policy, Whom To See, etc.:

**[www.register.stuy.edu](http://www.register.stuy.edu)**

College websites, financial aid info, etc.:

**[www.stuy.edu/college](http://www.stuy.edu/college)**

Administrative Contacts and Individual Department Web Sites:

**[www.stuy.edu/staff](http://www.stuy.edu/staff)**

Research Tools:

**[www.stuy.edu/library](http://www.stuy.edu/library)**

School Clubs:

**[www.stuy.edu/clubspubs](http://www.stuy.edu/clubspubs)**

(Please note that all of the above links can be easily reached from the Stuyvesant Home Page, **[www.stuy.edu](http://www.stuy.edu)**)  
Stuyvesant Alumni Association:

**[www.shsaa.org](http://www.shsaa.org)**

Manhattan High School Superintendency:

**[www.mhss.org](http://www.mhss.org)**

The NYC Board of Education:

**[www.nycenet.edu](http://www.nycenet.edu)**

The Parents' Association:

**[www.stuy.org](http://www.stuy.org)**

— Steve Kramer

### **CORRECTION:**

In last month's PA Bulletin, under "Research Links", the Web Site listed for Olga Livanis was her personal site. She would like the Stuyvesant community to pursue topics related to research for her department (Chemistry and Physics) by using her Department Web Site instead:

**<http://phys.stuy.edu>**

Please make note of this change.

Thank you.

— Betsy Combier

## YOUTH COUNSELING LEAGUE AT STUYVESANT

Stuyvesant High School has been fortunate to add the Youth Counseling League to our growing list of on-site student services. **Steven Keith**, CSW, from the League, is at Stuyvesant on Thursdays and Fridays to provide counseling and mental health services for our student body. Students have been accessing this service since its placement here in the Fall 2000 for a host of issues which include managing stress and anxiety, negotiating challenging relationships, anger management, and depression. Students can access these services through their Guidance Counselor and with parental permission. YCL is a division of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services that provides comprehensive mental health services for youth.

— Betsy Combier

# STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2001

At 7:05 PA President Marilena Christodoulou opened the meeting with several announcements. She said that many students have won honors: the Stuyvesant Team won first place in the Science Olympiad; in the Intel Competition, 117 of our students entered, and from this group there were 16 Semifinalists and 3 Finalists (2 in math and 1 in Physics).

The Open House for incoming students and parents will be held on March 3, and a volunteer sign-up sheet is available outside the theater. AP exam forms are available in Room 207 and are due March 30. A meeting for parents who speak Chinese will be held March 18 at Stuyvesant, and an announcement will be written in Chinese for inclusion in the March PA Bulletin. Free tickets are available for a Michael Jackson event for parents at Carnegie Hall. Application forms and information files on summer programs for the students are available in the Library.

The minutes of the January General Membership Meeting were accepted as written.

At 7:15, Marilena was ready to begin the program, "Life after classes at Stuy".

Marilena introduced **Frank Mazetti**, Stuyvesant Coordinator of Student Affairs (COSA), who oversees all activities, clubs, and publications, except for The Spectator. He pointed out that our students are more sophisticated than President Bush's team in Washington. He introduced the Student Union President **Matt Kelly**. Matt Kelly announced that there are over 200 Clubs and Pubs, and that anyone can start a club. The procedure is fairly simple: find a group of students interested in starting a new club, get a faculty member to be an advisor, and obtain a charter from the Student Union. **Mira Rapp-Hooper** is the Club/Pub coordinator. For a complete listing of all the Club/Pubs and Teams take a look at <http://studentgov.stuy.edu/cp/index.php3> and click on "View Listings".

**Ice Hockey Team:** Jason explained that this year they had a full team, and the team plays against private schools. This sport is one of the four main winter sports, and players pay to be on the team and for their equipment as well.

**Student Social Action Coalition:** Kate and Josh explained that this group's purpose is to provide NYC high school students with a different outlook on various social and political issues. This group strives to bring national and local issues to life, and organizes protests and walkouts against police brutality. All activities are organized by students. They hold meetings to plan large scale events and took a protest trip to Washington DC. They are holding an

important forum on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Forum Magazine:** Nirid said that there are 40 members, and this group was formed to discuss politics and science, and is a vehicle for expression.

