

### I'M YOUR PARENT COORDINATOR MS. PINK

REMEMBER I'M JUST AN EMAIL AWAY

(MPINK@THEWCS.ORG)

• Mon - Thurs 9am-2pm

•IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH ME, JUST SEND AN EMAIL & I WILL SEND A LINK FOR AN INSTANT GOOGLE MEETS MEETING LINK.

•FAMILIES PLEASE ATTEND ALL PLC & SCHOOL MEETINGS IT'S ALL FOR YOU.

•CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR RESOURCE PACKETS FROM ME,

SCHOOL UPDATES AND MORE...

P. S. WHEN SENDING YOUR EMAIL PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR

FULL NAME,

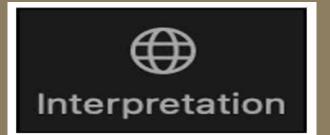
SCHOLAR'S FULL NAME AND GRADE.



# SPANISH TRANSLATION

Our Translator for this evening is WCHS Ms. Aurelina Ramirez







# The Parent Leadership Council

Ready to ROAR! Change the message. Change the perspective. Change the world.

## **OUR PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC)**



OUR PLC PRESIDENT MS. SELESTE BURNS



#### **Quick Virtual Housekeeping With Ms. Pink**

- 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

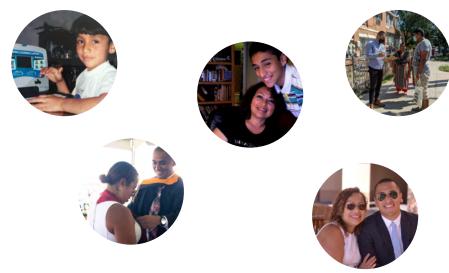
# **First Tech Fund**

OUR PRESENTER: Kerianne Baylor - Program Manager 👔



#### Why we started

Josue saw his mom work multiple jobs in order to provide a laptop & internet access, which ultimately led him to obtain \$300k+ in scholarships over 7 years. He then saw that he wasn't the only student facing systemic issues of inequity.



#### Why we started

For many underserved communities, they face a number of **systemic challenges** that make it nearly impossible to break out of generational cycles of poverty:

### **12 million students** are impacted by the digital divide in the United States

EdSurge, 2020

**44%** of New Yorkers who are living in poverty have no broadband connection.

The Gothamist, 2020

**2%** of NYC workers possess the in-demand skills that employers seek.

NYC Tech Talent Pipeline, 2016

**55%** more likely to enroll in college if underserved students receive mentorship in high school.

Civic Enterprises and Hart Research, 2014

## **First Tech Fund** provides **free laptops & hotspots** for underserved high school students in NYC

120+ laptops disbursed since 2020

## **First Tech Fund** provides **free unlimited internet** for students and their families for 1+ years

100+families benefited since 2020

## First Tech Fund provides skills training and career development training to all students to prepare them for employment

52 guest speakers and counting since 2020

**First Tech Fund pairs students with mentors** in fields they've expressed interest in, meeting 1x a month for the school year

Mentors from 15+ industries

## **Overview**

Born in 2020, First Tech Fund is a nonprofit dedicated to empowering low-income high school students to identify, navigate, and attain academic and professional opportunities by providing a supportive, adaptive ecosystem where students get access to free tech, free broadband, skills training, social capital, mentorship, and more.



**Tech Access** 

Every Fellow receives the technology & Internet access they need to succeed



**Mentorship** 

Fellows get paired with young professionals in industries they express interest in.



**Skills Training** 

Fellows learn 21st century skills like financial literacy, resume building and more.



**Career Exploration** 

Fellows receive exposure to BIPOC speakers with shared lived and professional experiences.



**Network Building** 

We help students build social capital with each other, creating their first network.

# Applications for the 2023-2024 school year will be open soon!



# As a First Tech Fund fellow, students will:

- Participate in **weekly**, **virtual workshops** on Zoom on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from September 2023 to June 2024
- Be eligible to receive **free technology** depending on technology needs (laptop and/or WiFi hotspot)
- Build **digital**, **foundational skills** and work on their resume, online brand, college preparation, and more
- Receive **personalized mentorship** from an industry professional
- Gain access to our weekly **First Tech Fund newsletter** with resources, scholarships and opportunities, and our wider community of fellows and alumni
- Attend optional **networking**, **professional development**, **and volunteer events** with our corporate and community partners throughout the year



# How do I apply?

• Apply <u>here</u> by filling out the application form

# **Application Timeline**

- March 1st, 2023 at 7 PM ET: Application deadline
- First week of June 2023: Application decisions for 2023 First Tech Fund Fellows will be sent out.
- June 15th, 2023: Deadline for accepted students to confirm their spot in the fellowship.
- All accepted applicants must complete an intake survey and registration documents to be confirmed as a 2023 Fellow.



