



WELCOME
family & friends



Ms. Melody Pink

Parent Coordinator &
Liaison to the Parent Leadership
Council (PLC) at Williamsburg Charter
High School (WCHS)

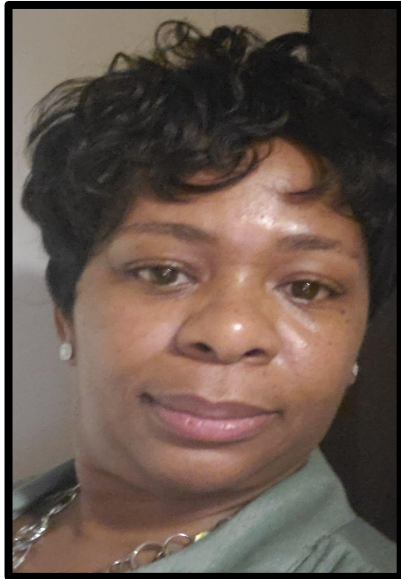
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Parent Leadership Council
Parents are the Secret Sauce to our School

MEET OUR PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC) MEMBERS FOR 2025- 2026 SCHOOL YEAR



**OUR PLC PRESIDENT
MONIQUE BOWENS**



**OUR PARENT
COORDINATOR / PLC
LIAISON MS. PINK**





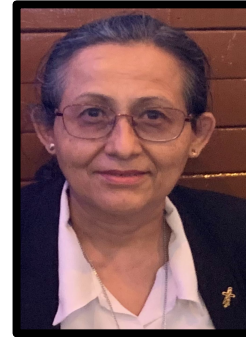
**OUR PLC ALUMNI
PARENT VOLUNTEER
DENISE TURNER**



**OUR PLC PARENT FUNDRAISING
COORDINATOR CATHERINA DAVIUS**



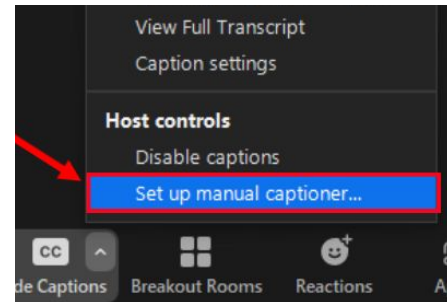
**OUR PLC TREASURER
LUCIA MARTINEZ- JIMENEZ**



**OUR PLC PARENT
VOLUNTEER
ANGELICA PEREZ**



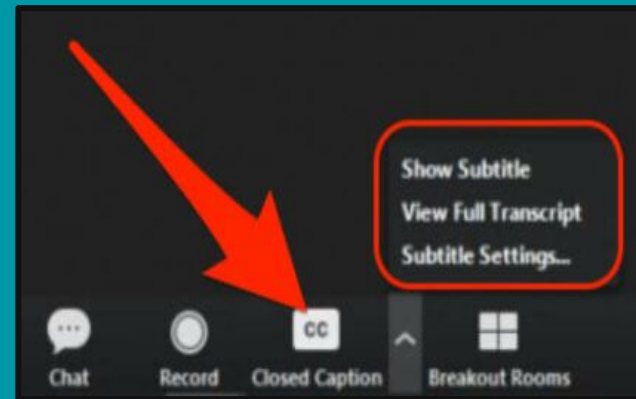
ZOOM CLOSED CAPTION TRANSLATION WITH Ms. LUCIA MARTINEZ -JIMENEZ



Zoom Closed Captions in Spanish Directions

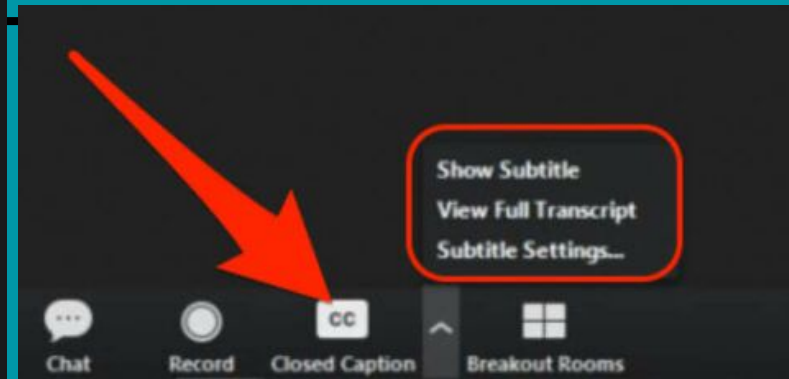
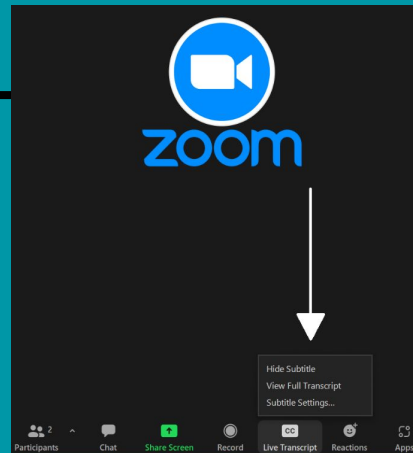
To enable closed captions in Spanish during a Zoom meeting, follow these steps:

1. **Join the Meeting:** Start your Zoom meeting and ensure you are in the meeting controls toolbar.
2. **Show Captions:** Click the Show Captions icon, then click the up arrow icon to access more options.
3. **Set Language:** Next to the Show Captions icon, click the up arrow icon, select the Caption language: English menu, and choose Spanish.
4. **Adjust Settings:** If needed, adjust the text size, background color, and text color for better visibility.
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Instrucciones para activar los subtítulos cerrados en español en Zoom Para habilitar los subtítulos cerrados en español durante una reunión de Zoom, sigue estos pasos:

1. **Únete a la reunión:** Inicia tu reunión de Zoom y asegúrate de estar en la barra de herramientas de controles de la reunión.
2. **Mostrar subtítulos:** Haz clic en el ícono de mostrar subtítulos, luego haz clic en el ícono de flecha hacia arriba para acceder a más opciones.
3. **Establecer idioma:** Junto al icono de Mostrar subtítulos, haz clic en el ícono de la flecha hacia arriba, selecciona el menú de idioma de subtítulos: inglés y elige español.
4. **Ajustar la configuración:** Si es necesario, ajusta el tamaño del texto, el color de fondo y el color del texto para una mejor visibilidad.
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PLC VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA

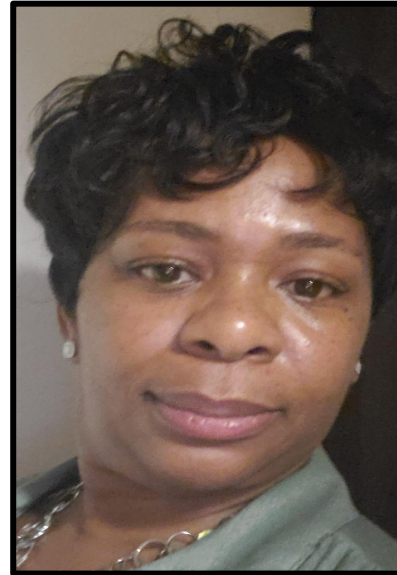
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- **WELCOME FROM THE PLC**
- **TRANSLATION OPTIONS - MS. PINK & PLC MEMBERS**
- **PLC AGENDA- PLC MEMBERS**
- **VIRTUAL HOUSEKEEPING RULES- PLC MEMBERS**
- **SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR PLC PRESIDENT**
- **SCHOOL UPDATES FROM PRINCIPAL VALERIE JACOBSON**
- **PRESENTATION IMMSCHOOLS**
- **COMMERCIAL BREAK**
- **COMMUNITY RESOURCES ALONG WITH POSITIVE VIBES- MS. PINK**
- **PLC DECEMBER 2025 RAFFLE**
- **COMMUNITY TABLE-PLC MEMBERS & MS. PINK**
- **CLOSING & FINAL REMARKS**



Quick Virtual Housekeeping

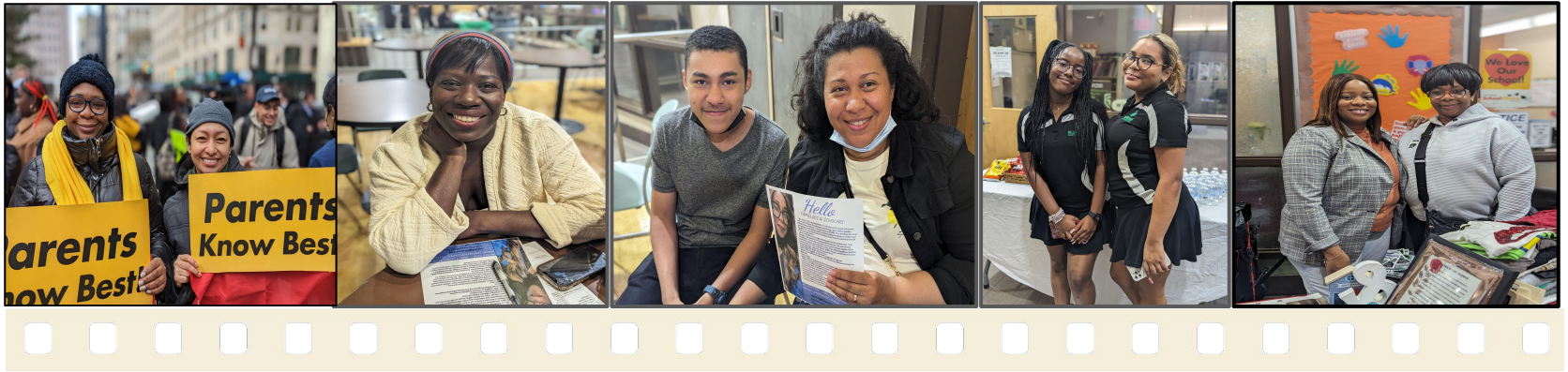
- Please Mute your Screen & Mute your Phones
- Please Do Not Click Present or Hook your Screen to the TV (It Interferes with the Presentation)
- Please Type your Name, Scholar's Name & Email Address in the Comment Section for Attendance
 - ** Families on the phone please email Ms. Pink your name, scholar's name & grade
- Please type any Questions in the Comment Section relating to the Meeting
- NOTE: This PLC Virtual Meeting will be recorded & posted on our school website

*PLC Message from
PLC President
Mrs. Bowens*





HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM YOUR PLC & Ms. PINK
*WISHING YOU & YOUR
FAMILY PEACE, JOY,
HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY
IN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON*



The Parent Leadership Council (PLC) is thrilled to announce our Fundraising Campaign! Our goal is to provide college essentials to a minimum of 10 deserving scholars upon their graduation, as well as establish ongoing funds to support families and scholars in need, & facilitate exciting parent activities. We are counting on your generous support, as no donation is too small! You can easily contribute by using Zelle: **Simply send your donation to kfernandez@thewcs.org and remember to write "PLC Donation" in the Memo line.** Take a moment Now & donate to the PLC. We wholeheartedly welcome all donations & are incredibly grateful for your participation in this exciting endeavor!



*School
Announcements
from
Principal
Jacobson*

IMPORTANT

→ **December 22nd, 2025 -January 2nd, 2026- Winter Recess:
NO SCHOOL**

→ **January 5th, 2026- All Scholars & Staff Return to School**

→ **January 7th, 2026 @1:30pm- Earth Science Lab Practical**

→ **January 8th, 2026 @3pm- Earth Science Lab Practical
Make-Up**

→ **January 10th, 2026- WCHS OPEN HOUSE: Student
Recruitment**

→ **January 19th, 2026-School Closed: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther
King Day**

→ **January 20th, 2026- January 23rd, 2026: REGENTS EXAMS**

→ **January 26th, 2026- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: Staff PD
Day**

→ **January 27th, 2026-January 30th, 2026: MIDTERM EXAMS**

→ **January 29th, 2026- Virtual PLC Meeting**





WCHS HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR



Where everyone can get a gift for someone this season



DATE: Wednesday 12/17 - Friday 12/19

TIME: 11:00am - 2:30pm.

LOCATION: First Floor Media
Gallery
Room 121



WCHS HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Gift Pricing Guide

Handmade with care by WCHS Visual Arts students

Perfect gifts for everyone this season!

PRICES

★ Pottery & Ceramic Pieces **\$1-\$5**

★ Stars & Bows **\$1 each**

★ Picture Pages / Art Prints **\$0.50**

★ Cards, Small Gifts &
Decorative Pieces **Prices
marked at table**

• *Prices marked at table*

★ Affordable, Handmade.
One-of-a-kind.