**Aspira:** Jose and Wilson explained that Aspira is a nationwide organization with a long history. Originally established for Latino youth, it has evolved and now accepts students of other ethnic backgrounds, helps facilitate events and community service activities, and reaches out to Jr. High School students.

**Key Club:** Key Club is a community service club.

**Theater Community:** Kate Blumm described that they put on several productions- a fall musical, a winter drama, and a spring comedy, as well as Sing. Sing started in 1972 and is a competition. Freshmen and Sophmores, or the "Fresh/Soph" Team, create an original musical with dance which is put in competition against an original musical produced by the Junior Team and another by the Senior Team.

**Studio Theater:** They do smaller productions which are written and directed by students.

**Big Sibs:** Lina clarified that there are 160 members, all upperclassmen, who help freshman and incoming sophmores adjust to life at Stuy. They act as friends, mentors, and resource guides for personal as well as academic problems. Six Big Sibs are assigned to each Freshman home room. There are criteria for acceptance into the Big Sibs program: commitment, energy, knowledge, and willingness to donate time. The selection process is subjective and there is no appeals process.

**Stuy High School Pep Squad:** The captain of the High School Pep Squad and Cheerleaders reported that they cheer at the games, do pep rallies, help at school activities, and attend practice and cheerleading camp. The PSAL does not recognize them as a team and they receive no team funding.

**ACappella Club:** Sarah described a singing club of 50 students who meet twice a week for practice, sing unaccompanied and perform onstage at the faculty concerts.

**Broken Escalator:** Adriana and Erik explained that the Broken Escalator is a humorous publication, a satire, and is proofread by a faculty member. They sell advertising, need funding and are looking for underclassmen to join. All issues are immediately taken by students, so it is difficult to get a copy.

**Boys Ultima Team- a Frisbee Team:** This is a fast paced, non contact sport based on the honor system. There are no refs and it is guided by the "Spirit of the Game." Since they are not an official PSAL team, they are not funded, even

though Ultima will be an event in the upcoming Olympics. They have “pick-up” games after school open to all.

**Jewish Culture Club:** Mark explained that it is an open discussion club that meets weekly. This group discusses the Middle East crisis, upcoming Jewish holidays, weekend retreats, and is open to everyone.

**Muslim Students Association:** Created 10 years ago to discuss Islam, Mohammed clarified that students of all cultures meet to discuss the significance of Islam, the principles of Islam and the role of women in Islam. With 40 members, they invite speakers, do bake sales, participate in penny harvest and encourage the growth and the understanding of Islam among Stuy students of all religions.

**Anama Club:** Adam described free and open meetings wherein they watch original Japanese cartoons.

**Model Congress:** Michael Vogel described how they debate congressional legislation, and write bills. Members take trips to universities and participate in local tournaments.

**Inspiration Magazine:** Sergio said this publication is for students who write poetry and who want to publish their artwork. They publish once a year and are seeking funding.

**Students Against Drunk Driving:** Adam explained this is an organization dedicated to addressing the issue of drunk driving and related behaviors. Six times more teenagers are killed by drunk driving than by any other form of violence.

### **Questions and Answers:**

Sing has a role for everyone. Students can find out about clubs at the Website, or put their names on the contact list for the club. The Student Union has a budget and they review all requests for funding based on how many people are in the club, how many people they serve and how much they ask for. Clubs do their own fundraising, however, and many need more funds. It is difficult to get faculty advisors for all the clubs. There is a problem of locating meeting spaces for all clubs. It is currently done on a weekly sign-up sheet basis, and rooms change from week to week.

Marilena thanked Frank and all of the students who presented.

**Renee Levine**, Coordinator of Building Operations, gave a truly fascinating historical account of the myriad struggles waged to bring into being the current building that houses Stuyvesant High School. She and **Peggy Harvey** had been PA members and helped lead the fight to open the new building in 1992. Battery Park City owns the land, but this is our building based on a 99 year lease. She was a wealth of information and riveted us with her humorous anecdotes.

At 8:40 **Robert Blau** gave the Treasurer’s report: Additional requests for allocations have come in, and

have been reviewed and prioritized by the Allocations Committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the wish list items as written for \$49, 318.

