



THE RENAISSANCE
CHARTER SCHOOL
February 2022 Issue

Parents Corner



February Menus:
Breakfast Lunch Supper PreK-3 Lunch

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Feb 1 – Happy Lunar New Year! (No School)
- Feb 16 6pm – Parent Association Meeting and Burn Out Virtual Workshop with Sidd
- Feb 21-25 – Mid-Winter Recess (No School)

Links for all meetings will be posted on the [website calendar](#)

We will be having an [Open House presented in Spanish](#) on February 3rd at 10AM on [ZOOM](#). Please share this information with friends and family you have who may be interested in learning more about Renaissance and the application process.

The government is providing 4 FREE Covid tests per household [HERE](#)

Tutoring update:

Ram & Yianna are partnering with 82nd St. Academics afterschool program for math tutoring on the following schedule:

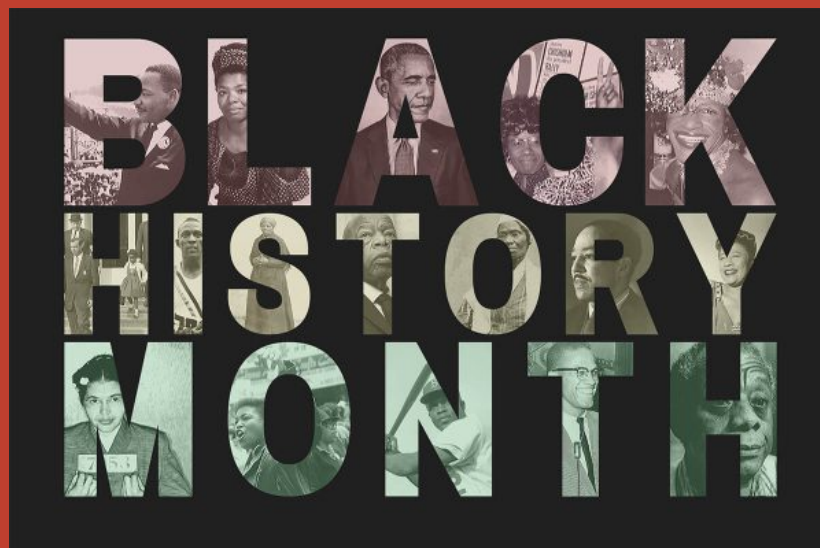
- Yianna – Monday 3:15–5:15 for 6th Grade
- Ram – Tuesday 4:15–5:15 for 7th grade and Wednesday 4:15–5:15 for 8th grade
- Martin is tutoring physics

Global Community Engagement Day Resources:

- [Jackson Heights Beautification Group](#)
- [Lion's Share Food Pantry](#)
- COVID Care Neighbor Network [Facebook page](#)

Check out [The Met's Virtual Lunar New Year Festival!](#)

Watch Queens Public Library's latest [Drag King Story Hour!](#)



February is Black History Month! New York City is a hub of Black culture and history, and there's so much to celebrate and learn! Read this article called [33 Black History Sites to Discover in NYC](#).

Pre-K Art Celebrating Dr. King Jr.



Shout Outs

Queens becomes first county in New York to have 2 million residents receive COVID-19 vaccine! As of Jan. 11, 89% of all Queens residents, regardless of age, have received at least one dose — 7 percentage points higher than the city average. Go Queens!

Welcome Meredith Hinshaw-Chaney, our new Communications Director!

For two decades Meredith Hinshaw-Chaney has worked as a publishing executive building engaged stakeholder communities through print, digital, social media, and events. A former District 27 Community Education Councilmember, she left publishing in 2018 to pursue a career in education. She substitute taught English Language Arts at a private school before becoming their full-time support teacher of neurodiverse middle school students. Her amazing students inspired her to apply to Hofstra University's Doctor of Education program, where she is currently in her third year. She holds a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Swarthmore College. Her transdisciplinary area of specialization at Hofstra is Sustainability Teaching and Learning. Born and raised in the Piedmont pine forests of North Carolina, she is curious by nature and considers herself a lifelong learner. She is excited to learn all about Renaissance Charter and to get to know each of you.



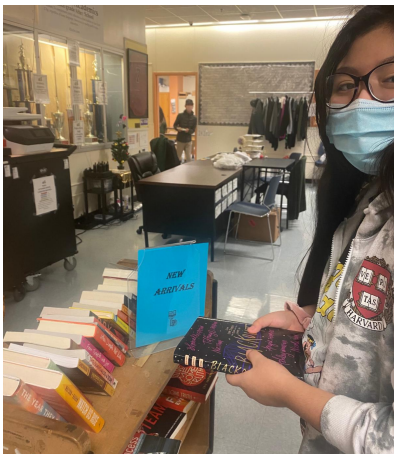
Sports Desk



Congratulations to MS Girl's Basketball for another win last Friday! They scored 34-4 against NYC LAB School for Collaborative Studies. Also CONGRATULATIONS for winning 38-18 against LAB in Brooklyn. Keep up the great work!