*Nothing says you care like
a handmade holiday gift!*



December 17-19 |
11:00am-2:30pm

📍 First Floor Media Lab Gallery
— Room 121

🕒 December 17-19 | 11:00am 2:30pm

A festive red poster for a holiday art fair. At the top, there are gold and green Christmas ornaments and a string of lights. The text is centered and reads: "Holiday GIFT BASKET RAFFLES FOR SALE AT THE HOLIDAY ART FAIR". Below this, it lists three gift basket options: Small \$1, Medium \$2, and Large \$3. A yellow banner says "BUY NOW!". At the bottom, two snowmen stand in a snowy landscape with evergreen trees. The background has a subtle bokeh effect.

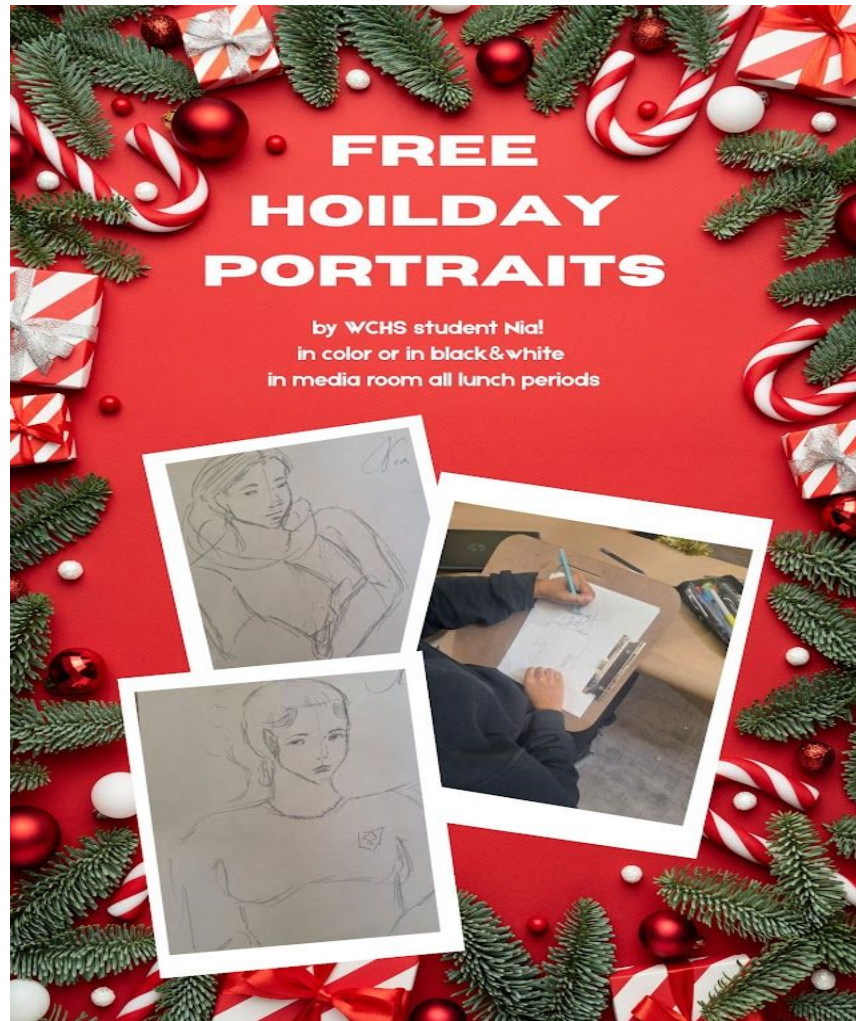
Holiday
**GIFT BASKET
RAFFLES FOR SALE**

AT THE HOLIDAY ART FAIR

Holiday Gift Basket Small \$1
Holiday Gift Basket Medium \$2
Holiday Gift Basket Large \$3

BUY NOW!

Located in the
Media Lab Room 121
During all Lunch Periods
10:50-2:30pm
Thursday & Friday

A festive red poster for free holiday portraits. The background is decorated with pine branches, red and white ornaments, and candy canes. The text is centered and reads: "FREE HOILDAY PORTRAITS by WCHS student Nia! in color or in black&white in media room all lunch periods". Below the text are three polaroid-style photos: two showing line drawings of a woman's face and one showing a person drawing at a desk. The background has a subtle bokeh effect.

**FREE
HOILDAY
PORTRAITS**

by WCHS student Nia!
in color or in black&white
in media room all lunch periods



UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER

Pajama Party

BINGO AND HOLIDAY TUNES DURING LUNCH

FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER

Pull out your ugliest, most over-the-top holiday sweater



Holiday Bingso

Join Ms. Johnson and friends during your lunch period to play Holiday Bingso!

Snack Prizes!

Best Ugly Sweater Contest during your lunch period!

**FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 19TH**

During all lunch periods!

REGENTS EXAM SCHEDULE JANUARY 2026

Academic Counselors will be scheduling students for January Regents Exams if:

- the student was absent or did not pass in June/August
- scored lower than a college ready score in ELA or Alg

January 20 Tuesday		January 21 Wednesday		January 22 Thursday		January 23 Friday	
8:15 AM		8:15 AM		8:15 AM		8:15 AM	
English Language Arts		Geometry	U.S. History & Government	Global History & Geography II		Earth & Space Sciences	Physical Setting/ Earth Science <i>(Lab Practical Required see information below)</i>
12:15 PM		12:15 PM		12:15 PM			
Life Science: Biology	Physical Setting/ Chemistry	Algebra I	Physical Setting/ Physics	Algebra II			
Living Environment							

Uniform Admission Deadlines

Students cannot arrive later than ...

10:00 AM
for Morning Examinations

2:00 PM
for Afternoon Examinations

The Earth Science Lab Practical will be on Wednesday January 7th after school at 1:30pm in Room 425. Students registered for the Earth Science Regents on Fri, 1/23, must take the Earth Science Lab Practical on Weds., 1/7. If students were absent they must attend the make-up Lab Practical on Thurs., 1/8 afterschool at 3pm in Room 425.

La Práctica de Ciencias de la Tierra será el miércoles, 7 de enero a la 1:30pm de la tarde en la sala 425. Estudiantes programados para tomar el Regents en Ciencias de la Tierra el viernes 23 de enero, necesitan tomar la práctica de laboratorio el miércoles 7 de enero. Si estudiantes están ausente, deben tomar la práctica de laboratorio el jueves, 8 de enero a las 3pm en sala 425.

