



Bronx River HS October Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 29: End of MP1

This is the end of the first marking period for the Fall 2021 semester. Students have until Friday at 5pm to turn in missing assignments.

Nov. 2 : Election Day

This is a fully remote, asynchronous day of learning for all students.

Nov. 10: Evening PTCs

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Teachers will be available for conferences with parents.

Nov. 11: Veterans Day

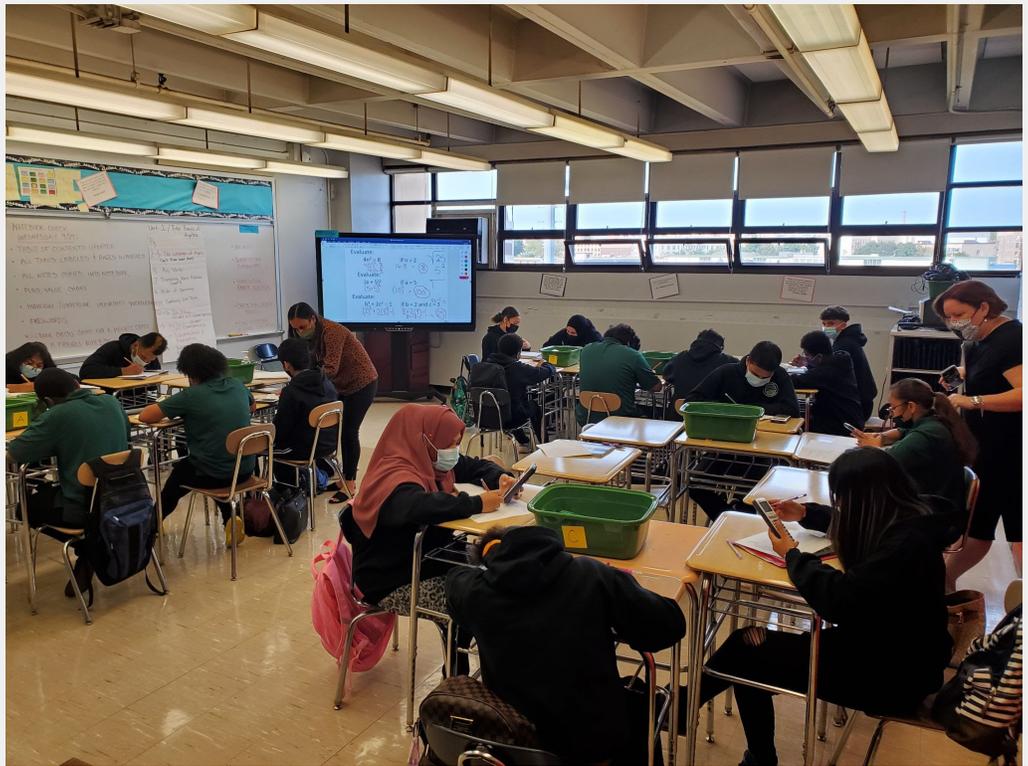
Schools closed

Nov. 12: Afternoon PTCs

Students dismissed at 10:36 am. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm.

Full Time In-Person Learning!

October 13th marks one month into the school year



We are so thankful that we are back to in-person learning at Bronx River High School. The school year has started strong and we are almost finished with the first Marking Period. Our first week of school centered on welcoming back our students to our community, with Social - Emotional activities in every classroom. Students have been very compliant with wearing masks and all classrooms are within 3 - foot social distancing guidelines. As you can see in the picture above, students are ready to get back to the work of learning. New this year is our partnership with the NYU College Advising program as well as the implementation of double Algebra classes in order to achieve our goal of all students passing the Algebra Regents by the end of 9th grade.

Data Highlight: Bronx River High School ended the 2020-2021 school year with a **84.6%** graduation rate. This is significantly higher than the average New York State graduation rate, and way higher than the Bronx average. Way to go **Bronx River!**

Who is Bronx River?



Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Romano

We are excited to announce that Mr. Romano has joined the Bronx River team as a Foreign Language Teacher. This is his third year teaching in the New York City Department of Education. He currently teaches all sophomores in Spanish I and is teaching Spanish II and Spanish III for those students looking to achieve the Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation. In his spare time, Mr. Romano likes to dance Salsa with his best friend and sing in his church choir. He grew up on the Lower East Side and went to the High School for Environmental Studies. He currently lives right here in the Bronx. **Interesting Fact:** Did you know Mr. Romano auditioned for Simon Cowell on American Idol in 2003? Yes, it's true! He was in a group of 120 people chosen to audition out of 10,000. Way to go Mr. Romano!

Student Spotlight: Damelia Foster

Damelia is a senior at Bronx River and is a member of Ms. Maass' advisory. Damelia has an overall GPA of 91.48% and is working on a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation. When she is not completing her school work, Damelia enjoys reading stories and computer programming. Next year, she plans to join the Army in the National Guard. She is hoping to train as a computer software engineer, and the army will pay for her college.

Q: "What do you think you will remember most about Bronx River High School twenty years from now?"

A: "Everyone makes you feel comfortable at Bronx River and makes you feel like you fit right in. What I will remember most is the college trip that we went on in 9th grade to SUNY Albany. It was so pretty with all the snow. Going on that trip in 9th grade really made me think about what I wanted to do. I am glad the school does that and I hope new students will be able to go on trips soon."



Alumni Spotlight: Yariveth Harwood

Yariveth Harwood graduated from Bronx River High School in 2017. She is a member of our first graduating class! She was a star athlete, participating on both our Stunt and Cheerleading teams. She attended Mercy College where she graduated in 2021 with a Bachelor's Degree in International Business & Business Management. She is currently working in Pennsylvania for a new business that her father started. We wish the best of luck to Yariveth!