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CCB PARENT NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS CCB FAMILIES

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Each year from September 15 to October 15, we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month — a special time to recognize and honor the rich histories, cultures, and countless contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities in the United States.

Hispanic and Latino Americans have shaped our country in so many ways — through art, music, food, family traditions, science, public service, education, and leadership. Their stories are woven into the fabric of American history, from the Revolutionary War to modern-day achievements in every corner of society.

Did you know that the Latino community now makes up nearly 1 in 5 Americans, with over 60 million people contributing to the strength, creativity, and diversity of our nation? That includes parents, students, educators, entrepreneurs, athletes, and artists — all helping to build brighter futures.

At school, many of our students are learning about influential Hispanic figures, enjoying books, music, and art from Latin American cultures, and taking time to reflect on what diversity, heritage, and community mean.

We encourage you to join in the celebration at home! Try a new Latin-inspired recipe, read a book by a Hispanic author with your child, listen to Latin music, or share stories from your own family's heritage.

Together, let's honor the heritage, heart, and hope that Hispanic and Latino communities bring to our classrooms, neighborhoods, and beyond.

💬 ¡Celebremos juntos! Let's celebrate together!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2025

THUR. OCT 2ND	SCHOOL CLOSED: YOM KIPPUR
THURS. OCT. 9TH	DISTRICT 28 CEC MEETING
MON. OCT. 13TH	SCHOOL CLOSED: ITALIAN HERITAGE/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY
TUES. OCT. 14TH	HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION (VIA ZOOM @6:30PM)
WED. OCT. 15TH	HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION (IN PERSON @8:30AM)
WED. OCT. 15TH	PARENT WORKSHOP: SCHOOL BASED EARLY SUPPORT
MON. OCT. 20TH	SCHOOL CLOSED: DIWALI
TUES. OCT. 28TH	SLT MEETING
FRI. OCT. 24TH	4TH ANNUAL BREAST CANCER PARADE
MON. OCT. 27TH	PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION
MON. OCT. 27TH	PTA MEETING
TUES. OCT. 28TH	PASTRIES WITH THE PRINCIPAL
THUR. OCT. 30TH	8TH GRADE ICECREAM SOCIAL
FRI. OCT. 31ST	CHARACTER DAY DANCE CAMPUS DANCE

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MS. NICOLE JOHNSON

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ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters

Keep Your Child On Track: Pay Attention to Attendance

Did you know ?

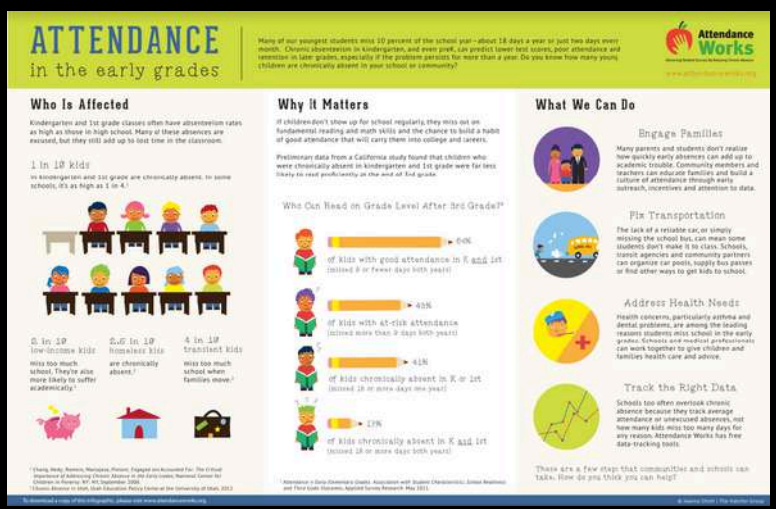
By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.

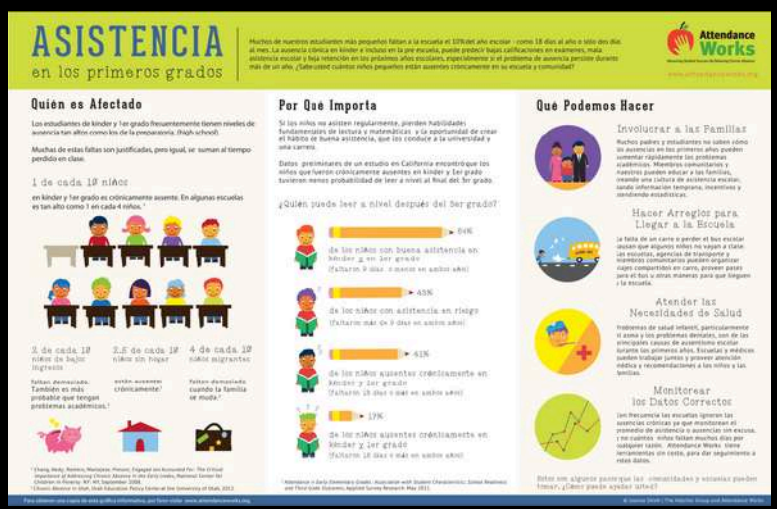
By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

What Can You Do?

Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.

Keep your student healthy. If you are concerned about about a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider.





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Keep Your Child Healthy and in School!

A regular attendance routine is important for your child's well-being, learning and long-term success. Below are tips to keep your child healthy and avoid unnecessary absences from school.

Nutrition, Sleep and Exercise

- Ensure your child eats a good breakfast every morning or check if your school serves breakfast.
- Maintain a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Keep screens out of the bedroom and limit use prior to bedtime.
- Encourage your child to stay active for at least 60 minutes a day.

Hygiene

- Stress hand washing, particularly before eating, and after using the restroom.
- Remind your child to brush their teeth twice a day.
- Avoid close contact with individuals who are sick. Don't share cups, utensils, hair brushes or combs.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough/sneeze into an elbow.

Safety

- Make sure your child wears a seatbelt and/or appropriate car seats during car rides, and a helmet when using a bike, skateboard or scooter.
- If your child walks to school, help them find a safe route to school and to travel with at least one friend. Have a backup plan in case of bad weather.

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Wellness

- Ensure your child visits their health care provider for:
  - A physical once a year.
  - All recommended Immunizations, including Flu and COVID-19.
  - Chronic health issues such as asthma or diabetes.
- Visit the dentist twice a year.
- Try to schedule non-urgent medical appointments outside of school hours.
- If your child doesn't have health or dental insurance, reach out to your school's nurse or social worker or other staff member to help connect you with resources.
- Complete your school's annual health form.
- Agree to allow your child to participate in health and vision screenings offered at school.
- If your child has a chronic health issue such as asthma, make sure that your child's health care provider completes appropriate school forms that allow your child to keep/carry any necessary medications at school.
- If your child has a disability, work closely with the school and your child's health care provider to ensure appropriate supports and services.
- If your child has a compromised immune system or is at high risk for complications from common illnesses, please talk to your school (school nurse if available) about developing a plan with you and your child's health-care provider to keep your child healthy and safe while attending school.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness (including COVID-19), call your child's health care provider or school nurse for advice.
- If your child needs to stay home for a prolonged period due to illness, talk to your child's teacher to find out about resources they can use at home to keep learning once they feel well enough.

Engagement

- Make sure your child feels safe and connected at school. Involve them in afterschool activities.
- If you are worried that your child may be suffering from anxiety, talk with your teacher, the school nurse, social worker or other school staff to discuss the challenge and identify what can help your child. If your child is missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues, contact the school and/or your child's health care provider for support and resources.
- Ask the school about health-related policies including about COVID-19.
- Monitor your child's attendance and academic progress and seek support when needed.

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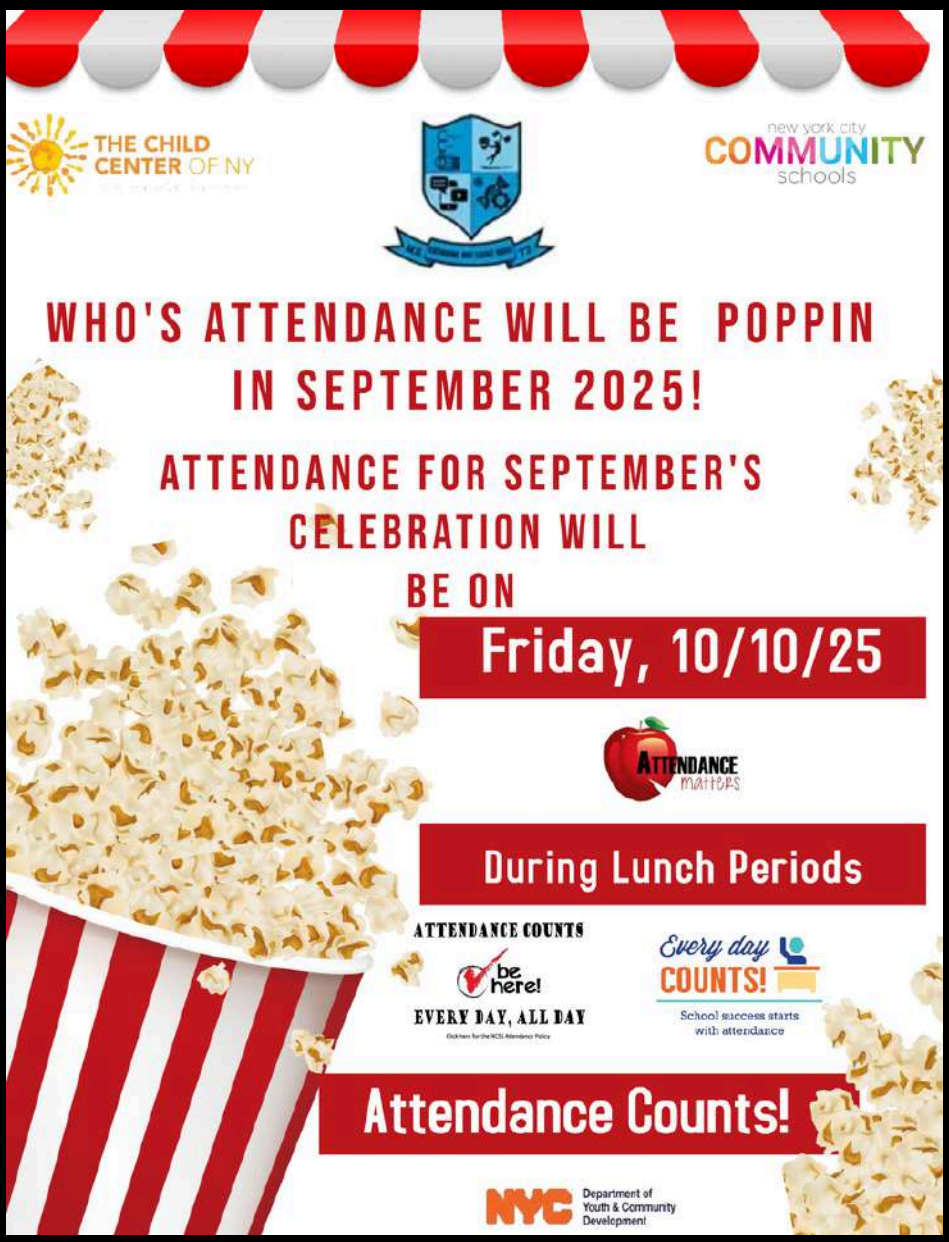

