



Queens South High Schools THE CHRONICLE NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the QSHS Chronicle!

Greetings,

It's Women's History Month and The National Woman's History Alliance has themed 2023 as the year to "Celebrate Women Who Tell Our Stories." Here at Queens South High Schools, you will find a plethora of stories to tell amongst our diverse population. As we embrace and honor the identities of our young women, we'll acknowledge the power is not only in the backstory of our young female scholars, but in supporting their future aspirations. Therefore, as the Superintendent, creating a village of resources to help them hone their skills is my mission. The art of storytelling will be emphasized through student music, art, podcasts, newspaper writing, television studio production, classroom discussions, and participation in school clubs and teams.

March is also a month without break, and our scholars will exude stamina and endurance as they power through five straight weeks of uninterrupted instruction. We have high expectations that their learning will be rigorous, but fun. Consequently, we will expose our children to the best because they are the best. So, we welcome you to read our newsletter and enjoy the visual fruits of our labor of love.

With respect and love,

Dr. Josephine Yeboah Van-Ess,
Superintendent of Queens South High Schools



Dr. Van-Ess and the Goddard Cheer Team

NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Queens South Districts 27, 28 and 29
High Schools

Virtual Community Round Up
"LET'S TALK"
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023
6:30PM - 7:30PM

Scan Here to Join ZOOM
Meeting ID: 913 2940 8298
Passcode: 272829




Join Superintendent Dr. Josephine Yeboah Van-Ess and team as we discuss the current progress of our Queens South High Schools!



Our Newest & Brightest Principals

FLC/FSC CORNER





QHSPC VIRTUAL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
13th March 2023
@6:30 PM
COLLEGE NOW
PROPOSED RESOLUTION
HS STAKEHOLDERS CONVERSATIONS



Join Us **All Invited**

Community Wellness Workshop Series

Coping with the Unpredictability of Life
for Queens South High School



REAL WELLNESS

Workshop Benefits:

- Connect to your intuition for better decision making
- Get tools to better manifest your goals and enhance self-worth
- Improve communication with others
- Create and maintain balance within stressful and challenging times
- Develop and strengthen community connections
- Better your holistic health and wellness

Series / When
Time: 6:30p - 7:30p

Series #1 Topic:
"Coping with the Unpredictability of Life"
Dates: Wednesday
March 15th
March 22nd

Series #2 Topic:
"Getting Through Today"
Dates: Tuesday
April 18th
April 25th

Zoom Link
Meeting ID: 822 1192 2018
Passcode: 672699



VISION

Nurturing schools, families, partnerships, and communities in fostering affirming environments of empowerment, engagement, and infinite possibilities for students to explore, achieve, and succeed

MISSION

Our Mission is to plant SEEDS of Excellence

Sparking Innovation - Preparing our students to critically think and leave our schools with the motivation and ability to contribute to legacies of positive change

Elevating Equity, Diversity and Access- Providing social-emotional supports and learning experiences that uplift, celebrate, and cultivate diversity and bridge the disparities that exist within our educational system

Ensuring Accelerated Learning- Developing leadership capacity to ensure that schools are using data informed methodologies to provide rigorous instruction grounded in, literacy development, civic engagement, STEAM, CRSE, SEL, post-secondary readiness and that learning is transferable to college and career aspirations

Developing Student Self-Efficacy- Nurturing students' voice, agency, healthy sense of self, confidence, mindset, and belief in their capacity to accomplish their goals

Strategically Engaging Families and Partners- Galvanizing families, community leaders, and partnerships to work collaboratively in using their voice, role, and capacity to contribute to the system, structures, and practices that will help to meet the needs of all students.

"Where Excellence Grows"

"ENGAGING FAMILIES TO BE OUR TRUE PARTNERS"




National School Counselor Week



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is presented by Queens South High Schools Superintendent, Dr. Josephine Van-Ess, in honor of School Counselors' Week

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO IN SERVICE OF OUR STUDENTS



Dr. Josephine Van-Ess
SUPERINTENDENT,
DR. JOSEPHINE VAN-ESS

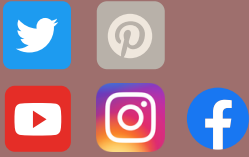


LET'S

Get Social



Round Up the Tweets!



Joseph J Birgeles
@BirgelesJoseph

Career Readiness: What is it like to be a practicing attorney? Students interacted with law students who graduated from Georgetown Law School and who are now practicing international, corporate, and health care law in firms in the U.S. & England.



Joseph J Birgeles
@BirgelesJoseph

CCHS: Amazing night in Manhattan at the beautiful Murry Bergtraum High School for Business Careers which hosted the CCHS. Wonderful being with leaders and principals from D27! Chancellor Banks was inspiring! Let's continue to transform teaching and learning for our students!!