**The Phonathon** is May 7, 8 & 9, and everyone is welcome to come participate with staff and parents. Please sign up. No experience is needed, and it is a great experience with wonderful people and good food. We especially are looking for parents who speak languages other than English.

**Revisions to the PA Bylaws:** Linda Cates announced that the recommended changes were distributed, we should read them, and they will be voted on next month.

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee was formed of recommended candidates and volunteers. A motion was made, seconded and passed to form the Nominating Committee of: Robert Blau, Louisa Chan, Kathy Park, Barbara Teague-Taylor, Howard Siedel, Shankar Chakraborty and Saberah Malik.

**Nominations for Freshman Member At Large** were taken: Sankar Chakraborty, Carol Burnett, and Saberah Malik were nominated. Nominations were closed with a vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
— Elizabeth Schnee, Recording Secretary

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## **FEBRUARY 13 PA MEETING**

Thank you to Mr. Frank Mazzetti, Coordinator of Student Affairs, Matt Kelly, Student Union President, Isha Sheth, Student Union Vice President and Mira Rapp-Hooper, Club/Pubs Coordinator and all of representatives from the Clubs, Pubs and Teams who spoke to the parents at the February General Meeting. The variety and diversity of extra-curricular activities our students have access to at school was extraordinary. For a complete listing of all the Club/Pubs and Teams take a look at <http://studentgov.stuy.edu/cp/index.php3> and click on “View Listings”.

Thanks too to Ms. Renee Levine, Coordinator of Building Operations. She gave the audience a flavor of the old and new school building with her wonderful historical perspective and anecdotes. She told how the architects learned firsthand about what a new high school building would need: they were given program cards and a set of textbooks and spent six months at the old building re-living life as high school students. What they learned certainly paid off at the building at 345 Chambers Street!

— Marjorie Blackman

## MARCH 18 COLLEGE MEETING FOR CHINESE SPEAKING PARENTS

Stuyvesant parents who speak either Cantonese or Mandarin are invited to attend a meeting with Mr. John Mui in the school's auditorium on Sunday, March 18, from 2-4PM. He will discuss the college application process, and will answer questions. Please attend this very important meeting if your child is a Sophomore or Junior! Freshman parents may also attend.

— Louisa Chan

### 华人家长会议通知

华人辅导员将先生将与华人家长谈如何申请大学有关问题。

时间是：三月十八日，星期六下午2:00 - 4:00。地点在史帝文生高中礼堂。

## MARCH 29 FACULTY RECEPTION

On the night of parent/teacher conferences, the PA hosts a light supper for the teachers. Thanks to an overwhelming response, we have plenty of volunteers for this event.

We do, however, need desserts! All parents can participate by sending a dessert with your student the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup>, to be delivered to Room 105. GLATT Kosher desserts are welcome as are other ethnic specialties. We will focus on Greek specialties this spring. Please label the dessert and include your name, the student's name and grade.

Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Taylor at 212-594-3625 or Mary Salter at her email address: [mary.salter@saltmill.com](mailto:mary.salter@saltmill.com).

— Barbara Taylor

## Freshman Member-At-Large Vacancy to be Filled at March Meeting

At the General Meeting of the Parents' Association on March 20, 2001, an election will be held to fill the vacant Freshman Member-At-Large position. In accordance with PA Bylaws, the membership is hereby notified of the list of candidates for that position:

Carol Burnett  
Sankar Chakraborty  
Saberah Malik

**Election will be by written ballot following an opportunity for each nominee to speak for one minute in support of his or her candidacy.**