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MESSAGE FROM OUR 2025-2026 PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

MS. ERICKA CORLEY

MS. SHERYL STAMP

MS. DARNETTE KERR

Greetings PTA Family
It's Time For Our General PTA Meeting.
We will discuss putting together a fundraising committee as well as other ideas. We will have open floor for members to express their ideas. Please join us.
Also, the annual Breast Cancer Walk is this month come out and support you already know it's going to be a great time.
Since our meeting is being held so late this month, we are available for any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out at (347) 651-1395 between 9am - 5pm
Looking forward to seeing all of you!

CCB SCHOOL CULTURE & CLIMATE

UNIFORM

Monday - Thursday
Any Catherine and Count Basie Apparel (such as button downs, t-shirts, hoodies, or zip-up sweat jackets) with Khaki or Black Bottoms (NO JEANS)

Friday: Dress Down Friday
Your child may wear appropriate school clothing. This is their place of business; we want our scholars dressed for success.

The following attire is prohibited:

- Ripped jeans that show skin
- Crop tops, tanks tops, spaghetti straps tanks and pajama pants
- Bonnets, head scarves, du-rags, nike ski mask and hats except for Catherine and Count Basie logo hats
- Inappropriate graphics shirts or labels
- Crocs/Slippers

CULTURE

C.A.R.E.S.

- **Compassion:** Accept individuals the way they are by treating them with kindness.
- **Accountability:** -Taking responsibility for your actions and how they may impact those around you, being mindful of yourself, peers, and school environment, being thoughtful by using kind words and gestures.
- **Resilience**: Take on challenges with a positive attitude, overcome challenges and obstacles, and turn a negative into a positive.
- **Empowerment**: To demonstrate leadership by advocating, encouraging, and supporting your peers.
- **Service:** Building and helping your community (family and school) Helping those in need.

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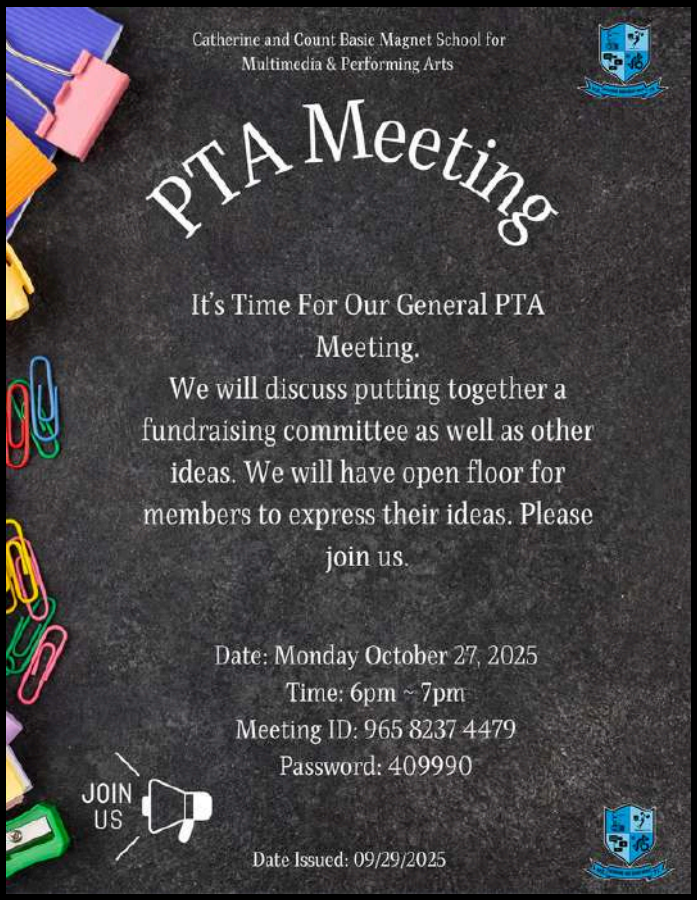
PTA MEETING