# We are proud to work with students across NYC

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# and empower them to reach their full potential.

#### **Our Impact**

#### **95%**

Of college eligible students from cohort 1 enrolled in 2 or 4 year institutions.

Laptops distributed during the global pandemic to students in need.

200+

#### 99.2%

Of our students identify as low-income and students of color. 53 11

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#### 100%

Of our surveyed students in Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 would recommend the First Tech Fund fellowship program to a friend or family member. 80%

#### of students stated that the WiFi benefitted not only them but their families ( siblings, parents, etc) to access school, social services and more.

#### 88.6%

of students surveyed were accepted to college and/or other extra-curricular / pre-career programs.

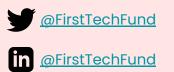




# **Questions?**

#### Email us at info@firsttechfund.com





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### MADAM PRESIDENT'S BURNS REPORT



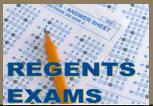
## UPDATES FROM OUR WCHS BOARD MEETING 12/20/22 Current Enhanced Safety Measures

- Further development of Safety Team have contract with security agency for additional officers The main entrance continues to be locked throughout the school day.
- Visitors use the main entrance and must present ID and sign in. Visitors must be escorted. WCHS staff also enters through the main.
- In Process: Swipe Electronic Visitor Sign In System
- Security team, grade team support staff, student life associates, dean's team assigned in the lobby and each floor in the building, plus lunch monitor
- Daily bag checks with metal detector wands.
- Safety staff monitoring NYPD radio transmissions to be aware of emergency calls in the area. Student scan in and monitoring student egress & identification of students who leave early without permission.
- Staff are monitoring social media alerts and posts regarding WCHS and/or its students. Safety staff are continuing to monitor the exterior of school via CCTV cameras and physical patrols Locks have been placed on all windows throughout the building.

# Senior Class Data

Senior Class Data						
Total Number of Seniors	239 students					
On track for June Graduation	137 students					
Regents	57 students still need regents					
Trimester 1 Success	<ul> <li>157 students passed ALL of their T1 courses!</li> <li>15 students completed their credit recovery courses!</li> </ul>					
5th Year Students	<ul><li>44 students in total</li><li>7 Potential January Graduates</li></ul>					

#### PARENTS, REGENT EXAMS ARE IN JANUARY PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR SCHOLAR TO ATTEND REGENT REVIEW CLASSES. DETAILS ARE IN THE FLYER.



January 24, 2023 - January 27, 2023

Regents Review Sessions

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January Regents Exam Dates

December 5, 2022 - January 23, 2023

April 24, 2022 - May 31, 2022

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S ARE NING!!!!!!	June 20, 2023 - Jun	e 22, 2023				
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	Algebra II	Chuang	Thu	rsday		
	Geometry	Yoon	Mor	nday/Tuesday/Thursday		
	Chemistry	Sahouin	Thu	rsday		
	Living Environment	Waldron	Tue	sday		
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REGENTS EXAMS

# REGENTES IOS EXAMENES SON SON IIIIIIVINIENDO!!!!



#### FECHAS IMPORTANTES A RECORDAR

Repaso para los Regents Fechas de los Exámenes Regents en Enero 24 de enero de 2023 - 27 de enero de 2023 Sesiones de Repaso para los Regents 5 de diciembre de 2022 - 23 de enero de 2023 Fechas de los Exámenes Regents en Junio 7 de junio de 2023 - 9 de junio de 2023 20 de junio 2023 - 22 de junio de 2023 Sesiones de Repaso para los Regents 24 de abril de 2023 - 31 de mayo de 2023

#### Horario de Repaso para los Regents en Enero 3-10 4-1000

Clase	Maestro(s)	Dias y Horas	Aula
Inglés	Wallace	Lunes/Viernes	612
Álgebra I	Jin	Lunes/Martes/Jueves (Comenzando 20/12)	617
Álgebra II	Chuang	Jueves	513
Geometría	Yoon	Lunes/Martes/Jueves	522
Química	Sahouin	Jueves	532
Biología	Waldron	Martes	224
Ciencia de la Tierra	Sahouin	Lunes/Martes	532
Historia Global	Banks	Lunes/Jueves	430
Historia de los Estados Unidos	Jefferson	Lunes	414
Historia de los Estados Unidos	Burchette	Martes	613





# OPEN POSITIONS ON THE PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC) LOOKING FOR PARENT LEADERSHIP

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS!** WHAT POSITIONS ARE OPEN?