— Linda Cates

## STUYVESANT CALENDAR - SPRING 2001

Saturday, March 3	Stuyvesant Open House for Incoming Students and Parents
Friday, March 9	End of First Marking Period/Talent Show
Saturday March 10	Speech & Debate Tournament
Saturday, March 17	Musical Showcase
Tuesday, March 20	PA General Meeting 7:00–9:00 p.m. (PA Hospitality 6:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, March 21	Distribution of Report Cards
Thursday, March 22	No Student Attendance – Staff Development Day
Mar. 26–28	Parent Class Visits/Open School Week
Thursday, March 29	Parent Teacher Conferences 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday, March 30	Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 31	SAT Exams
Sunday, April 1	Daylight Savings Time Begins (Clocks ahead one hour)
Thursday, April 5	International Food Festival
April 9–April 13	Spring Recess
Wednesday, April 18	End of Second Marking Period
Friday, April 20	SING!
Saturday, April 21	SING!
Tuesday, April 24	PA General Meeting 7:00–9:00 p.m. (PA Hospitality 6:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, May 2	Distribution of Report Cards
Thursday, May 3	College Night
Saturday, May 5	SAT Exams
May 7 – May 9	PA Phonathon
May 7 – May 18	AP Exams
Tuesday, May 15	PA General Meeting 7:00–9:00 p.m. (PA Hospitality 6:30 p.m.)
Saturday, May 19	Spring Concert
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day – School Closed
Wednesday, May 30	ARISTA Induction Ceremony
Friday, June 1	Culture Fest
Saturday, June 2	SAT Exams/Speech & Debate Dinner
Wednesday, June 6	Awards Night
Thursday, June 7	Spring Comedy
Friday, June 8	Spring Comedy
Saturday, June 9	Senior Prom at Waldorf Astoria
Tuesday, June 12	PA General Meeting 7:00–9:00 p.m. (PA Hospitality 6:30 p.m.)
June 12 & 13	Final Exams
June 14 & 15	Regents Exams
Saturday, June 16	Incoming Family Orientation
Monday, June 18	Graduation Rehearsal/Sports Luncheon
June 19 – 21	Regents Exams
Monday, June 25	Graduation at Avery Fisher Hall
Wednesday, June 27	Last Day of School

## COLLEGE COLUMN

### >>> JUNIORS

On **March 6**, juniors will receive personalized college handbooks in their homerooms. These handbooks provide all the basic information needed to understand the college process. Students who do not get their copies must go to the College Office to retrieve them.

Carol Katz will meet with all odd period English classes on **Wednesday March 7** and even period classes on **Thursday March 8**. She will discuss all college-related information and give the students a chance to ask questions.

Juniors will shortly have an opportunity to review their transcripts and to get the College Office to make any necessary corrections. It is important that all students look at their transcripts carefully to insure accuracy before they are sent to colleges.

The **March 20** PA meeting is expressly for Junior parents; however, sophomore and freshman parents are welcome. Sophomore parents may benefit from this meeting.

**May 3** is **College Night**. Families and students are invited to join the many college representatives who come to visit Stuyvesant for this annual event. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions and to meet with members of the college admissions offices.

### >>> SENIORS

Students must take second semester courses seriously. College Admissions Directors do call the Stuyvesant College Office to find out how students who have been admitted are doing. This information is used to make final decisions on acceptance as well as occasionally, to rescind an offer to a student who has been accepted if his or her grades have fallen substantially.

Letters from colleges are generally sent out in mid-April. Students must decide which college they want to attend by May 1. Anyone who is accepted but will not attend a particular college must let the Admissions Office of this college know in writing that they will not be attending so that those placed on the wait list have an opportunity to be selected.

### >>> SUGGESTION

Families who attend college tours and/or information sessions and have legible notes can make copies available for general student use by giving them to the Stuyvesant librarian, who will put this information into the appropriate college folder. Please make sure that the notes are dated and each college has its own separate page or pages.

— *Kathy Kline and Carol Katz*

## STUYVESANT P.A. SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The Stuyvesant Parents' Association announces its annual Scholarship Essay Contest. There are five scholarships awarding \$1000 each, and one with an award of \$500. This contest is for seniors only, and all are encouraged to apply.

These rules must be followed by all seniors:

- > Write a 250 word essay answering the question below.
- > Format the essay on Microsoft Word (PC platform).
- > E-mail the essay NO LATER THAN 11PM, May 1, 2001, to: [dismeado@aol.com](mailto:dismeado@aol.com).

### Essay Question:

"Tell us, in 250 words or less, about a memorable experience you've had during your time at Stuyvesant. This event can be class-related or not (family, friends, etc.,) 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 names of the authors). If we elect to make public or publish any of the essays we will always ask the author's permission first.

All winners will be announced at the Stuyvesant High School Awards Night in June 2001 (the winners' presence is not required). If you have any questions please call Denis Meadows, Chair, PA Scholarship Committee, at (718) 768-0494, or send an email to [dismeado@aol.com](mailto:dismeado@aol.com).

