

# Queens South High Schools THE CHRONICLE NEWSLETTER



District News

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## Welcome to the QSHS Chronicle!

Greetings,

The previous April showers have brought May flowers and our students are in full bloom showcasing their intelligence and endurance by sitting for a multitude of exams. Also, the month of May is filled with celebratory events paramount to our school communities! Our senior students have declared their postsecondary goals during Decision Day and I'd like to applaud the courage it takes to step into the unknown with only the faith and belief that you can succeed. We believe in you Class of 2023...it's onward and upward from here!

Lastly, as we honor Mother's Day, I'd like to acknowledge all who have stepped into a mother-figure role by guiding and nurturing our students in their time of need. With tremendous gratitude as we enter our season of bloom, thank you to all QSHS families, staff, faculty, and administration for watering our Seeds of Excellence by feeding a hungry child, speaking words of affirmation over our students, educating the evolving minds of our youth, and being upstanding stewards of our children.

In Unity,

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

Queens South  
Districts 27, 28, and 29  
High Schools

## "Kicking it With Van-Ess"

# Community walk School Visits

**DISTRICT 27**  
**Rockaway  
Educational Campus**

GET YOUR  
MOST COMFORTABLE  
SNEAKERS ON  
AND  
WALK WITH  
SUPERINTENDENT  
VAN-ESS!

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

**WHEN: THURSDAY**  
**MAY 25, 2023**

**TIME: 9:00AM TO 1:00PM**

**MEETING LOCATION: TBD**

We will engage in a Community walk grounded in having conversations about the District and visiting one of our Queens South schools to learn about the student learning experience.

## Got'cha!

School Year 2022-2023

**Collegial Cohorts of Collaboration  
Chancellor's Pillar and District Mission Showcase**

This Certificate is Proudly Presented to:

*Neil Ganesh*  
"Reimagining the Student Experience"

*Dr. Joseph Bugeles*  
"Scaling, Sustaining, Restoring What Works"

*Dr. Christopher Smith*  
"Prioritizing Wellness and its Link to Student Success"

*Saidia Rodriguez-Jabone*  
"Engaging Our Families as True Partners"

Queens South High Schools  
DISTRICT 27, 28, 29

*Dr. Josephine Van-Ess*  
Superintendent



# FLC/FSC CORNER



**May 14, Sunday**  
Mother's Day

**May 18, Thursday**  
Evening Parent  
Teacher  
Conferences  
for High  
Schools

**May 29, Monday**  
Memorial Day,  
Schools Closed



"ENGAGING FAMILIES TO BE OUR TRUE PARTNERS"




## 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

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

**E**levating 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

**E**nsuring 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

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

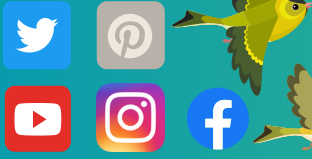
**S**trategically Engaging Families and Partners- Galvanizing families, community leaders, and partnerships to work collaboratively in using their voice, role, and capacity to contribute to the system, structures, and practices that will help to meet the needs of all students.

"Where Excellence Grows"



# LET'S Get Social

Round Up the Tweets!



**Jamaica Gateway..**  
It was such a joy to have the Queens Borough President, Donovan Richards visit our campus today. #QSHSPride @Dr\_JVanEss @NDwarka1



**High School For Law E...**  
It was a pleasure to have a variety of colleges and professionals to speak with students at our Annual College and Career Fair. We even had a few alumni!



**Forest Hills High...**  
Your New York State we the People Champions competed in Washington, DC against students from all over the country. We are so proud of the hard work and excellence on display through these Rangers' efforts. #TeamworkMakesDreamWork @Dr\_JVanEss @NDwarka1 @QSHSDISTRICT



**DRB @BirgelesJos...**  
Outward Bounds Adventure Workshop-Perfect Spring day for students to engage in problem-solving initiatives, collaboration and diverse learning experiences outdoors!



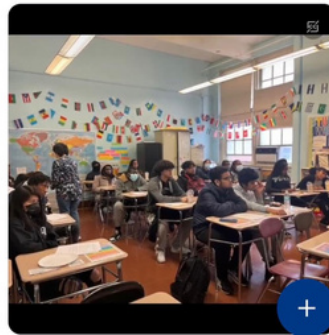
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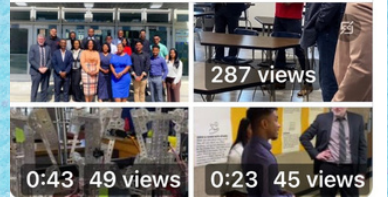
**Pathways Prep**  
Bridging the gap between community and school with New York Life @NewYorkLife @SylvanHaseley



**Jamaica Gateway...**  
Career Fair 23'. Special thanks to our speakers! (can you spot our guest parent speaker lol) Thank you to Ms. Dimas, Ms. Chalmers & Mr. Bellantuono for organizing such an awesome event & even larger thank you to our students who participated!