PTA General Meeting Dates

Meetings are held virtually from 6pm – 7pm

Every third Monday monthly

Monday September 15, 2025, 6pm-7pm

Monday October 27, 2025, 6pm – 7pm

Monday November 17, 2025, 6pm – 7pm

Monday December 15, 2025, 6pm – 7pm

Monday January 12, 2026, 6pm – 7pm

Monday February 9, 2026, 6pm – 7pm

Monday March 16, 2026, 6pm – 7pm

Monday April 20, 2026, 6pm – 7pm

Monday May 18, 2026, 6pm – 7pm

Monday June 15, 2026, 6pm – 7pm

All holidays and school closures have been factored in when comprising these dates.

Issue Date: 08/03/25

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PARENT WORKSHOPS

The Catherine and Count Basie Magnet School
For Multimedia and Performing Arts

High School Information Session

Discussion On	High School Application Process, specialized High School test, and auditions to make the best High School choice.

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 @ 6:30pm
ZOOM Meeting ID:97143374616
Passcode: 219949

OR
In person Wednesday, October 15, 2025 @ 8:30am

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Ms. Lee - Alee3@schools.nyc.gov

Parent Coordinator - jmoore58@schools.nyc.gov

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PARENT WORKSHOP:
EXTENDED RESOURCES & SUPPORT
FACILITATED BY: MS. HOWELL
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15,2025
TIME: 6:00PM – 7:00PM
MEETING ID: 994 2795 4156
PASSCODE: 617007

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SCHOOL- BASED EARLY SUPPORT PROGRAM IS A PREVENTATIVE SERVICE THAT SUPPORTS FAMILIES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, PROMOTE FAMILY STABILITY AND WELL-BEING, AND REDUCE SAFETY RISK FACTORS.

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SLT MEETING

DISTRICT 28 CEC MEETING

THE CATHERINE AND COUNT BASIE MAGNET SCHOOL
FOR MULTIMEDIA & PERFORMING ART

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

PLACE: LIBRARY

TIME: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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October Hybrid Calendarand Business Meeting
Date: ThursdayOctober9, 2025
Time: 6:30 pm
In-Person location:
90-27Sutphin Boulevard
Jamaica, NY 11435
Or
Register here to join by Zoom
https://nycdoe.zoom.us/meeting/register/qXDeIYLXSom6qyBmOGBMew

Calendar Meeting Agenda

- CEC28 President's Report– President QuentinMezetin
- D28 Superintendent Repot - Dr. Eric Blake
- PS140Q presentation by Principal Robyn Hasberry Signal
- Dr. Ellen Hagopian - Director, Queens Cancer Center of NYC Health+Hospitals/Queens
- Interviews of CEC28 Candidates
- Council Members Reports and Updates
- Public comment (instructions will be given during the meeting)
- Adjournment

Business Meeting Agenda

- Discuss pending absentee's forms Adopting
- Council's Meeting Minutes Vote on CEC28
- Candidates CEC28 Budget Modification
- Discuss CEC28 Principal Legislative Breakfast
- Adjournment

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CEC Meeting are Open to the Public

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Information Communication Concerns Questions Answers Resolutions