When you go to college every dollar counts! We hope that all seniors will send in an essay. Thank you and good luck!

— *Denis Meadows*

# ANNUAL PA ELECTIONS

The annual elections of Parents' Associations Officers and School Leadership Team class representatives will take place at the general PA meeting on Tuesday, May 15. Anyone interested in serving in one of these positions is encouraged to apply. If you would not like to serve but wish to nominate someone you believe to be a good candidate you may submit that name.

The positions for which candidates are being sought are: President or Co-President; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer; Assistant Treasurer; and School Leadership Team representatives for the rising Senior, Junior, and Sophomore classes.

You may use the form below. Additional forms are available in the PA office, Room 271 at Stuyvesant. These forms will also be available at the March 20

general PA meeting. Forms may be submitted at the March 20 meeting to a member of the Nominating Committee. You may also mail the form or call Ms. Peggy Harvey in the PA office at 312-4800, and leave a message with your name, your child's name and grade, and your telephone numbers. Someone from the Nominating Committee will call you back.

The deadline for applications arriving in the PA office is 3:00PM March 29. Duties of the various positions are published in the PA Bylaws, which you may find on our Web Site at [www.stuyupa.org](http://www.stuyupa.org).

### Members of the Nominating Committee:

Robert Blau, Kathy Park, Louisa Chan, Barbara Teague Taylor, Howard Seidel, Sankar Chakraborty, and Saberah Malik.

I am interested in elective office in the Parents' Association 2001-2002

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's day telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Evening # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email \_\_\_\_\_

Positions I would like to serve in: \_\_\_\_\_

1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications/concerns/past experience – use a separate sheet.

Please clip this form and mail to:

**Annual PA Elections Nominating Committee,  
Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association  
345 Chambers Street, Room 271,  
New York, N.Y. 10282-1099**

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE APRIL 18, 2000 VERSION OF THE  
BYLAWS OF THE STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

At the February Meeting, the PA Executive Board recommended several revisions to the PA bylaws. These proposed revisions were presented to the Membership at the February PA meeting and will be voted on at the March 20 PA Meeting. A brief summary of the changes follows. If you would like to read the complete text of the proposed revisions, please see the PA website ([www.stuyipa.org](http://www.stuyipa.org)).

**Article IV, Section 1, School Leadership Team Delegates:** There are currently two parent delegates from each of the lower classes and three from the senior class. This revision calls for only two SLT delegates from the senior class and three from the junior class. The work of the School Leadership Team is long term in nature and therefore continuity of membership on the Team is of great importance. Losing three and perhaps four (if the President is a senior) experienced parent members of the SLT in one year could negatively impact the ability of the parents to effectively contribute to the SLT. Therefore, it is proposed that the additional delegate to the SLT be a junior parent rather than a senior parent.

**Article IV, Section 13.1, Disciplinary Action:** Change "...A vote of two-thirds of the Membership is required to remove the official from office..." to "...A vote of two-thirds of the Membership **present** is required to remove the official from office..." Reason: This is a technical revision for clarity to add the word "present" when referring to the vote of members required to remove an elected official from office (as part of a longer process.)

**Article VII, Section 1, Standing Committees:** The role of the Faculty Reception and Open School Week Committee has been expanded to include, "if requested, the coordination of volunteers to assist in proctoring the Stuyvesant entrance exam." The name of the Intel Committee has been changed to "Independent Research Committee" and its role has been expanded. In addition to organizing the reception to honor students who have entered "research competitions, the Committee also works with the school's research coordinator in providing maximum research opportunities and mentoring to Stuyvesant students."

**Article VIII, Section 7, Financial Affairs:** To further tighten financial controls, the following clarification of duties is proposed: "PA bank statements will be reconciled monthly by the Treasurer; or the Assistant Treasurer, if so designated by the Treasurer. The person reconciling each bank statement will initial the statement and note the date of the reconciliation."

If there are any questions or comments on these proposed revisions to the bylaws, please contact Linda Cates at 718 638 5092 or by email at [twin-fire@ix.netcom.com](mailto:twin-fire@ix.netcom.com).