Dr. Josephine Van-Ess
@Dr_JVanEss

Thank you for celebrating student excellence @QMHSKnights ❤️ We appreciate you, Paul!

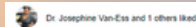
Paul Forbes @PaulForbesNYC · Feb 17
Ended the week with an ad hoc visit to the @QMHSKnights school community to visit one of the classes that worked on the virtual Black History Museum (sites.google.com/queensmetro.co...).

These young people are simply amazing & special 🌟
[Show this thread](#)



Dr. Josephine Van-Ess
@Dr_JVanEss

Today's HS Superintendent Meeting was a day full of collaboration, learning, and bonding as we work together on ensuring accelerated outcomes for our students. Grateful to be asked to present some of my best practices while learning from my colleagues as they present theirs.



Dr. Josephine Van-Ess and 1 others liked



QueensPrepAcademy
@QueensPrep

Two of our scholars met superintendent @Dr_JVanEss during the Be-U's Black History Event which included panel discussions with elected officials and voter registration.



Dr. Lyndon Charles
@coolprofile

Inter-visitation @ Jamaica Campus. Host school Jamaica Gateway welcomed Queens Collegiate and Hillside Arts & Letters teachers. A wonderful learning experience for all.
[#Students@thefront](#)



Dr. Josephine Van-Ess
@Dr_JVanEss

Honored to be asked to speak at Be-U's Black History Event with my scholars. From the panel discussions with electeds, documentary on Harold Washington, to scholars being able to share their stories and being able to register to vote, it was an inspirational night. [#ProudSup](#)



John Adams HS
@JAHHS_SPARTANS

A special thank you to NYS Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato who came to John Adams HS to honor five of our scholars from the World Languages and Cultures SLC. It was truly an inspiring visit. Congrats to our scholars.



Dr. Josephine Van-Ess @Dr_JVanEss · Feb 10

Replying to @Dr_JVanEss

Awesome Field Day which included:

*Thanking our School Counselors during this week of recognition

*Speaking with students about their learning experience and life after HS

*Attending @NYCSpeakerAdams Principal Meeting

*My elementary teacher expressing how proud she was of me ❤️



Dr. Josephine Van-Ess
@Dr_JVanEss

Today's field day was spent celebrating @EPICHSNorth future graduating class of 2024 with @JamiaTDavis as the keynote speaker. The significance- elevating the resilience of our students who started their freshman year remotely and persevered through it all. [#NYCSchools](#)



Dr. Josephine Van-Ess
@Dr_JVanEss

New and Untenured Principal Session led by my co-leader, Deputy @NDwarka1. An awesome morning of learning with our student leaders from @augustmartin_hs welcoming us with their hospitality ❤️ [#SeedsofExcellence](#) @NYCSchools



QUEENS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOLS in ACTION!

Student Spotlight



In the NEWS! Students of Queens Metropolitan HS Virtual Black History Museum featured on WPIX11

<https://sites.google.com/queensmetro.com/blackhistory>

<https://pix11.com/news/local-news/queens/queens-hs-launches-virtual-black-history-museum/>



Richmond Hill HS celebrating Black History Month w/student Expo



Congratulations!!

Eagle Academy for Young Men III for being the first "first year school" to win in the 2023 University of Delaware Entrex Entrepreneurship Competition Horn Entrepreneurship's Entrex Lab dual enrollment program equips students to thrive amidst rapid change by cultivating agile thinking and developing their creative problem solving skillsets.



Congratulations!! Richmond Hill High School's Spark Challenge Club! Students spent the day virtually with Northwell Health, learning about careers in healthcare! Special Thanks to Dr. Sanders!

My Sister's Keeper



Electric ride share is now a proud partner with Richmond Hill's "Give & Go Grocery" project (Gaton Foundation) which continues to deliver to families and students in our school community.



FDAVI had a special guest during Black History month in Ms. Hyterecene Barnes. Ms. Barnes started Black History Month celebrations in a few of the NYC public schools she worked at and once had Jesse Jackson as her guest. With 50 years of employment with the DOE., Ms. Barnes finally retired approximately 4 years ago. Ms. Barnes is Black History in person!





Looking Ahead

Professional Learning for School Leaders and Teachers:

- TCIS Dates: March 6, 14, 23, 29
- Science: March 8
- Building a Culture of Feedback for school leaders: March 9
- Suicide Training: March 13
- Math: March 14
- Literacy Points: March 16
- Special Education Liaisons: March 17
- Principal Summit: March 21
- Social Studies: March 23
- AP to Principal Pipeline: March 28
- Instructional Co-Leaders: March 30

SPECIAL EVENTS

• "Let's Talk" Community Round-Up
Wednesday, March 29

• "Kicking it with Van-Ess"

• April 27 - Campus Magnet
May 25 - Far Rockaway Campus