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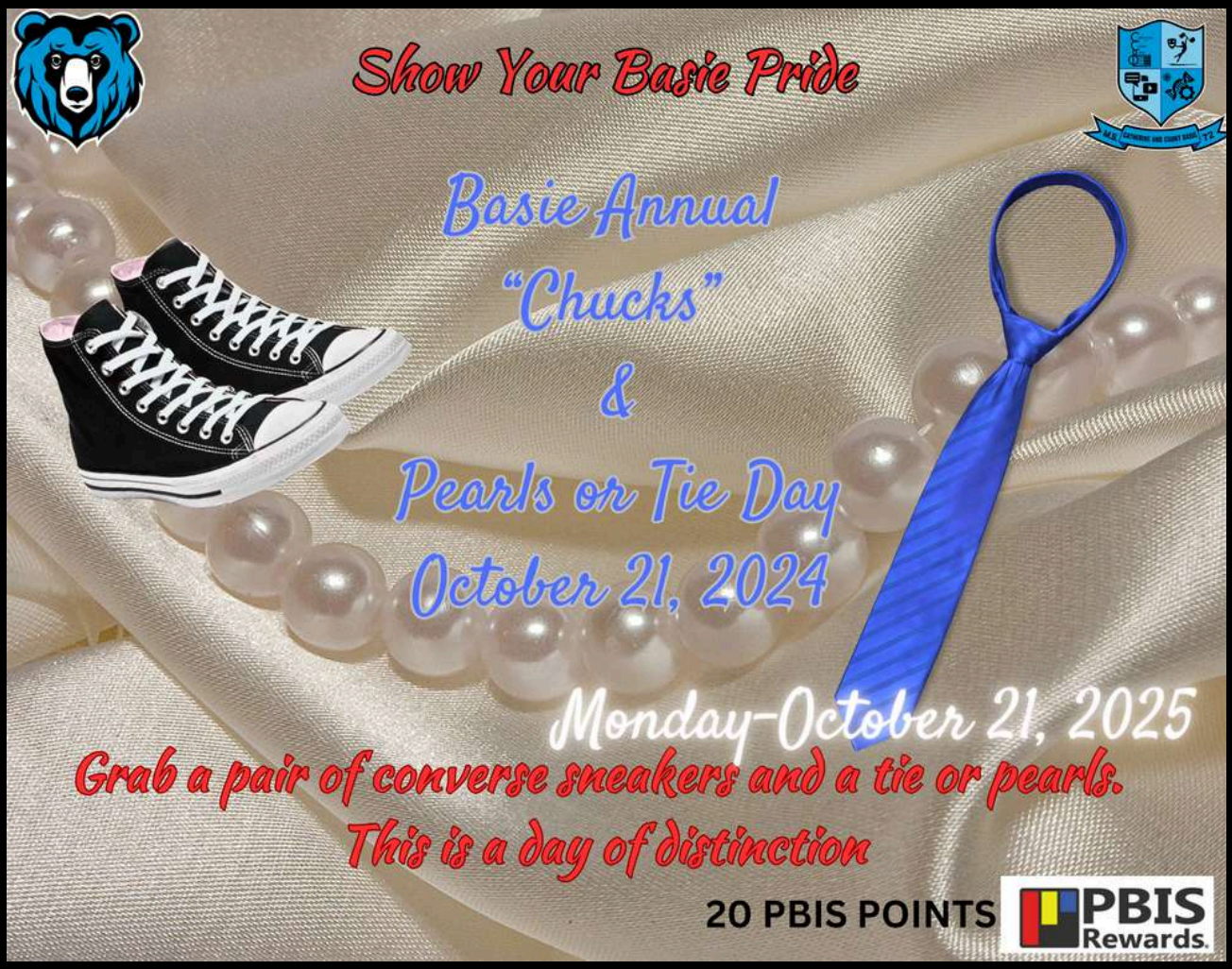