— Linda Cates

**Stuyvesant Calendar Spring 2001**

*Translated into Chinese by Simon Han*

史帝文生高中 2001年校历	
02/01, 周四	春季学期开学
02/07, 周三	发上学期成绩报告单
02/09 - 02/10	训小动物表演, 晚 7:00
02/13, 周二	家长联谊会, 晚 7:00 - 9:00
02/19 - 02/23	放寒假
03/03, 周六	新学生及家长访校日
03/09, 周五	学期第一阶段结束/才能成果展
03/10, 周六	演讲辩论比赛
03/17, 周六	音乐表演
03/20, 周二	家长联谊会, 晚 7:00 - 9:00
03/21, 周三	发成绩单
03/22, 周四	教师进修, 学生放假
03/26 - 03/28	学校开放周, 家长参观上课实况
03/29, 周四	教师/家长会, 晚 6:00 - 8:30
03/30, 周五	教师/家长会, 下午 1:00 - 3:00
03/31, 周六	考 SAT
04/01, 周日	夏令时开始 (提前一小时)
04/05, 周四	国际食品节
04/09 - 04/13	放春假
04/18, 周三	学期第二阶段结束
04/20 - 04/21	唱歌节
04/24, 周二	家长联谊会, 晚 7:00 - 9:00
05/02, 周三	发成绩单报告单
05/03, 周四	大学晚会 (College Night)
05/05, 周六	考 SAT
05/07 - 05/09	家长联谊会活动 (暂定)
05/07 - 05/18	AP 考试
05/15, 周二	家长联谊会, 晚 7:00 - 9:00
05/19, 周六	春季音乐会
05/28, 周一	国庆节, 学校放假
05/30, 周三	ARISTA 仪式
06/01, 周五	文化节
06/02, 周六	考 SAT, 演讲与辩论晚餐
06/06, 周三	颁奖典礼
06/07 - 06/08	春季戏剧节
06/12, 周二	家长联谊会, 晚 7:00 - 9:00
06/12 - 06/13	期末大考
06/14 - 06/15	REGENTS 考试
06/16, 周六	新学生及家长活动
06/18, 周一	毕业典礼排演
06/19 - 06/21	REGENTS 考试
06/25, 周三	毕业典礼
06/27, 周五	学期最后一天

**ROBOTICS CLUB  
BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Stuyvesant Robotics Club announced the birth of Rookie Robot 694 on Tuesday, February, 20<sup>th</sup>. The robot weighed between 80 and 100 pounds, and measured approximately 30"x35"x20". Its various critical systems – pneumatics, drive train, control – were all functioning properly. It featured 4-wheel drive; two strong, well-developed goal grabbers on either end; and a cool flashing light. The robot's parents – 31 student engineers, 13 student marketers, eight alumni mentors, three teachers, and a large group of current PA members – were said to be tired but satisfied. They are looking forward to the F.I.R.S.T. regional competition March 15-17 at Columbia University. All members of the larger Stuy family are welcome to attend and cheer the little fella on as he competes against 20 other robot newborns. Our team should be very recognizable in their Time-Warner Cable jumpsuits, Stuy 694 t-shirts and hats, colorful light-up Stuy yo-yo's, and flashing twirly gizmos that write "STUY" in the air with the correct wrist action.

In other news, the first issue of "Stuy People" – a parody of Teen People magazine that chronicles the making of Rookie Robot 694 – will be available by the time this Bulletin is printed. Look for it around the school.

— Donovan Moore & Roni Schwartz

**>>> VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PHONATHON**

Volunteers are needed to make phone calls, enter information into the database, 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 any of us to find out how YOU CAN HELP. Call Harvey Blumm, at 212-866-8213, or Ginay Marks-Landro at 718-238-1771.

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 7, 8, and 9, 6 - 9:30 PM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name & Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please check date and time available:

_____ Monday, May 7	_____ Time	_____ Check Task	_____ Help Plan Event
_____ Tuesday, May 8	_____ Time		_____ Make Calls
_____ Wednesday, May 9	_____ Time		_____ Enter Data
	_____ Portable Computer:	_____ MAC	_____ PC

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

Please return to: **PHONATHON, PA Office, Stuyvesant High School,  
345 Chambers Street, New York, New York, 10282**

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