# WE'RE LOOKING

- PLC\_TREASURER - PLC FUNDRAISER -PLC PARENT VOLUNTEERS



Parent Involvement is so important for our scholars at the High School Level. Join US & Make a Difference!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL MS. PINK AT mpink@thewcs.org



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# **IBUSCAMOS MIEMBROS PARA EL**

# **CONSEJO DE LIDERAZGO!**

¿QUÉ PUESTOS ESTÁN ABIERTOS?

#### **BUSCAMOS**

- VICE- PRESIDENTE DEL PLC - TESORERO/A DEL PLC - RECOGEDOR DE FONDOS DEL PLC -PADRES VOLUNTARIOS DEL PLC



La participación de los padres es muy importante para nuestros estudiantes en el nivel de la escuela secundaria. Únete a nosotros y marca la diferencia! PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN MANDE UN EMAIL A mpink@thewcs.org





#### COMMUNITY RESOURCES & PARENTING TIPS WITH MS. PINK



# WE'RE HIRING

#### **Traffic Device Maintainer**

#### Apply now to take the Traffic Device Maintainer exam!

We're looking for hands-on, skilled tradespeople to join our team as Traffic Device Maintainers (TDMs). TDMs keep this city moving by building, installing, and fixing critical transportation infrastructure, such as:

- · Traffic signs (including machine shop work and silk screening)
- Parking meters
- Bike racks
- · and more

TDMs also operate specialty vehicles and equipment like bucket trucks, paint liners and barrier transfer machines.

Salary starts at \$51,317, with overtime opportunities and raises after years 3, 4 and 5. New York City employees enjoy benefits like generous pension and retirement plans, excellent health benefits including dental and vision coverage, parental and family leave, paid holidays, commuter benefits, union membership, training and professional development, and more.

A high school diploma is not needed – if you have the relevant experience, you are encouraged to apply!

The application period for this exam ends on January 4, 2023, with tests expected to start on April 3, 2023. Learn if you qualify and apply at <a href="https://bit.ly/tdm22">https://bit.ly/tdm22</a>.









#### FREE C.N.A.(Certified Nurse Assistant) H.H.A. (Home Health Alde) TRAINING

STARTS JANUARY, 2023 HURRY, CLASSES FILL UP FAST!

CONTACT US TODAY FOR MORE DETAILS.

646-329-6435 / Mon-Fri, 9 AM-5 PM 2965 FREDERICK DOUGLASS BLVD., NEW YORK, NY 10039 https://www.pgc.sunyattain.org

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#### RiseBoro Homebase Introduces: Community Roots



#### What is Community Roots?

Community Roots provides eviction prevention services to at-risk households that are over-income for Homebase services.

#### Who is Eligible?

- Households with a total income under 50% Area Median Income (AMI)
  - · Visit www.nyc.gov to find the AMI by household size
- Households that are at-risk of eviction
- · Households that reside in Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, Staten Island & the Bronx

#### How We Help:

- Financial assistance
- Case management
- Financial coaching
- Access to Legal Services
- Access to Public Benefits:
  - One-Shot Deals
  - Rental Subsidies
  - Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

#### **Contact Us At:**

- Our Homebase Offices: (347) 295-3738 (929) 299-6904 (718) 366-4300
- Our Prevention Hotline: (718)-210-2767
- Email: prevention@riseboro.org

Community Roots is possible because of the generosity of Trinity Church Wall Street



# FOD PANTRIES

THROUGHOUT THE 5 BOROUGHS, FIND YOUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY BY VISITING:

NYC.GOV/DYCD SEARCH FOOD PANTRIES



# Nesy York City

# HOLIDAY MARKETS

Bryant Park Winter Village Now - Jan 2nd

Grand Central Holiday Fair Now - Dec 24th

Union Square Holiday Market Now - Dec 24th

Holiday Market at the Oculus
Now - Jan 2nd

Borough Hall Holiday Market Now - Dec 26th



#### **Crime Prevention Division**

#### DECEPTIVE CELL PHONE LARCENY

THE SCAM:

AN INDIVIDUAL APPROACHES, ENGAGES YOU IN A CONVERSATION WHICH EVENTUALLY LEADS TO THEM ASKING TO BORROW YOUR CELL PHONE.