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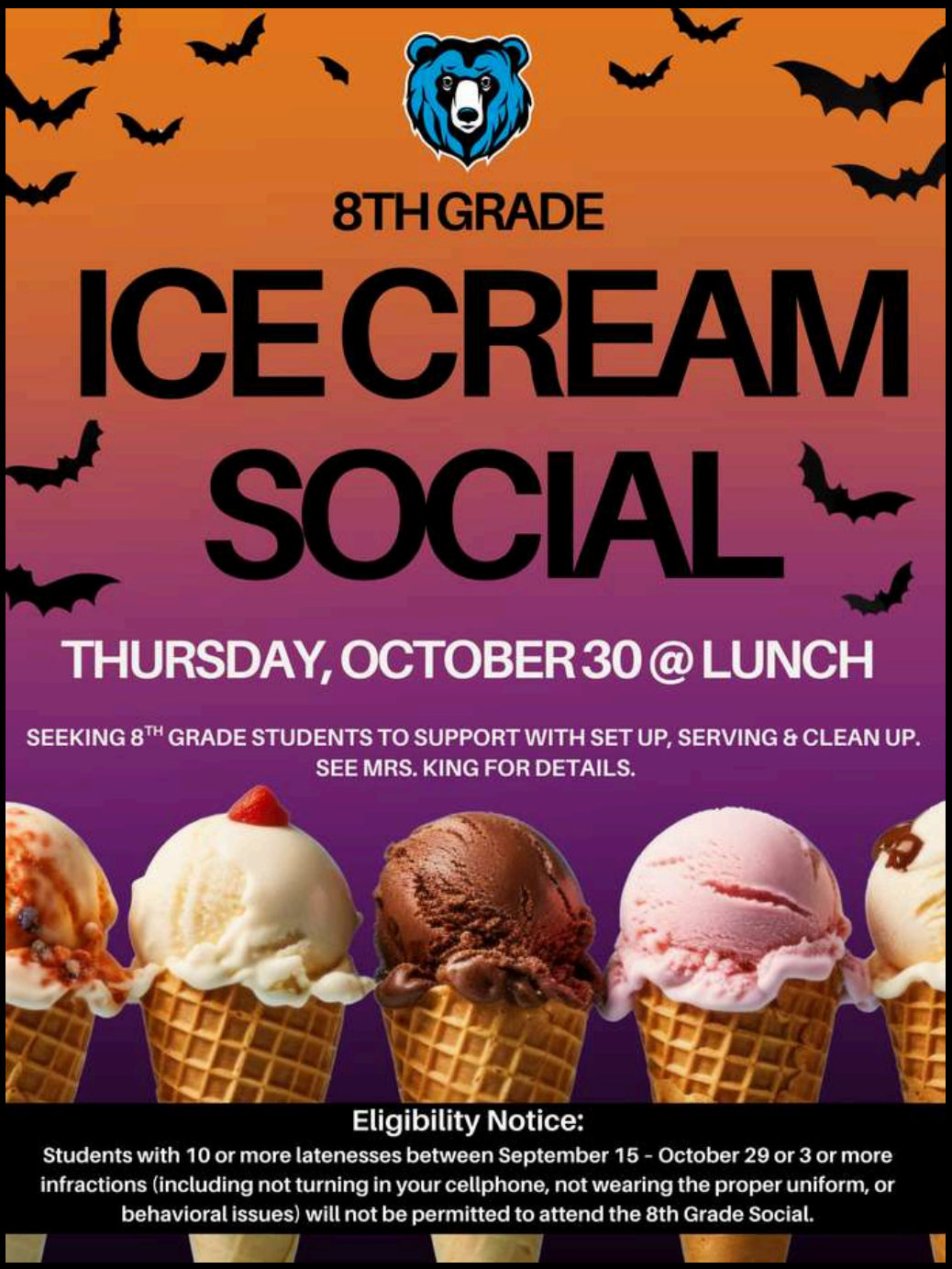

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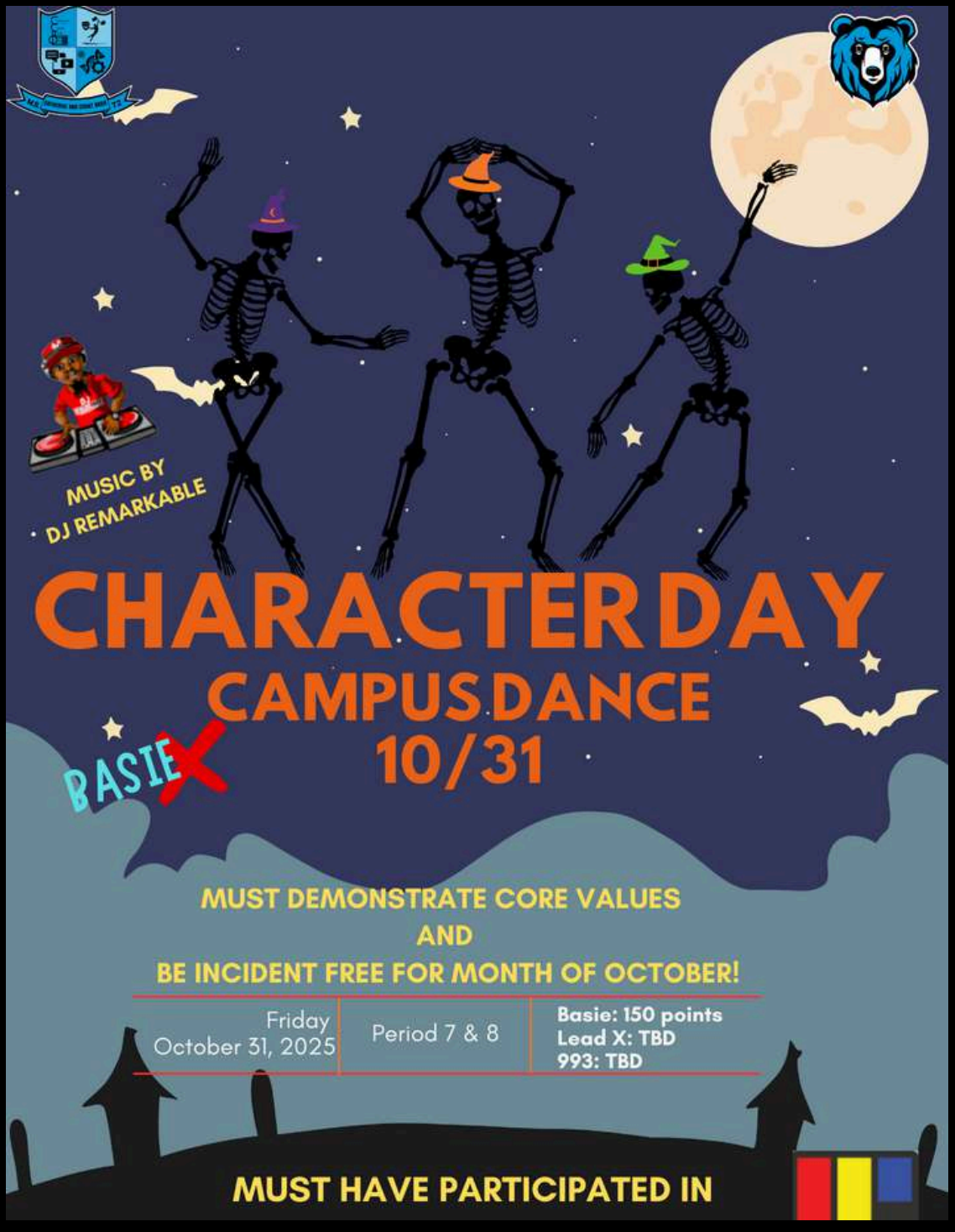