REGENTS PREP 25-26- GROUP 3

0 PERIOD - 7AM-755AM

9TH PERIOD - 3PM-355PM

English

ENGLISH w/ Ms. Brown

Time: 0 period

ENGLISH w/ Ms. Loiza

Time: 9th period

History

Global History

US History w/ Mr Frost

Time: 9th period



Math

Algebra

Algebra II & Geometry

w/ Ms. Giscombe

Time: 9th period

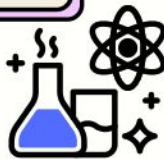
Science

Life Sciences: Bio

Earth and Space &

Chemistry w/ Ms. Ashman

Time: 9th Period



YOU GOT THIS!

REGISTER HERE:

DATES: <https://forms.gle/N5YPKnPFxm1oFAtNA>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 5th Day 1	January 6th Day 2	January 7th No PREP	January 8th Day 3	January 9th Day 4
January 12th Day 5	January 13th Day 6th	January 14th No PREP	January 15th Day 7	January 16th Day 8



Email Mrs. Chery with any questions!
nchery@thewcs.org

PREPARACIÓN PARA LOS EXÁMENES 25-26 - GRUPO 3

PERÍODO 0 - 7AM-7:55AM

PERÍODO 9 - 3PM-3:55PM

Inglés

ENGLISH w/ Ms. Brown

Time: 0 period

ENGLISH w/ Ms. Loiza

Time: 9th period

Historia

Global History

US History w/ Mr Frost

Time: 9th period



Matemáticas

Algebra

Algebra II & Geometry

w/ Ms. Giscombe

Time: 9th period

Ciencia

Life Sciences: Bio

Earth and Space &

Chemistry w/ Ms. Ashman

Time: 9th period

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REGÍSTRATE AQUÍ:

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Envía un correo a la Sra. Chery si tienes preguntas nchery@thewcs.org

First Name	Last Name	After School Club/ Club Después de Escuela	Which day(s)? Días /	Room/ Salón
Stephen	Booth	Hot Topics Club/ Club de temas de actualidad	Monday & Thursday/ Lunes & Viernes	213
Seth	Failla	Ceramics Club/ Club de Cerámica	Monday & Thursday/ Lunes & Viernes	106
Samantha	Sales	College & Career Readiness Club Club de preparación para la Universidad y la Carrera profesional	Tuesday & Thursday Martes & Jueves	Mezz
Jeremy	Kronenberg	Drama Club/ Club de Teatro	Friday/Viernes	801
Peggy	Doody	ELA Homework Help/ Ayuda con las tareas de ELA	Tuesday & Thursday Martes & Jueves	414
Daneen	Brown	Evangelina Rodriguez Honors Program Tutoring and Preparation/Tutoría y preparación del Programa de Honores Evangelina Rodríguez	Tuesday & Thursday (7th period) Martes & Jueves	411
Ayisha Melissa	Gomez Wade	Girls' Club- "The Emerald Essence" Club de Chicas	Tuesday/Martes	121
Mary	Ulgen	Inkwell Writing Club/ Club de escritura del tintero	Tuesday/Martes	424
Michele Karima	Cordero Jones	Boys Volleyball Club/Club de Voleibol Masculino	Monday/Tuesday	129
Laura	Pazour	Knitting Club/ Club de Tejido	Tuesday & Thursday/ Martes & Jueves	516
Michelle	Reid	Living Environment & Biology Prep Club/Club de paración para la vida, el medio ambiente y la biología	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Lunes, Martes & Jueves	325
Imani Jonathan	Chalbi Perez	Senior Committee/ Committee Superior	Monday/Lunes	612
Hoona	Kim	Instrumental Club & Vocal Club Club de música instrumental y vocal	Tuesday/Thursday	201
Lee	Burchett	U.S. History –Tutoring & Homework Help/Historia de los Estados Unidos: Tutoría y ayuda con las tareas	Tuesday & Thursday Martes & Jueves	613
Yedid	Flaquer	Visual Arts/Media Club	Thursday/Jueves Martes & Jueves	430
Robert	Pasetsky	Weightlifting Club/ Club de Levantamiento de Pesas	Monday/Lunes	130
Jonathan	Perez	K-Pop Club/Club de K-Pop	Tuesday/Martes	702
Reuben	Dilworth	Men's Club /Club de hombres	Thursday/Jueves	810
Jessica	Sutherland	Step Team/Equipo de paso	Monday/Lunes	121



NEW YORK STATE Seal of Biliteracy



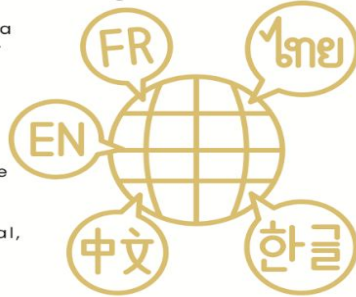
Do you speak a language other than English at home?
Do you study a world language in school?

The New York State SEAL OF BILITERACY recognizes students who have studied and attained a high proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. More languages mean better career and college opportunities!

Apply if you are interested!
See Ms. Wade in Rm 310

Students **must** meet the following criteria:

- Completing coursework in English and/or a world language with an average of 85% or better;
- Earning a set score on an approved assessment in English and/or a world language;
- Completing and presenting a Culminating Project in English and/or a world language that demonstrates the required level of proficiency in all three modes of communication (Interpretive, Interpersonal, and Presentational).



Arigato *Danke sehr* *Salamat* *Merci* *Gracias*

SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS

Have your diploma stand
out through civic
engagement, community
service, and commitment to
social studies courses!



Apply if you are interested!
See Mr. Fuller in Rm 713 or Ms. Wade in Rm 310

Students **must** meet the following criteria:

- 4 years of Social Studies
- Passed Global & US Regents
- Research Project
- Civic Engagement & Community Engagement experience
- Civic Engagement Project



WCHS PRESENTS:

Winter Formal

02.06.2026

5PM-7PM

198 VARET ST. BROOKLYN, NY 11206

\$5 TICKET INCLUDES DINNER

WCHS ID REQUIRED

SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE



WCHS PRESENTA:

Winter Formal

02.06.2026

5PM-7PM

198 VARET ST. BROOKLYN, NY 11206

LA ENTRADA DE \$5 INCLUYA CENA

SE REQUIERE EL NÚMERO DE ID DE WCHS

LA VESTIMENTA DEBE SER SEMIFORMAL



A FEW THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

Winter Formal

02.06.2026

-TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM MS.
JOHNSON(421) OR THE MAILROOM(127)

- \$5 TICKET INCLUDES DINNER

- DOORS CLOSE AT 5:45

- SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE

- MUST ATTEND DANCE TO VOTE FOR
WINTER ROYALTY



A FEW THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

Winter Formal

02.06.2026

-LAS ENTRADAS SE PUEDEN COMPRAR A
MS. JOHNSON EN 421 O 127

-LA ENTRADA DE \$5 INCLUYE CENA

-LAS PUERTAS CIERRAN A LAS 5:45

LA VESTIMENTA DEBE SER SEMIFORMAL

-DEBES VENIR A BAILAR PARA VOTAR POR
LA REALEZA





2025 - 2026 ADMISSIONS

**GROW WITH PURPOSE.
LEAD WITH INTEGRITY.**

Williamsburg Charter High School is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 academic year!


