



The Renaissance

Charter School

"Developing Leaders for the Renaissance of New York"

July Newsletter Graduation Edition

Dear Renaissance Families and Friends,

It's been hard to keep up with all the fantastic things happening at TRCS this spring and early summer. Between Graduation, Field Day, Senior Week, the Regents Exams, trips to Six Flags, the NY Aquarium, and Bronx Zoo--not to mention the return of our beloved Rensizzle (albeit in scaled-down form due to the pandemic)--our classrooms and neighborhood were abuzz with the sounds of serious learning--and serious fun.

Summer vacation may have just started, but that doesn't mean our halls are empty! Thanks in part to a generous grant from Summer Boost NYC, TRCS is hosting a Summer Enrichment program for elementary, middle, and high school students. This funding has allowed us to continue our commitment to the arts: we are pleased to be offering drama and visual arts to summer students in addition to learning support in ELA, Math, and targeted reading intervention.

Finally, we would like to extend our thanks and congratulations to our high school graduates and their families, some of whom have been with us since kindergarten. Through hugs and tears, we celebrate their accomplishments and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Please scroll down to discover which colleges have opened their doors to our students and be sure to read the words of wisdom from Valedictorian Maria Tane before you go.

Have a wonderful break! See you in September!

Parents Corner

Important information and events

Summer

Important Dates

July 5 - 5th-8th Grade, High School Summer Programs begin

July 6 - Board of Trustees Meeting

July 11 - 1st-4th Grade Summer Program begins

August 3 - Board of Trustees Meeting

August 8 - 5th-8th Grade Summer Program ends

August 11 - 1st-4th Grade Summer Program ends
August 17 - High School Summer Program ends

July Menus

[Breakfast](#) | [Lunch](#)

Looking Ahead

Thursday, September 8th is the first day of the 2022-2023 school year.

2022-2023 NYC School Calendar

Funsizzle, Middle Sizzle, Little Sizzle, Oh My!

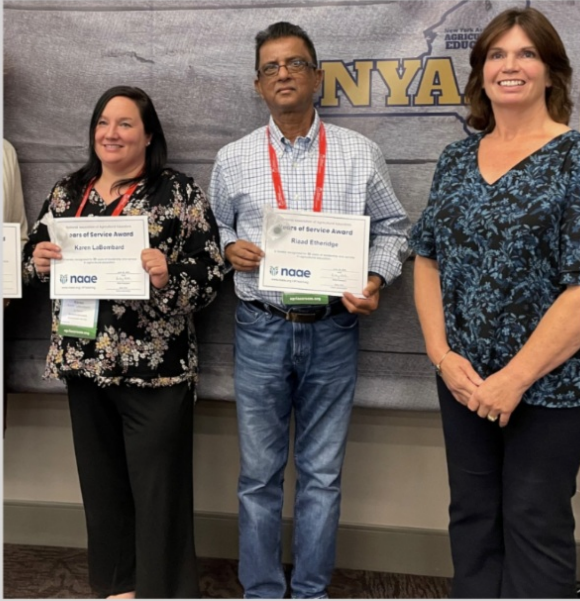
Our K-12 days of experiential learning brought sparks of inspiration and smiles to the faces of our students



Shout Outs

Celebrating the accomplishments of our faculty, staff, and students

CONGRATULATIONS!



(Left) The National Agriculture Association of Educators awarded **Riaad Etheridge**, our High School Living Environment and Agriculture Teacher, an award for his 20 years of service. (Right) Riaad taking advantage of a hands-on exhibit at this spring's Future Farmers of America convention.



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Rebekah Oakes

For her exemplary dedication, compassion, creativity, and calm over the decades, nurturing the development of The Renaissance Charter School and its generations of graduates.



Photo: Education Week



Author, speaker, and Grade 7 ELA teacher **Ariel Sacks** was named a 2022 Finalist for FLAG's annual Award for Teaching Excellence. She is one of only two teachers in Queens to win the award. Perhaps an even greater accomplishment--she was nominated by a student!



Food Insecurity and Community Garden Project

Teachers : Cristine Slingerland and Bridget Curran
5th grade students at The Renaissance Charter School

Congratulation to Cristine Slingerland, Bridget Curran, and their Fifth Grade students, whose Compassionate Communities project was awarded a \$1,000 prize. They will use the money to launch a community garden.

Class of 2022
Outstanding achievement



WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST



CLASS OF 2022

*Alex ~ Allison ~ Andrew ~ Angelica ~ Anindo ~ Anthony ~
 Aryan ~ Brianna ~ Camila ~ Chelsea ~ Destiny ~ Devin ~
 Diana ~ Emily M ~ Emily S ~ Emmanuel ~ Estella ~ Farrad
 ~ Fatema ~ Gearenis ~ Ghesar ~ Hasib ~ Isaac ~ Isabella
 ~ Juan ~ Jenesa ~ Jose ~ Kiendrick ~ Kunsang ~ Leslie ~
 Maria ~ Matthew Si ~ Matthew So ~ Melanie F
 ~ Melanie H ~ Migyur ~ Nichole ~ Pamela ~ Penelope ~
 Priya ~ Roderick ~ Salet ~ Santiago ~ Sebastian ~ Sharlene
 ~ Sonam ~ Steven ~ Tahnaz ~ Tenzin ~ Tomas ~ Trevor ~
 Valentina ~ Valerie ~ Ysabella*



Congratulations

Anthony Palta!

Anthony earned a Dell Scholarship for 2022. He will receive \$20,000 toward future study at SUNY-Oswego, where he plans to major in computer science.



COLLEGES WELCOMING OUR GRADUATES IN FALL 2022

BARNARD COLLEGE
BARUCH COLLEGE
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CUNY
CITY COLLEGE, CUNY
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE
ECKERD COLLEGE
JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CUNY
LA GUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CUNY
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK CITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CUNY
QUEENS COLLEGE, CUNY
SMITH COLLEGE
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SUNY BUFFALO
SUNY OSWEGO
YORK COLLEGE, CUNY

Community Corner

Has your child signed up yet for your local library's summer reading challenge?



This summer, Queens Public Library has a variety of ways to keep youth engaged and reading all summer. Youth and families can sign up for our reading challenge with READsquared. READsquared allows youth to track their reading. For every minute of reading they track, they earn a point.

[Read More](#)



Words of Wisdom

From our Class of 2022 Valedictorian

“I came to this country when I was 8 years old. My family came into America and did not speak a word of English. Leaving everything behind was one of the hardest things we ever had to do. My parents made these sacrifices so that my sister and I could receive the best education and thrive in a new country. Working hard and trying my best were, and continue to be, my main priorities.”

- MARIA TANE

Valedictorian, Class of 2022



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