

# **STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS**

### **ACADEMICS & MORE!**

**English Department News:** 

- October in the English department was filled with a variety of exciting skill-based activities.
- In middle school, students flexed their literary analysis muscles with a focus on identifying theme, characterization, and symbolism in their novel study units. Reading students enjoyed choice time on "Free Fridays" as a means to encourage choice, voice, and book joy.

- Juniors wrote weekly journal entries connected to themes in their nonfiction reading as a way to explore their personal connections to literature.
- Finally, sophomores and seniors strengthened their speaking and argumentation skills through Socratic seminars and career research papers.



#### Social Studies Department News:

- Seniors in AP Government are finishing their unit on investing before diving into the formal AP US Government curriculum.
- Mr. Stout's classes learned about educator Jaime Escalante, famed educator and inspiration for the film Stand and Deliver, as part of Mr. Stout's "person missed in history" theme for Hispanic Heritage month. Mr. Sawyer's classes made "I am from poems" and completed a research project on Spanish speaking countries.
- Students in Participation in Government are beginning their exploration of the US Constitution and its guiding ideas.
- AP European History has been exploring the French Revolution and its impact on revolutions worldwide.

#### Math Department News:

- As we reflect on the past month, we celebrate not only the achievements within our math classrooms but also the rich cultural diversity that enriches our learning environment. October marked Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to honor the contributions and heritage of Hispanic and Latinx communities.
- In Mrs. Schulze's statistics class, students have been engaged in exciting and educational
  projects that have allowed them to explore the practical applications of statistical
  concepts. Students in Mrs. Schulze's class embarked on a journey to explore the real-world
  applications of statistics. They collected data on diverse topics such as social media usage,
  food preferences, sports performance, and environmental concerns. Using statistical
  techniques, students analyzed the data sets, drew meaningful conclusions, and presented their
  findings in visually engaging formats. Here's a glimpse of the innovative projects undertaken
  by our students:

#### **Athletics**

- Our senior Volleyball Girls were honored during senior night!
- Our senior Soccer Boys and Girls were also honored during senior games
- Our Girls Volleyball Team has made it to the playoffs. Please come out and support them on November 2 at 5:00 here at the Hamilton Gymnasium.

#### Other Happenings

- On October 17th, our students put on a Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration for their peers. The showcase included dance, song, musical performances, spoken word, and honored important figures from Hispanic Culture. The entire performance was student led.
- On Friday, October13 Alexander Hamilton High School Student Government put on a
  Homecoming Dance. This was one of the most successful dances we have had over the last 7
  seniors. Students danced, ate, and had a blast. Congratulations to Student Government for
  organizing and throwing such a successful, fun day.

#### Art

• 7th grade students finished up their unit on Graffiti Word Art, emerging with a better grasp of composition and how to exhibit high craftsmanship in their projects.

- Studio Art students finished colorful portraits and biographies of famous Spanish speaking
  figures to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. They learned how to draw convincing line
  drawings of pumpkins and how to properly shade with graphite from dark to light. They are
  finishing up fall themed pumpkin compositions in time for Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Studio II students finished up engaging neurographic drawings and are now learning about Surrealism. They will use what they have learned about artists such as Salvador Dali and Rene Magritte to create Surreal Eyes inspired by Magritte's famous painting "The False Mirror"

#### Guidance Department:

- Our Guidance Department organized a college fair here in the AHHS Gymnasium for our students on Oct 25, 2023 Thank you to our guidance department for organizing this event.
- On October 20th, Seniors and Juniors had a Q&A session with Manhattanville College admissions regarding the college process.
- Juniors and some Sophomores took the new digital PSAT on Thursday, October 19.
- October 12th at 6:30 pm the Guidance department along with Manhattanville college hosted a Financial aid night part 1 for the Junior and Senior parents.
- During October the counselors continued to push into classrooms to assist students with their Common Application, SUNY, and CUNY applications. The counselors conducted small group sessions to assist the ENL students.
- Also, our guidance counselors have organized a robust, wide range of Colleges and Universities for our students to meet with. Some of the Colleges and Universities that came to meet with our students include
  - Villanova
  - CUNY Hunter
  - Boston U
  - Boston College
  - University of Connecticut
  - Holy Cross
  - Iona
  - Mercy University
  - Temple
  - Marist
- Our new 7th grade Guidance Counselor was introduced to all 7th grade students. We are excited to have Ms. Medina as part of our school community working with our students!

#### English as a New Language -

- Twelfth grade English Language Learners have been exploring universities, careers and
  professional pathways. College bound students have been writing and peer editing their
  college essays as well as exploring scholarship opportunities.
- Newcomer English Language Learners have been learning about Fall traditions and customs in the United States.





Our Students perform with Mr. Walton during our Hispanic Heritage Celebration



Our Senior Girls Volleyball Players! Congrats on all your success!



Student Math Work
Displayed in the Halls of
Hamilton

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

November 7th - Superintendent's Conference Day - Staff Only - SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS

AHHS End of 1st Marking Period

November 15 - Student Report Cards Posted on Parent Portal

November 16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 6 - 8:30 pm

November 17 - Half Day for students. Students dismissed at 10:45. Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30 - 3:00 pm

November 22 - Staff Development Day - Half Day for Students.

November 23 and 24 - Thanksgiving Recess - School Closed



**Our Homecoming Dance** 



DJ Sean Hill returns to Hamilton to give back to his school community

**AHHS College Fair** 





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