- ✔ Supportive Learning Environment
- ✔ Visual & Performing Arts Programs
- ✔ Diverse & Inclusive Community
- ✔ 20+ Student Clubs & Athletics
- ✔ College and Career Counseling

APPLY NOW



Summer Tours Available!

We're offering personalized one-on-one tours all summer long — schedule yours today!

 Williamsburg Charter High School
198 Varet Street, Brooklyn, NY 11206



ADMISIONES 2025 - 2026

**CRECER CON PROPÓSITO.
LIDERAR CON INTEGRIDAD.**

¡Williamsburg Charter High School está aceptando solicitudes para el año académico 2025-2026!


- ✔ Apoyo para todos los estudiantes
- ✔ Programas sólidos de arte y electivos
- ✔ Comunidad diversa e inclusiva
- ✔ 20+ clubes de estudiantes y atletismo
- ✔ Orientación universitaria y profesional

APLICAR AHORA



¡Tours de Verano Disponibles!

Ofrecemos recorridos personalizados uno a uno durante todo el verano — ¡agenda el tuyo hoy!

 Williamsburg Charter High School
198 Varet Street, Brooklyn, NY 11206





ImmSchools



Post-Secondary Pathways:

For Immigrant Students and Families

Williamsburg Charter High School
December 18, 2025





ImmSchools

Presenter
Presentadora

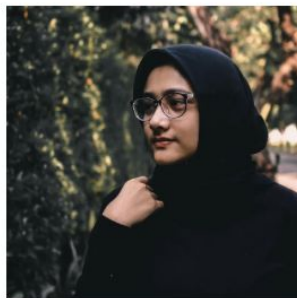
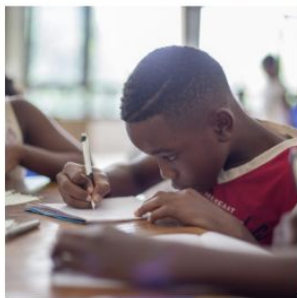


María Rocha
NYC Program Associate
Trabajadora Asociada de Programas
Queens, New York



ImmSchools is an immigrant led nonprofit organization that ensure schools are safe and inclusive spaces for immigrant students and mixed status families.

ImmSchools es una organización sin fines de lucro dirigida por inmigrantes que garantiza que las escuelas sean espacios seguros e inclusivos para estudiantes y familias inmigrantes.





Community Agreements

- We will be active participants
- We will show mutual respect
- We will create a safe space
- We will demonstrate a commitment to mutual learning



Objectives



After this session-

- **Learn about options** after high school — college, job training, and starting a business.
- **Understand supports** like in-state tuition, financial aid, and scholarships.
- **Create a plan** for your student's future pathway.
- **Discover resources** in the community to help your student succeed.





On the Road to College





Immigrant students, including undocumented students, have the right to access university, establish a business or a career.



Chat In/Chat Out



Q1: What grade is your scholar currently in?

Q2: What questions do you have about college, careers, or post-secondary options?

Debunking the Myths



FALSE

Immigration does not affect students. If it does, it is solely relevant to LatinX students and those who speak only Spanish.



TRUE

You are able to attend college if you are undocumented.



FALSE

You are unable to secure employment after high school or college if you are undocumented.



TRUE

You can apply for financial aid regardless of your parents' immigration status.



FALSE

Undocumented students may face barriers attending college if their parents are also undocumented.



Access to Higher Education



Undocumented students **can go to college** and receive state financial aid in New York!

Senate Bill S1250: José Peralta New York

State DREAM Act

- Undocumented students who meet the requirements can apply for state financial aid
- Provides undocumented students access to Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and the Excelsior Scholarship

Currently there is no federal law that allows undocumented students to apply to federal funding at the national level.



In-State Financial Support: NYS Dream Act Eligibility

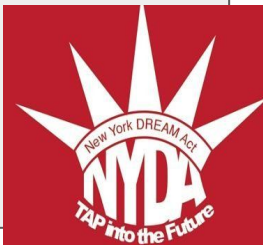


Requirements:

- Attend a NYS High School for 2+ years and enroll in NYS college within 5 years of graduating
- Receive a GED Diploma from NYS and enroll at a NYS college within 5 years
- Receive a NYS High School diploma/GED and enroll in Graduate studies within 10 years of graduating

Immigration Statuses:

- Undocumented
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- T-Visa
- U-Visa
- Asylum Pending





Important Note

Student **must apply** and **be admitted** into an institution in order to receive and apply for financial aid & scholarships





Financing Post-Secondary Schools





Confidentiality

The information you share is secure!

- **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):** Schools and districts are prohibited from providing student information to anyone, including ICE, without parental consent.