Program Highlights



Cultivating a Culture of Reading at TRCS *By Sandra Fritz, Literacy Coach and TRIP* *Coordinator*

There's a quiet buzz in the MS common area. Students are huddled around the bookcases. A sixth grader is thumbing through *Step Sister*. A seventh grader is crouching in front of the "New Arrivals" section, scanning book titles, searching for their next novel, after just finishing *Divergent*. At 8:20, the middle school students are joining their main characters as they embark on literal and metaphorical journeys as part of TRIP, the Targeted Reading Intervention Program. In TRIP, students are

independently reading high-interest books, novels or non-fiction books of their choice, further driving their passion for reading. Students also participate in frequent reading conferences with their TRIP teacher, creating supportive reading relationships, so that students feel encouraged as they read. Recently, an eighth grader informed me that she didn't like to read until TRIP started. She finally found a book she's really enjoying and now she loves reading! Another seventh grader likes TRIP for the focused reading time it provides, stating, "I like that we can read what we like, whatever genre, and that we have the quiet time to read." Carving out the time to read for long stretches is invaluable and helps to cultivate a love of reading, which in turn, supports students in their academics and learning.

In addition to independent reading and teacher conferencing, TRIP creates a space for students to deliver book talks, sharing their opinions and reactions to books with peers while at the same time, practicing their public speaking skills. The book talks are especially helpful for other students to decide what books to read next, acting almost like a movie trailer for books. Book groups and book clubs also take place on Fridays. In the 6th grade, students are reading in book clubs, helping students to connect and socialize around their novels. Ultimately, TRIP is promoting a culture of reading at TRCS and is making a difference!

SELF LOVE + APPRECIATION MONTH



For the entire month of February, the TRCS Parent Association will begin a month-long campaign to help raise awareness of self-love and appreciation for ourselves and one another. All are encouraged to join us!



EVENTS

TRCS HEARTS

Beginning Monday, Jan 24th, Pre-Sale for a TRCS "Heart" will be available for purchase. Each heart will be displayed outside the Front Office starting February 1st until February 28th. "Hearts" will include a cardboard heart cutout and all the things you'll need to decorate your heart: jewels, stickers, etc. Get creative and decorate your heart for yourself, your parents, a fellow teacher or your friends. We all need a little encouragement from time to time. Let's spread love the TRCS way!



A Sweet Fix

On Friday, February 11th, Baked Goods will be available for purchase between 11:30AM - 1:30PM on the 3rd Floor Common Area.



\$1 is a heart that you write your name or message on. \$5 you get a kit filled with things to decorate a larger heart along with candy.

Keeping Busy at Renaissance!



The 5th and 6th Grade video for the John Lennon Real Love Project produced by Theatre Within is finished. During social studies class, the 5th and 6th grade worked with teaching artists Scott and Beth Bierko from Theatre Within to reimagine John Lennon's Real Love song by writing and rewriting the verses with their own lyrics. Each class wrote a verse of the song and sang together to make this [VIDEO](#).



This is the Spanish Honor Society and National Honor Society Students, who were bringing coats they collected in a coat drive to Senator Jessica Ramos' office for

distribution. Lisjane Gaviria is a high school Spanish teacher who is the adviser for the Spanish Honor Society.



We love sharing the amazing people and events in our community. We are also encouraging families to send recipes. So, if you or someone you know would like to submit a Shout-Out, recipe, or something else, please email Nicole Gauss, our development assistant, at nicolegauss@rencharter.org.

EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES **FOR STUDENTS**

Aspiring Educators and Leaders Scholarship

\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE-BOUND, COMMUNITY-MINDED CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Applicants Must Submit:

- School Transcript
- Essay (1000 words max)
- Video or Paper Resume



Applicants can submit their materials through the form on NYCSA website at: <https://nycharters.net/what-we-do/charter-students/>

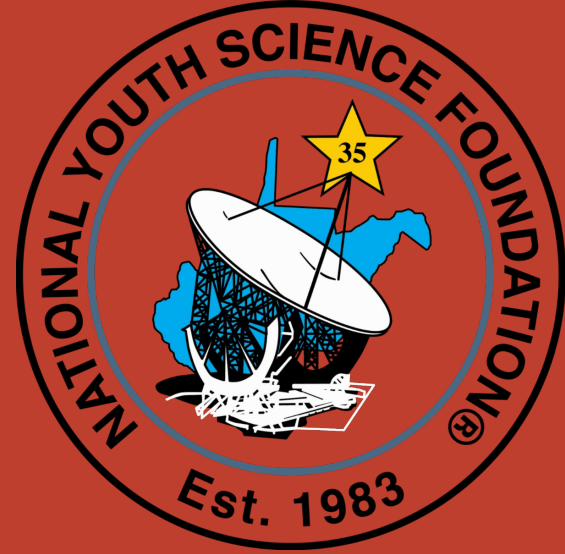
ASPIRING EDUCATORS AND LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP – New York Charter Schools Association

\$1,000 scholarships for college-bound, community-minded charter high school seniors.