#### **REASONS:**

- THEIR PHONE BATTERY HAS DIED.
- THEY LOST THEIR PHONE
- THEY NEED TO MAKE A CALL.

YOU HAND YOUR CELL PHONE TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND THEY RUN AWAY WITH IT.

WHAT CAN I DO? DO NOT GIVE YOUR PROPERTY TO ANYONE YOU DO NOT KNOW.





#### **Crime Prevention Division**

#### **GIFTCARD - FAKE BARCODE SCAM**

#### The Scam

Individuals print out their own fraudulent barcodes and place them over the real barcode on gift cards at local retailers. When the card is purchased, the fake barcode is scanned, and your money gets routed into the scammers account.

#### What can I do?

- Inspect the barcode on the gift card prior to purchase by scratching the corner. If it peels off, it's a fake.
- Ensure the barcode printed on the gift card matches the barcode printed on the gift card packaging.
- When the gift card barcode is scanned by the cashier, the type of gift card displayed on the point-of-sale machine should match the card itself. If not, immediately cancel the transaction.
- If you observe anything suspicious about a gift card, alert the store manager immediately.



# EARLY COLLEGE TIPS FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL

# BELLS

WINTER

BREAK

# JINGLE

# Freshmen

- Spend some time even just an hour exploring BigFuture.org
- Learn what you can do throughout high school to make your college applications stand out.
- Explore colleges in your home state and see if any interest you.



# **Sophomores**

- Learn about the FAFSA and other college financial aid options on BigFuture.org
- Talk to your family about paying for college.
- Ask older friends or family members about the pros and cons of the college they attended.

## EARLY COLLEGE TIPS FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL

# **Juniors**

- Make an initial list of 15-20 colleges that interest you. You can narrow it down later.
- Sign up at opportunity.collegeboard.org to qualify for a scholarship by building this list. You can earn other scholarships, too.
- Use your PSAT/NMSQT scores to discover careers that fit your interests, create a personalized SAT study plan, and more at studentscores.collegeboard.org.









# **Seniors**

- Make sure you're keeping track of application, financial aid, and decision deadlines for the colleges you're applying to.
- Fill out the FAFSA if you haven't already!





JUST A FEWS HOLIDAY





#### **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

- Notify your host about your food allergy in advance
- 2. Ask questions about ingredients or prep methods
- 3. Bring your own food
- 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





988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Call/Text 988 or chat 988lifeline. org

**Crisis Text Line:** Text GOT5 to 741741

Trevor Lifeline: 1-866-488-7386 Trevor Text: Text START to 678678

OMH's Customer Relations: 1-800-597-8481





MY HOLIDAY WISHES DE YOU. NOW AND ALWAYS: MAY YOU 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 SWFAIPANIS 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.

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#### PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Happy Holiday Raffle

RAFFLE DRAWING: <u>DECEMBER</u> 2022 PLC RAFFLE (wheelofnames.com)

Enter to win a \$50 Gift Card just in time for the Holidays

YOU MUST BE AT THE NEXT PLC MEETING December 22nd @ 6pm TO WIN



#### There will be 4 Winners

ENTER NOW !!! RAFFLE ENDS December 16th To enter the Raffle email the PLC at

plc@thewcs.org

Include:

- 1. Your full name
- 2. Your scholar's name and grade
  - 3. The word "Holiday"



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



PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL Happy NEW YEAR Raffle



## Enter to win a \$25 Gift Card

YOU MUST BE AT THE NEXT PLC MEETING JANUARY, 26TH 2023@ 6pm TO WIN

#### There will be 2 Winners

ENTER NOW !!! RAFFLE DEADLINE IS

JANUARY 20TH, 2023



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

Include:

1. Your Full Name

. Your scholar's Name, Grade & Student ID Number

3. The words "NEW BEGINNINGS"

**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.





THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING OUR MEETING. OUR NEXT PLC MEETING WILL BE ON <u>THURSDAY JANUARY 26TH, 2023</u> <u>VIRTUALLY AT 6PM.</u> ANY QUESTIONS OR PARENT CONCERNS REACH OUT TO US AT PLC@THEWCS.ORG REMEMBER IF YOU MISS A PLC MEETING YOU MISS ALOT! BE WELL AND STAY SAFE.



# WISHING ALL A SAFE & JOYFUL HOLIDAY BREAK!