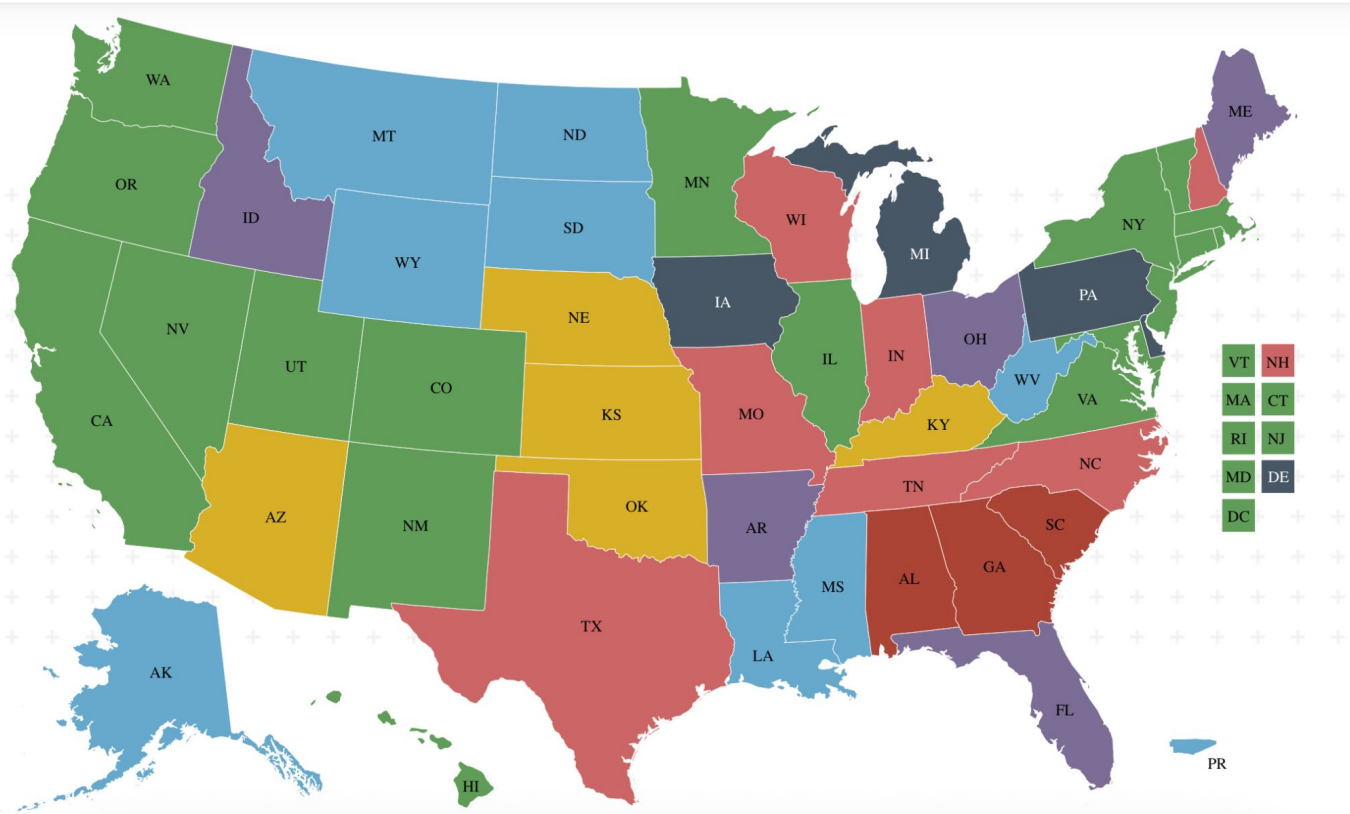


- Applications
- Admissions
- Scholarships



Tuition & Financial Aid Equity for Undocumented Students

Equidad en matrícula y ayuda financiera para estudiantes indocumentados



- Comprehensive Access
- No State Policy
- Accessible
- Restrictive
- Limited
- Prohibitive Enrollment
- Limited to DACA

Types of Financial Aid



	U.S. Citizens	Permanent Residents	Visas	Undocumented
Federal Aid (FAFSA)	Yes	Yes	No	No
State Aid	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Government grants	Yes	Yes	No	No
Government loans	Yes	Yes	No	No
Private loans	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Work-Study	Yes	Yes	No	No
In-State Tuition	Yes	Yes	Depends on Visa	Yes
Institutional Aid	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scholarships	Depends on requirements	Depends on requirements	Depends on requirements	Depends on requirements



If I receive a scholarship/ financial aid & I change my mind about college, do I lose out on the money or do I apply again?



Notify your financial aid office (at the college you enrolled) to cancel your award without penalties. Once you decide to start school- you may have to re-apply for scholarship/financial aid again.

Do we have to pay back any awarded financial aid and or scholarships?



You do not need to pay back any grants or scholarships.

Can undocumented students take out private loans to help pay for college?



- **Yes:** While undocumented individuals can still take out private loans, their loan providers may require them to have a co-signer who is a U.S. citizen.
- **Reasons NOT to do so:** Can get into debt as it accrues interest (paying more over time)



Career Exploration & Pathways

**Exploración de Carreras y Caminos
Profesionales**

Vocational Programs

Escuelas Técnicas

NEW GUIDE

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

Is a trade or technical school the right path for you? Read our new guide to learn about:

- ✓ Vocational schools as an alternative to 4-year colleges
- ✓ Vocational and trade careers
- ✓ Affordability
- ✓ Accessing professional licenses after vocational school

Visit informedimmigrant.com/VocationalSchools for more information!

Informed Immigrant

NUEVA GUÍA

ESCUELAS TÉCNICAS PARA ESTUDIANTES INDOCUMENTADOS

¿Es una escuela vocacional o técnica el camino adecuado para ti? Lee nuestra nueva guía para aprender sobre:

- ✓ Las escuelas técnica como alternativa a las universidades de 4 años
- ✓ Carreras técnicas
- ✓ Cómo pagarlas
- ✓ Acceso a licencias profesionales después de la escuela técnica

Visita InmigranteInformado.com/EscuelasTecnica para más información!

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Certificate Programs

Programas de Certificación



- A few months to a year
- Credential to enter fields like tech support, medical coding, or web development
- Quick path to employment and opportunities for specialization

- De unos meses a un año
- Credencial para ingresar a campos como soporte técnico, codificación médica o desarrollo web
- Vía rápida al empleo y oportunidades de especialización

Traditional College Degrees



- 4+ years.
- Broad education with opportunities for professional or academic advancement.
- College graduates may have access to roles that require a degree, but there's often higher student debt.



Story Time!

***Stories of Strength:
Documenting our Stories***

"Paths Through Dreams" – Celebrating Immigrant Student Success



**First-generation Latino (MX) student,
Angel Ortiz – Newark, NJ**

7 Ivy League universities Princeton (EA), Brown, Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, UPenn, and Yale.



**Daughter of undocumented immigrants
Stephany Gutiérrez – Santa Ana, CA**

4 Ivy League universities Brown, Dartmouth, Harvard, and Columbia



New York City Services & Resources

**Recursos y Servicios de la
Ciudad de Nueva York**



NYC Care



- A health access option for New Yorkers who are unable to afford health insurance or are ineligible for health insurance.
- Free membership program through **NYC Health + Hospitals**



You can **make a free appointment** to determine your eligibility for NYC Care or health insurance plans by calling **646-NYC-Care (646-692-2273)**.





IDNYC



A card for all New Yorkers regardless of immigration status.

Benefits

- Prescription and supermarket discounts.
- Discounted Entertainment and Movie tickets.
- Accepted at some Banks and Credit Unions.

