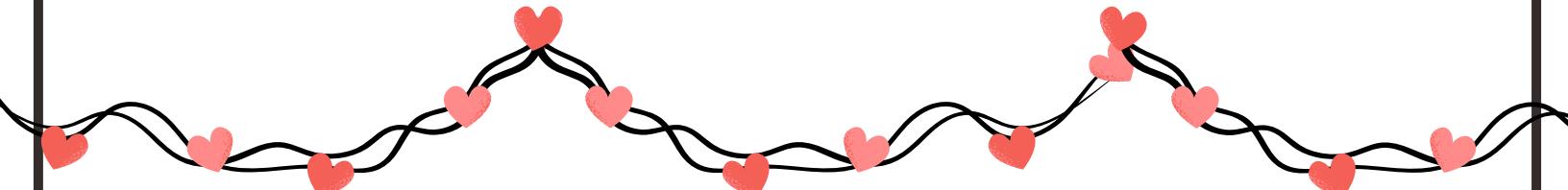


FRESHMAN CAUCUS NEWSLETTER

Feb. 2021

RECAP

On February 10th, Freshmen Caucus held one of our most successful events so far, the Valentines Day Family Feud. Eight teams battled it out over fourteen questions in order to prove their dominance and familiarity with the holiday of love. In the end, TEAM TWO bested their opponents after 2 hours of competition, learning that indeed, that love is the greatest gift. Unique Zhang, the co-president of the Freshmen Caucus, says that "it was nerve-wracking at first," but that after a few questions, they were so comfortable that "even if I made a mistake, they were all very understanding of it, and we all laughed together." While interviewing her, she revealed that this idea was not new. While in the student government of her 8th grade class, she brought up the idea, but "never got the time/chance" to actually implement it. Now, it seems, she has reached her goal of successfully hosting a Family Feud event.



IMPORTANT DATES

- 3/16: End of first marking period
- 3/26: Parent-Teacher Conferences (Half Day)
- 3/29: Spring Break

CLUB ADVERTISEMENTS

TRUE CRIME STUY

Join Here on StuyActivities:

<https://stuyactivities.org/truecrime-stuy>

Here, students are invited to discuss the most famous true crime cases ranging from the nightstalker to the zodiac killer. Meetings are typically held on Tuesdays 2-3 times a month. Students can also watch crime documentaries and tv series together. All club meetings are open to the public. Here is the [interview](#) we had with them!

STUYPY

Join Here on StuyActivities:

<https://www.stuyactivities.org/stuypy>

StuyPy accepts members even if they do not have any prior programming knowledge. Members will learn skills like problem-solving and communication and are offered opportunities for learning Python, joining CS-related clubs and classes at Stuyvesant, and a chance to compete in the ever-growing job market in the US today. Members meet around every Tuesday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM over Discord.

BE A LEADER ASSOCIATION

Join here on StuyActivities:

<https://stuyactivities.org/bealeaderassociation>

This club is for those looking for leadership and academic opportunities. Club Leaders Eshaal Ubaid and William Tang run workshop-like meetings to encourage and help boost confidence in leadership abilities. This is meant to lessen the stress in trying out for an intimidating leadership role and provides guidance for fellow blossoming leaders. Here is the [interview](#) we had with them!

STUY BRAWL STARS

Join Here on StuyActivities:

<https://www.stuyactivities.org/stybrawlstars/charter>

To all the Brawl Stars players out there, this is the place to be! Brawl Stars is a fast-paced 3v3 and battle royale multiplayer game. Playing the game with friends or people you can speak to makes it a lot more fun.

There is no pressure to talk in the meetings. For people who want to make new friends, this is a great way to meet other Stuy students and have fun playing Brawl Stars. Meetings are essentially game nights with a 10 person game room.

SING! AUDITIONS HAVE CLOSED!
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE SHOW!



DEPARTMENT UPDATES

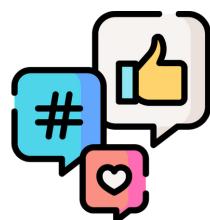


Events:

At the last Events Meeting, they reflected on the Valentine's Day Family Feud. They discussed things that went well, and things that need to be changed. Some of the rooms went by different family feud rules, so they want to focus more on clarity and understanding the rules. One big concern was the disconnect between the departments. With collaboration, they believe they'll be able to host much better events in the future. There is one idea that's definitely coming, and the other two are being planned, so make sure to be on the lookout! Check Future Endeavors (page 4) for more!