It's Spring Break but we are working, showcasing the work of QSHS' @EdisonCTE to the Chief of Education from Jamaica, as they explore STEM education and our CTE pathways. Community Supts. Bonds, Pate, and Sherman visted as well, sharing their expertise and programs offered.



**Forest Hills High Sch Belle, The Beast, Cup, & Lumiere are all at FHHS.** Thanks to @Dr\_JVanEss for attending opening night to cheer/ inspire and celebrate this achievement with our students/families. And @NYCCouncil CM Lynn Schulman for attending Fri - showing her unwavering support of our communities.



**QueensPrepAcademy @QueensPrep**  
Our Student Ambassadors had the opportunity to meet the Chancellor and speak with him about what it means to be a Queens Prep Scholar and all of the programs and opportunities that they have been able to experience at Queens Prep.



**Dr. Josephine Van-Ess @Dr\_JVanEss**

(toft) Can we kick it? Yes 🍷 We Did!

Kicking it with Van-Ess at Campus Magnet was an amazing day of collaboration, learning, laughter, and joy! Shout out to Principals Ayetiwa, Brenord, and Thompson-Young for showing the community just how amazing our schools are! @ruxdanika



**H. Morsi @argus6...**  
Another great day of learning for Queens South High Schools science teachers at Carver High School. This was the final session of the Science Teaching Methods Series. @Dr\_JVanEss @QSHSDISTRICT



From the classroom to the field! Today I went from being interviewed by our future journalists at PAW HS to throwing the first pitch with @QMHSKnights Baseball team! It's always a great day when I get to spend time with our schools and students in varied ways #HeartWork @ruxdanika



**Forest Hills High S.**  
FHHS parents and students travelled to Yale University today for a campus experience. Special thanks to Title 1 PAC and Kweller Prep for organizing this educational and informative experience. #EngagedParents #EnrolledEmployedEnlisted @Dr\_JVanEss @NDwarka1 @QSHSDISTRICT



# QUEENS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOLS in ACTION!

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**HALA's MBK presents Eco Friendly and Health conscious 5k Community Event**

**Mobile Robotics Competition**  
@edisonskillsusa



**QSHS MBK point Dr. Brown with 2023-24 QSHS MBK Emerging Leader @MAST**

**Broadway Musical of Beauty and the Beast**  
@Forest Hills HS



**John Adams' community gets together during Multicultural Night**



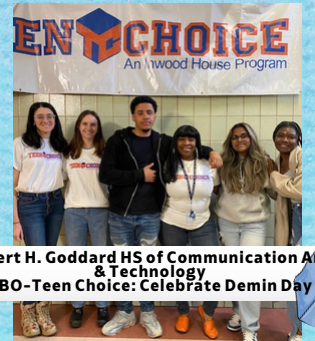
**August Martin's Culinary scholars along with their teacher, Chef Hayes, had the honor of serving at this year's Escoffier Society and Foundation of the Culinary Arts scholarship fundraiser with Chef Phil DeMaio -**



**AP Capstone Research students presented at the QSHS District AP Research Symposium @ St. John's University**



**Robert H. Goddard HS of Communication Arts & Technology CBO-Teen Choice: Celebrate Demin Day**



**Forest Hills HS Junior Achievement students teach financial literacy to PS303 younger counterparts**



**QMHSKnights @Rise2030 Students package 10,152 meals in an act of service.**

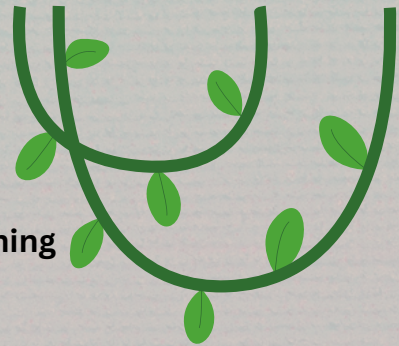




# Looking Ahead

## Professional Learning for School Leaders and Teachers:

- May 2: Math PL
- May 3: Pipeline PL
- May 4: BSAC Peer to Peer Mental Health training
- May 9: New and Untenured Principals PL
- May 10: Science PL
- May 11: BSAC Peer to Peer/ Scholars Collective
- May 16: Principals Summit
- May 18: BSAC Peer to Peer
- May 23: Pipeline PL
- May 25: Kicking it with Van-Ess at Far Rockaway Campus;  
BSAC Peer to Peer
- May 26: Special Ed Liaisons meeting
- May 30 Literacy PL



## SPECIAL EVENTS



### "Kicking it with Van-Ess"

May 25 - Far Rockaway Campus

### "Workin' Out with the SUPT. of the South"

Eagle Academy - May 22  
John Adams HS - May 31  
Beach Channel Campus - June 9  
Queens Metropolitan HS - June 15