Privacy

- The City **does not ask** for your immigration status when applying for an IDNYC card.



For more information, call 311 and say “IDNYC” or visit nyc.gov/idnyc



NYS Driver's Licenses



- The 2019 Green Light Bill in New York State **allows** undocumented immigrants to apply for a standard driver's license.
- To qualify, applicants **must provide** proof of identity, residency in New York, and age.
- Accepted documents include passports, consular ID cards, and utility bills.
- **The law helps improve road safety and ensures immigrant communities can drive legally, with their personal information protected from federal immigration authorities.**



Standard License





Thank you!

¡Gracias!

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**And Now it's Time for a
Commercial Break**



*Updates from Our
Academic Counselor
& Counseling
Department Leader
Ms. Chery*



Recovery Group 4		
Subject/ Teacher	Room	Period
English Ms. Brown ELA 9 ELA 10 ELA 11 ELA 12	Media Center	0 Period
Science Mr. Nunez Living Environment Biology Earth and Space Science Chemistry	229	0 Period
Social Studies Mr. Frost Global 9 Global 10 US History Government/ Economics	218	9th Period

Not sure if your scholar needs credit recovery?

Credit Recovery 2025-2026

Math Ms. Giscombe Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Geometry		213	9th Period	
English Ms. Loaiza ELA 9 ELA 10 ELA 11 ELA 12		229	9th Period	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 5th Day 1	January 6th Day 2	January 7th No Credit Recovery	January 8th Day 3	January 9th Day 4
January 12th Day 5	January 13th Day 6th	January 14th No Credit Recovery	January 15th Day 7	January 16th Day 8



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Time: 3:10pm - 4:10pm

First Name	Last Name	After School Club/ Club Después de Escuela	Day(s)/Días	Room/ Salón
Stephen	Booth	Hot Topics Club/ Club de temas de actualidad	Monday & Thursday/ Lunes & Viernes	213
Seth	Failla	Ceramics Club/ Club de Cerámica	Monday & Thursday/ Lunes & Viernes	106
Samantha	Sales	College & Career Readiness Club Club de preparación para la Universidad y la Carrera profesional	Tuesday & Thursday Martes & Jueves	Mezz
Peggy	Doody	ELA Homework Help/ Ayuda con las tareas de ELA	Tuesday & Thursday Martes & Jueves	414
Daneen	Brown	Evangelina Rodriguez Honor program Tutoring and Preparation/Tutoría y preparación del programa de Honores Evangelina Rodriguez	Tuesday & Thursday (7th period) Martes & Jueves	411
Ayisha Melissa	Gomez Wade	Girls' Club- "The Emerald Essence" Club de Chicas	Tuesday/Martes	121
Mary	Ulgen	Inkwell Writing Club/ Club de escritura del tintero	Tuesday/Martes	424
Michele Karima	Cordero Jones	Boys Volleyball Club/Club de Voleibol Masculino	Monday/Tuesday	129
Laura	Pazour	Knitting Club/ Club de Tejido	Tuesday & Thursday/ Martes & Jueves	516
Michelle	Reid	Living Environment & Biology Prep Club/Club de preparación para el medio ambiente y la biología	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Lunes, Martes & Jueves	325
Imani Jonathan	Chalbi Perez	Senior Committee/ Committee Superior	Monday/Lunes	612
Hoona	Kim	Instrumental Club & Vocal Club Club de música instrumental y vocal	Tuesday/Thursday	201
Lee	Burchett	U.S. History –Tutoring & Homework Help/Historia de los Estados Unidos: Tutoría y ayuda con las tareas	Tuesday & Thursday Martes & Jueves	613
Yedid	Flaquer	Visual Arts/Media Club	Thursday/Jueves Martes & Jueves	430
Robert	Pasetsky	Weightlifting Club/ Club de Levantamiento de Pesas	Monday/Lunes	130
Jonathan	Perez	K-Pop Club/Club de K-Pop	Tuesday/Martes	702
Reuben	Dilworth	Men's Club /Club de hombres	Thursday/Jueves	810
Jessica	Sutherland	Step Team/Equipo de paso	Monday/Lunes	121
Melissa	Wade	Language Lounge_ENL Support Club/Club de apoyo de Language Lounge_ENL	Monday/Lunes	218
Rabindra	Ramkirath	Chemistry & Physics Homework Help/Tutoring Ayuda/Tutoría con las tareas de química y físico	Monday/Lunes & Thursday/Jueves	722
Bostyn Tijuana	Ashjian Fenner	Cheerleading Club/Club de porristas	Tuesday/Thursday Martes & Jueves	Cafeteria

Quick Post Secondary Updates

- **FAFSA and TAP Completion**
- **Acceptances Now and June**
- **Keep your Senior motivated**





PLC BREAKING NEWS

COME JOIN US!

PLC FUNDRAISER & PARENT COORDINATOR RESOURCES FAIR

DATE: FEBRUARY 10th, 2026

TIME: 4PM-7PM

LOCATION: MEDIA CENTER 1ST FLOOR

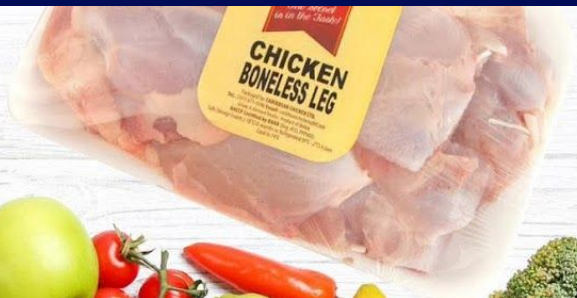
*WE ARE SELLING DELICIOUS HOT FOOD, DESSERT,
COMMUNITY RESOURCES & THE TAKE WHAT YOU NEED
TABLE FILLED WITH FREE CLOTHING (NEW & GENTLY
USED) BOOKS & MORE... PLEASE JOIN US!*

*Community
Resources from
Ms. Pink*





Open Door Family Life Center
"A Center Of Hope"



FOOD PANTRY

Every Saturday

Time: 8:30am - 10:30am

999 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221



www.opendoorflc.org

Need Food?