Internal:

The Internal Outreach Social Media Managers have been posting a lot more frequently on Instagram stories. The graphic designer worked on the social media posts, leading to an outcome of about forty people at the Family Feud. In the future, they plan on creating newly designed reminder posts, asking other Stuy social media pages to repost, and using the poll features to allow for more interaction. Holiday-themed quizzes, alerts of holidays, or recommendations for shows and movies are coming soon! Be sure to follow the social medias ([linked here](#)) if you haven't done so already!



IT:

The IT department is finished with updating the website and we're just waiting for the SU to actually push the changes. Our priority now is to just compile lists of student resources as stated in the caucus policies and then proceed by creating a new resources page on the website.

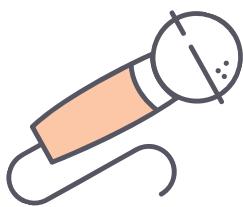
External:

The external department has recently met with Brooklyn Tech and discussed all details to move forward with the StuyxBT speaker series collaboration. They have already chosen a group of 50 people to reach out to; these people include Harvard professors, a secret service agent, food critics, lawyers, and etc!



FUTURE ENDEAVORS

Here are some important upcoming events, check the social media in the future to learn more:

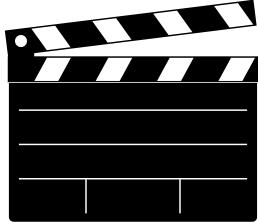


Karaoke Night

During this event, students can choose to send in video recordings of themselves singing or playing an instrument (which can be anonymous if requested). Students will also be able to perform live on zoom. Duets and collaborations are encouraged as well.

Spring Fever Art Competition

In the spirit of the month of March, the FC is planning to host a 'Spring Fever' Art Competition. Students can submit photos or any kind of art, whether it's a drawing, song, food, poem, as long as it is Spring related. Potential prizes range from virtual gift cards or Stuy merchandise.



Movie Night

The week leading up to break, the FC Events Department is planning to host a movie night. The Events department is planning to work with Internal Outreach for this. A concern with movie night is that the Student Union may host their own watch party, so as of now the FC is more focused on the other events.

Keep in mind that these events are subject to change and may be canceled or postponed. However, if this is the case, the FC will let you know, and new, entertaining events will be formed!

HERE IS THE TEACHER-STUDENT GUIDE WE MADE FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE! ALL INFORMATION COMES FROM STUDENTS WHO TOOK THE CLASS BEFORE, CURRENT FRESHMEN, AND THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE!

FRESH RECS

Music:



drivers license
-Olivia Rodrigo

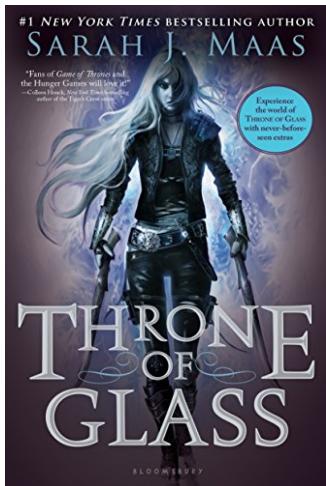


Love Story
(Taylor's Version)
-Taylor Swift

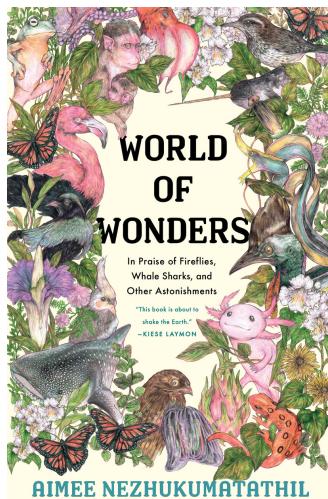


Levitating
- Dua Lipa

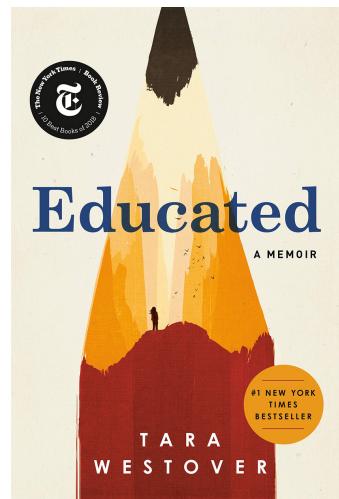
Books:



Throne of Glass
- Sarah J. Maas



World of Wonders
- Aimee Nezhukumatahil



Educated
- Tara Westover



Hobbies:

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