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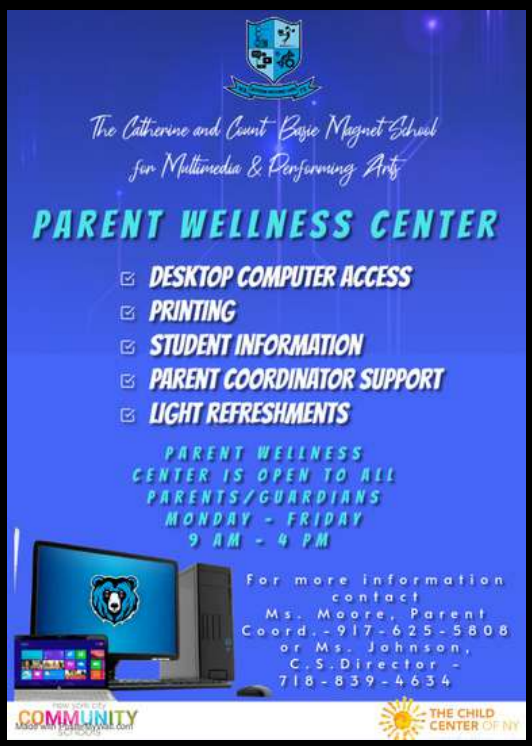

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WELCOME BACK....
"P.A.P.P." – PARENTS AS PARTNERS PROJECT 2025-2026

1 Community School Director:
Nicole Johnson
There are 18 in the network located on-site at various schools to support and give guidance to the Community School initiative

2 Parent Involvement:
8 hour/month commitment entails mandatory attendance at various meetings, some evenings required *(childcare and food available at in-person sessions*

3 Possible Incentives:
Monetary monthly "Appreciation "Stipend" available each month over the course of the school year.
(Monetary Stipend - Still Pending)

4 Professional Opportunities:
- Hands-on experience
- Plan and participate in family engagement activities
- Professional development
- Networking opportunities
- Monthly meetings with P.A.P.P. team

5 Who is Eligible to Participate:
Any Parent/Guardian of any child currently enrolled in the school
(all immigration statuses are welcome)

6 Where do I Apply:
Visit the Community Schools office room 209.2 or speak with the Community School Director, contact info below.

