



# Bronx River HS Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### **Apr 8 : Incentive Trip**

Trip to Bowlero Lanes for students with 90%+ attendance.

### **Apr 14 : Town Hall**

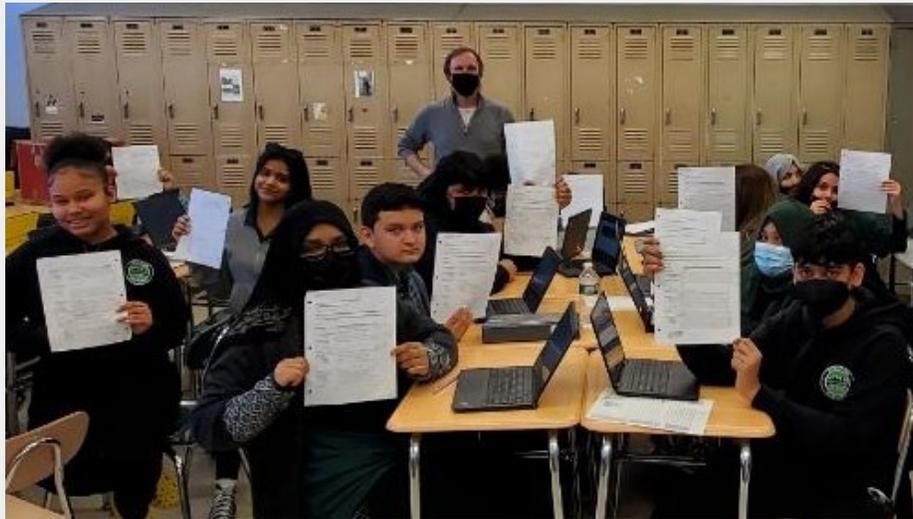
Our April Town Hall will highlight Multiculturalism, celebrating our students' diverse backgrounds and cultures, including a fashion show!

### **Apr 15-22: Spring Break** Schools closed

### **May 2: Eid al Fitr**

Schools closed in celebration of the end of Ramadan.

## Bronx River's Writing Revolution!



Literacy at Bronx River High School is found everywhere! We believe that students learn best when literacy is embedded in all their classes and students are able to explain themselves through writing. In order to do this, Bronx River High School has a multi-tiered plan to support student literacy. In all classes, literacy is supported through The Writing Revolution. The Writing Revolution is a set of specific writing strategies that teachers use in every grade and in all subjects, including ELA, social studies, science, world languages and math.

In addition to TWR, tenth grade students take a Reading Intensive Course using the Achieve3000 platform. Achieve3000 is a state and nationally used curriculum that individually differentiates and builds student literacy for reading comprehension of Non-Fiction Informative Texts. Our students have shown so much growth using this program already this year.

Another literacy support offered at Bronx River is the Rewards for Reading class. This small group class in 10th and 11th grade provides targeted support focusing on skills and strategies for reading for select students. We believe that literacy is critical to student success and we support and develop it in all classes in all grades!

**Data Highlight:** This year, one of our Bronx River students, Raymond Zapata, showed the highest growth in his reading level in all of New York State. Great job Raymond!

# Who is Bronx River?



## Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Jack

Ms. Jack is a new and integral member of the Bronx River High School teaching staff! Ms. Jack is a Science teacher currently teaching our Earth Science course. This is her first year teaching. In her spare time, she likes to travel, try new restaurants and bake cupcakes. She is from Trinidad and Tobago! She moved to the Bronx when she was little and then grew up in Yonkers. She attended Sacred Heart High School. A fun fact about Ms. Jack is that she is really into astrology!

## Student Spotlight: John Almonte

John is a senior at Bronx River and is a member of Mr. Gonzalez's advisory. John transferred to Bronx River as a sophomore. John is a scholar athlete, as he has a GPA of 90% and he is a key member of the Lehman Campus Football team. He is both an Offensive Lineman and a Defensive Lineman. After graduation, John is planning on attending The School of Cooperative Technical Education (COOP TECH). This is a half-day vocational program that offers students ages 17 -21 with hands-on training in a variety of in demand and cutting edge trade areas. John is enrolling in the Carpentry program. We look forward to many great things from John.

Q: "What do you like most about Bronx River?"

A: "I love the environment at Bronx River. The teachers, the students really care for you. I am glad I transferred here. This was the best school for me."



## Alumni Spotlight: Fayzul Chowdhury

Fayzul graduated from Bronx River in 2019. He was a proud member of Mr. Butler's advisory. He was very involved in extracurricular activities and helped organize our Multicultural Town Halls. After high school, Fayzul went to school to be an airline pilot. He just received his commercial airline pilots license on Monday, March 21, 2022! Congrats Fayzul, hopefully we will see you in the cockpit one day!

Q: "What do you remember most about Bronx River?"

A: "I remember speaking to Ms. Norton about wanting to be a pilot, and she gave me a magazine related to aviation. It motivated me a lot that she cared. I will never forget that."