Applicants must submit:

- School transcript
- Essay (1,000 words max)
- Video or paper resume

Applicants can submit their materials through the form on the NYCSA website [HERE](#) until **April 1, 2022**



Applications are now being accepted from high school seniors to represent New York State at the 2022 [National Youth Science Camp](#) (NYSCamp). Two students will be selected from each state and Washington, D.C., as well as eight countries, to attend the virtual camp, which will be held from **June 27 through July 20, 2022**.

THE GILDER
LEHRMAN
INSTITUTE of
AMERICAN HISTORY

Gilder Lehrman: In Their Own Words: A Primary Source Essay Contest for High School Students

The contest offers students the opportunity to examine primary sources in the Gilder Lehrman Collection and to demonstrate their skills in historical interpretation and textual



High School Students: [InSpirit AI](#)

Our Artificial Intelligence education program program is taught exclusively by Stanford and MIT alumni and students with years of AI expertise. By the end of the program, students will have completed a mentor-led socially impactful AI project. No programming or computer science

analysis.

The Gilder Lehrman Institute is pleased to offer

- Ten \$500 essay prizes for high school students in grades 10-12
- Ten \$250 prizes for each winner's teacher for history programming or classroom resources

Want to participate? Click [HERE](#) for details (Due March 1, 2022)



State Scholarship Nominations: Pending the appropriation of State funds during the 2022 session of the New York State Legislature, approximately 8,000 [Scholarships for Academic Excellence](#) will be awarded to the top high school students graduating from New York State high schools in June 2022. We anticipate having available 2,000 scholarships valued at \$1,500 and 6,000 scholarships valued at \$500. The deadline to apply is February 14, 2022. Please note, every year over 1,000 scholarships go unused due to nominations not being submitted by the deadline. [Instructions and Summary Form](#): The Scholarships for Academic Excellence Nomination Summary Form, listing the nominee(s), and the individual application forms must be postmarked no later than February 14, 2022. This information, including the individual application forms, must be completed by the appropriate school building leader, and not by individual students.

experience is required. We are now accepting applications for our Summer 2022 AI Scholars Live Online Program.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW	
WEEK 1	JavaScript Fundamentals + Growth Mindset
WEEK 2	Game Design + Build Your Brand 1
WEEK 3	Web Design + Build Your Brand 2
WEEK 4	Web Development + Networking
WEEK 5	APIs and Databases + Career Talks
WEEK 6	Demo Week!

96% * **66%**
Feel more confident in computer science after our Summer Intensive
of All Star Code Scholars created their own business or project after completing the Summer Intensive

All Star Code: HS aged young men of color – 2022 6-week Virtual Summer Intensive Coding Program. No fee, applications accepted through April 15. [APPLY HERE](#); [MORE INFO HERE](#).



6th-12th Graders: The NYS Education Department announced that the NYS Summer School of the Arts (NYSSA) will offer a total of \$150,000 in scholarship opportunities for high school students to attend regional summer arts programs for summer 2022. To be eligible to apply, students must be entering 6th - 12th grade in fall 2022. Applications are open until May 1st. For more information, visit the [New York State Summer School of the Arts web page](#).

GIRL BE HEARD presents
GIRLS MAKE MOVIES

Make your film. Share your voice. Change the world.

SIGN UP NOW

Girls Make Movies is an immersive hybrid (virtual and in-person) program offering a deep dive into film making, script writing, and storytelling with a social justice lens.

Weekly workshops will begin on February 22, 2022. Among other skills, participants will learn:

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

- Understand the narrative structures and stylistic expectations of documentary filmmaking
- Expand writing skills in both analysis and interview
- Develop an understanding of the pre- and post-production skills necessary to create a film including storyboarding, thematic development, and video editing
- Create a 15-25 minute documentary, which meets industry standards for style and structure and can be entered into film competitions and festivals

ELIGIBILITY:

- Social justice oriented girls, young women, non-binary youth ages 14 - 18

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with a priority given to applicants who submit before February 16, 2022
- For enquiries, please contact: Nell Johnson, hell@girlbeheard.org

→ APPLY TODAY!
GIRLBEHEARD.ORG/GIRLSMAKEMOVIES

[Girl Be Heard: Make Movies - Apply Here](#)

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SOCIETY
MUSEUM & LIBRARY

The New York Historical Society has exciting programs for HS students interested in coding and web design. Tech Scholars is for 9th-12th graders who identify as women. Students can learn more [HERE](#). Students interested in Web Design can [apply](#) for an in-person program which will take place Mondays, March 7 - April 11, 4:15 pm - 6:45 pm ET.