Nicole Johnson, Community School Director
E-mail: nicolejohnson@childcenterny.org
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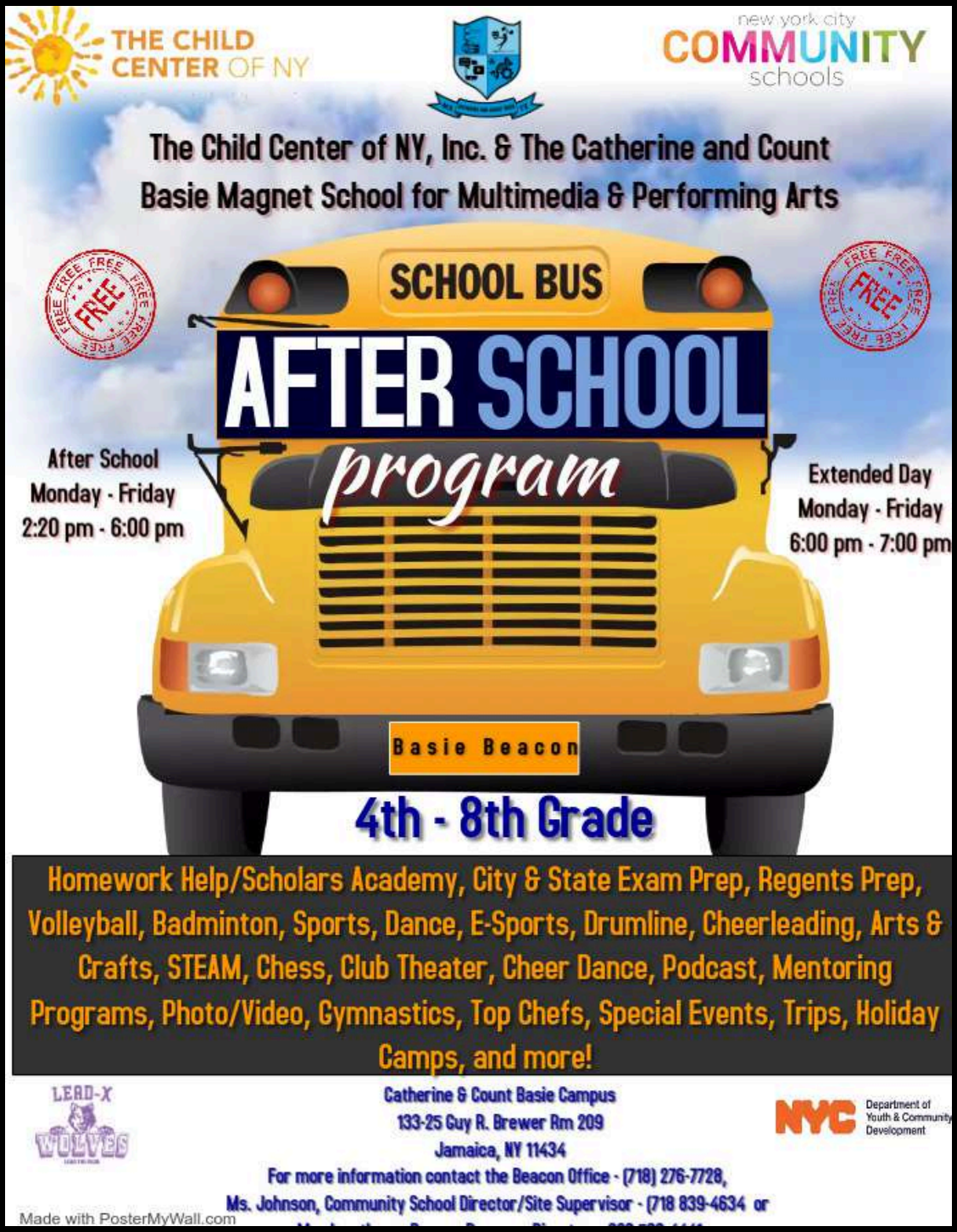

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1 UNIFORM SWAG DAY	2 SCHOOL CLOSED YOM KIPPUR BEACON OPEN 8:30AM - 6:00PM	3 STUDENT COUNCIL TOWN HALL 7TH PERIOD PINK FRIDAY	4
5	6	7	8	9 CEC MEETING @ 6:30PM (HYBRID)	10 Hispanic Heritage Silent Party Musical Festival PINK FRIDAY	11
12	13 SCHOOL CLOSED ITALIAN HERITAGE/ INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY	14 HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION (VIRTUALLY) @6:30 PM	15 HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION IN BESSIN @ 8:30AM PARENT WORKSHOP: SCHOOL BASED EARLY SUPPORT (VIRTUALLY) @6PM	16	17 PINK FRIDAY	18
19	20 SCHOOL CLOSED DIWALI BEACON OPEN 8:30AM - 6:00PM	21 BASIE'S ANNUAL CHUCKS & PEARLS OR TIE DAY	22 BRONX ZOO SCHOOLWIDE TRIP	23	24 PINK FRIDAY 4TH ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS PARADE @ 10AM	25
26	27 PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION (ALL GRADES) PTA MEETING @6PM (VIRTUAL)	28 BOOKS WITH THE PRINCIPAL 8:30AM - 12:30PM (IN PERSON) STUDENT COUNCIL 6TH GRADE TOWN HALL 8TH PERIOD BLT MEETING 6:00PM - 7:00PM (IN PERSON)	29 OPEN HOUSE TOURS 9:30AM-10:30AM 5:00PM-6:00PM STUDENT COUNCIL 7TH GRADE TOWN HALL 8TH PERIOD	30 8TH GRADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL 4TH ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS PARADE @ 10AM (RAIN DATE) STUDENT COUNCIL 8TH GRADE TOWN HALL 8TH PERIOD	31 MUNCHIES FRIDAY CHARACTER DAY CAMPUS DANCE	1
2	3	WEEKLY AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES				

BEACON
MONDAY - FRIDAY
2:20 PM - 6:00 PM

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