PANTRIES IN CYPRESS HILLS/EAST NEW YORK FAMILY SERVICE NETWORK OF N.Y. INC

1420 Bushwick Ave. (718) 455-6010 Mon. & Wed. 9AM-1PM

HOUSE OF DAVID WORSHIP CENTER

747-749-Hendrix St. (718) 649-5982
every Mon. 10AM-12PM & Wed. 10:30AM-1PM

YMCA 570 Jamaica Ave. (212) 912-2230

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month 12PM-5PM Tickets distributed @ 9am

Community Healthcare Network (CHN) and Institute of Community Living (ICL)

2581 Atlantic Ave. (212) 545-6242 Wed. 12PM – 3PM

LAS MARAVILLAS DEL EXODO

302 Elton St. (347) 691-8340 Wed. 9AM-12PM

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

198 Euclid Ave St. (718) 827-1200 Wed. 10AM-12PM

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE CROSSROADS

133 Elton St. (646) 322-3992
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month 10AM-12PM

CORNERSTONE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

138 Pennsylvania Ave. (718) 483-9753 Thurs 10AM-12PM

NEW HOPE FAMILY WORSHOP CENTER

817 Livonia Ave. (718) 342-1305 Pantry & clothing
Sat. @ 11am. Tickets distributed @ 8am, 9am, & 10am

BLESSED ASSURANCE CHURCH OF GOD

2093 Fulton St. 917-889-4654 Pantry & clothing Sat. 7-11am
Hot food to go: every OTHER Saturday 7am - 11am

****Hours and services are subject to change without notice.****

Search for other pantry locations <https://www.foodbanknyc.org/get-help/>

Need help long term? Consider applying for SNAP benefits.

For more info: call (732)860-8589 or email healthy@cyprhillshills.org



¿Necesita Comida?



DESPENSAS EN CYPRESS HILLS/EAST NEW YORK

FAMILY SERVICE NETWORK OF NY INC

1420 Bushwick Avenue (718) 455-6010
lunes y miércoles 9AM-1PM

HOUSE OF DAVID WORSHIP CENTER

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Primer y tercer martes del mes 12-5pm
Bolletos distribuidos a las 9am

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138 Pennsylvania Ave. (718) 483-9753 jueves 10AM-12PM

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817 Livonia Ave. (718) 342-1305 Despensa y ropa
sábados @ 11am. Bolletos distribuidos a las 8am, 9am, y 10am

BLESSED ASSURANCE CHURCH OF GOD

2093 Fulton Street 917-889-4654
Despensa y ropa todos los sábados de 7-11am
Comida caliente para llevar: cada dos sábados, de 7-11am

****Los horarios y servicios están sujetos a cambios sin previo aviso.**

Buscar otras ubicaciones de despensa <https://www.foodbanknyc.org/get-help/>

<https://pentifulapp.com/>

¿Necesita ayuda a largo plazo? Considere solicitar los beneficios de SNAP.

Para más información: (732)860-8589 o healthy@cyprhillshills.org



Need Help Paying for Heat This Winter?

Apply for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

HEAP helps eligible New Yorkers afford the cost of heating their homes.

Your Household May Be

Eligible for a Regular Benefit If:

- Your income is below certain limits
- You receive SNAP food benefits
- You receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or other forms of Temporary Assistance



Enrollment is Open Now:
otda.ny.gov/programs/heap



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR
JULIA SALAZAR
DISTRICT 18

HEAP Income Limits

Household Size	Maximum Gross Monthly Income
1	\$3,473
2	\$4,542
3	\$5,611
4	\$6,680
5	\$7,749

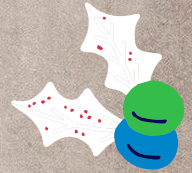
For larger household sizes, visit:
otda.ny.gov/programs/heap



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CO-PARENTING During the Holidays

- be polite to your co-parent
- plan now for the upcoming holidays
- communicate with your co-parent; discuss gifts and activities
- be flexible
- put your child's needs first
- do not ask your child to choose sides



8 tips to safely enjoy the holidays with food allergies

1. Notify your host about your food allergy in advance
2. Ask questions about ingredients or prep methods
3. Bring your own food
4. Don't eat something if you're uncertain
5. Have an allergy action plan
6. Bring your medication
7. Give your regrets if you don't feel safe
8. Host your own get together



LESSONS I LEARNED

This Year

True happiness is found in the small things

People grow apart, and that's ok

You are the one to make it happen for yourself

Take care of your body and mind. Your future depends on it

Kindness is a gift for others and for yourself

If leaving a place or a person makes you feel better, do it

POSITIVE
VIBES

MY HOLIDAY WISHES ^{FOR} YOU,
NOW ^{AND} ALWAYS:

MAY YOU REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE CAPABLE
OF GETTING *to the* OTHER SIDE OF THIS.
MAY YOU HAVE A SAFE PLACE *to* LET GO
and HAVE COMFORT CLOSE BY, EVEN IF
THAT MEANS WEARING *the* SAME SWEATPANTS
MANY DAYS *in* A ROW. May YOU HAVE *the* COURAGE
to SAY NO WHEN YOU NEED TO. May you SHOW
YOURSELF KINDNESS, EVEN WHEN you THINK you
SHOULD BE STRONGER. May YOU FIND NEW THINGS
THAT BRING YOU JOY, FEEL *in* YOUR BONES *the* LOVE
PEOPLE HAVE FOR YOU, *and* TRUST THAT YOU WILL
NOT FEEL LOST FOREVER.



PLC RAFFLE





Parent Leadership Council
Parents are the Secret Sauce to our School!

PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC)

December 2025 Raffle

Enter to win a **\$25 Gift Card**



PARENT MUST BE AT THE NEXT PLC MEETING December 18th, 2025 @ 6pm TO WIN

There will be 4

ENTER NOW!!! ~~Gift Card~~ *Winners* to AMAZON

RAFFLE DEADLINE IS: December 15th, 2025

To enter the Raffle email the PLC at plc@thewcs.org

Include:

1. Your Full Name
2. Your scholar's Name, Grade & Student ID Number
3. The word "SANTA"

RAFFLES ARE ONLY OPEN TO WCHS CURRENT FAMILIES.

Only one entry per family. You must be present at the entire meeting for the raffle. If you are not in attendance, another name will be drawn.





PLC NOVEMBER Raffle 2025



COMMUNITY TABLE

Open Parent Discussion



Thanks!

Do you have any

tions?

PLEASE REACH OUT TO US
IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
AT: PLC@THEWGS.ORG



**See you at our next
Virtual PLC meeting
JANUARY 29th,
2026 at 6pm!!**



WISHING YOU ALL A SAFE
& JOYFUL HOLIDAY BREAK!
WARMEST WISHES,
YOUR PLC & Ms. PINK

