

THE URBAN ASSEMBLY SCHOOL FOR
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Suzette Dyer, Principal

Monday, December 12, 2016

SLJ Parents and Families,

Happy Holidays! I hope this update finds you enjoying these festive December days!

At SLJ, we've had a very exciting December thus far, and we have most certainly had a strong finish to 2016. You may have heard that our Seniors had their first two college acceptances for the year: **Kimberly de La Cruz and Erico Solis** were both accepted to the **Ivy Leagues!** Both students will be attending the University of Pennsylvania on full scholarship in Fall 2017. We are so proud of their hard work and commitment to their academics and the college process, just like so many of their peers. This beginning to the season of hearing back from colleges has made us all quite hopeful! A special thank you to our College and Career staff: **Ms. Moldovan, Ms. LaCavalla, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Greenspan** for their dedication to our students and their college applications. **We are excited to learn of more acceptances soon!** Additionally, the School Leadership Team just completed its hiring of our new **Assistant Principal of Instruction, Kristin Ferrales**. Ms. Ferrales will join Ms. Valentino and me to round out the administrative team. No stranger to SLJ as she's been a teacher here for 9 years, Ms. Ferrales has a strong background in coaching developing teachers and writing curriculum that infuses literacy across the content areas. If you have any questions about our course sequence or about instruction at SLJ, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ms. Ferrales (kferrales@sljhs.org). Finally, if you haven't been to SLJ in a while, then you've really missed out! We had a **record number of parents** turn out for our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences (over 230 parents!) and parents and staff members had a lot of laughs and exercise at our **festive fitness PTA** event last week. **Ms. Simmons-Jones and the PTA Executive Board** also raffled off some very popular holiday baskets. We missed you if you didn't make it to these parent engagement events and **we hope to see all of you at our next PTA Meeting on January 12th.**



We have included in this mailing the **Regents Week** schedule as well as other important information pertaining to your child's grade, this Marking Period's assessments, and end of 2016 events at SLJ. If you have any questions about any item related to SLJ, please do not hesitate to reach out to our **Parent Coordinator, Mr. Marvin Harris at 718-858-1160 x15751** or our **Principal's Secretary, Ms Stephanie Melo at x15752**. They are both happy to help you get your questions answered.

Finally, the Winter Break is almost upon us. Students will take the **Degrees of Reading Power exam on Friday, December 23rd** and that will be followed by Advisory workshops and then a full school celebration before students are released at **2:00 pm** for the school recess (Dec. 24 through Jan. 2). Students return to finish the term on Jan. 3.

I hope you have a happy, hope-filled holiday!

Warmest Wishes,



Ms. Dyer