HEALTHCORPS PRESENTS

TEENS MAKE HEALTH HAPPEN CLUBS

NYSED: Free Virtual Club, “Teens Make Health Happen” Is Available to Schools and Students

Teens Make Health Happen (TMHH) is an innovative free club administered by **HealthCorps** that teaches students how to improve their well-being and to use their passions to tackle pressing community health challenges.

Participating students will meet weekly from February-May 2022 for virtual meetings with their team and the TMHH near-peer club facilitator. This is a unique program opportunity that any teen, anywhere, can participate in. Schools or students can register on the [HealthCorps website](#).



Bronx Zoo | New York Aquarium | Central Park Zoo | Prospect Park Zoo | Queens Zoo



VIRTUAL WCS YOUTH JIVE

Job, Internship & Volunteering Expo

14 - 26 year old attendees will be able to:

- ✓ Learn about the many jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities at WCS' NYC Zoos & Aquarium (Jobs are for 16+)
- ✓ Connect directly to hiring managers from different departments
- ✓ Attend employment workshops to gain important skills
- ✓ Attend career panels featuring WCS staff

EVENT
DETAILS

Saturday, February 5, 2022
Registration Required

<https://bronxzoo.com/teens/wcs-youth-jive>



The Wildlife Conservation Society is hosting its 6th annual WCS Youth JIVE (Job, Internship & Volunteering Expo) on Saturday, February 5th from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. The event is fully virtual. **Registration Open Now.**



OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS

The Robertson Center

at Success Academy

Join The Robertson Center on Tuesday, February 1 from 4-5 p.m. EST for Falling in Love with Reading: A Caregiver's Role. We'll discuss the role of the caregiver in creating a culture of reading joy at home. We'll hear from Susannah Richards, professor of education and children's literature expert, on how families can embrace natural opportunities to promote love of reading, chat with some caregivers to support what's going on with their kids' reading, and see read aloud in action that promotes authentic excitement.





HOME HEALTH AIDE / PERSONAL CARE ASST.

TUITION-FREE!
SECURITY GUARD TRAINING

THUR. FEBRUARY 3, 2022
INFO SESSIONS: 1 - 2PM | 6 - 7PM
TUITION-FREE CLASSES START FEB. 28TH

CLASS STARTS: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022

Info Session Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81580208429>

Meeting ID: 815 8020 8429

Zoom Call in Number: 929-205-6099

REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Must be at least 18 years old
- ✓ No barriers to employment
- ✓ NYS resident for last 12 months
- ✓ Meet EOC income guidelines
- ✓ Work Authorization/Social Sec. Card

YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- ✓ 8 Hr Pre-Assignment Course certification
- ✓ 16 Hr On-the-Job Training Course certification
- ✓ 8 Hr Annual for those with a NYS Security License
- ✓ Intro. to Fire Guard Safety
- ✓ Job Readiness/Job Placement Assistance

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VIRTUAL INFO SESSIONS FOR: PROFESSIONAL CODER & BILLER

EOC PAYS ALL PROGRAM FEES!



CERTIFIED CODER & BILLER - CPC-A

TUES. FEBRUARY 1, 2022
INFO SESSIONS: 1 - 2PM | 6 - 7PM
TUITION-FREE REMOTE CLASSES START FEB. 14TH

Info Session Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81580208429>

Meeting ID: 815 8020 8429

Zoom Call in Number: 929-205-6099

TUITION-FREE | WE WELCOME CITIZENS & NON-CITIZENS

QUEENS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER
VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

WED. FEBRUARY 2ND, 2022 | TIME: 1 - 2PM

We are pleased to invite you to our Spring 2022 Semester!

Zoom Meeting Info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81580208429>

Meeting ID: 815 8020 8429

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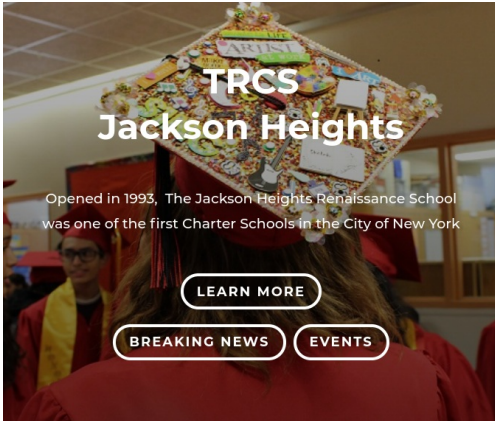
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TRCS Website



Alumni Instagram

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." –John Dewey

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Family Guide

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