

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As May unfolds, our school community finds itself in a season of reflection and celebration. With state testing over, warmer days arriving, and the end of the school year soon approaching, we are reminded of the growth and accomplishments our students have demonstrated throughout the year. This month offered many opportunities for students to engage, lead, and shine, and we are excited to share some of May's highlights with you.

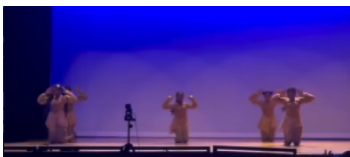
Ice Cream Social

We celebrated the end of state testing season with NYC style, bringing the Ice Cream Truck to our courtyard for an ice cream social.



Art Scene in D13 Event

Restoration Academy dancers lit up the stage at the second annual Art Scene in D13. A night to celebrate the amazing young artists in District 13.



Annual Teal Carpet Awards Ceremony

This year's annual Teal Carpet Award Ceremony was a beautiful evening, bringing the community together to celebrate our student's achievements. Students were shining bright and our families showed an outpouring of love and support. Special thanks to Ms. Lewis-Briggs and the planning committee.



Family Skate Night

We wrapped up the month of May with an unforgettable Family Skate Night! Skating, music, and lots of laughter, it was the perfect way to bring our school community together. Thank you to all of the students, families, and staff who joined us for a night of connection and school spirit!



Magnet Minute and IB News

D13 STEM/Science Fair

As a Magnet school, we emphasize the importance of participation in STEM-related activities that offer opportunities for exploration and innovation. Restoration Academy scholars joined others throughout the district to showcase their discoveries around science, technology, engineering & math. This year four 8th graders participated in the fair, Ibrahim Khidir, Nickalann Matthews, Oluwanifemi Phregg, and Shanellia Von Tholl. We are grateful for these student models of what it means to be an IB learner; risk-takers who are inquisitive and collaborative as they develop innovative ideas that can improve our world. We also want to thank students who participated as the social media team for the event, Joshua Felix, Sanai Gary, and Towhidul Islam. We are so very proud!



**Special Thanks to Ms. Davis and Ms. Collins for supporting the students through exploration and discovery!*

Oluwanifemi Phregg and Shanellia Von Tholl
8th Grade 1st Place Winners



Project Title: Nature's Code Bio Fusion:
Can Nature Inspire the Future?

Driving Question: Can we use Spider Silk and other animal DNA to make a Bulletproof vest?

Purpose:

"The purpose of this project is to investigate how layered fiber structures inspired by spider silk absorb and distribute impact energy, and to explore how these natural design principles can be applied to the development of stronger, more effective materials such as safety vests."



Ibrahim Khidir

Most Original STEM Project Winner,
Coding Foundation

Project Title: Detect and Protect

Driving Question:

Can a smart assistive system combining obstacle detection, hand gesture translation, and heart rate monitoring improve safety and communication for visually and speech-impaired individuals?

Purpose:

"The purpose of this project is to design and develop a low-cost, multifunctional assistive device that enables visually impaired individuals to navigate safely, communicate through hand gestures, and monitor their heart rate in real time."



CURRICULUM CORNER

The Summative Assessment: End-of-Unit Projects

Each unit of study culminates in a project that provides students with the opportunity to showcase what they have learned throughout the unit. Through a variety of creative and academic approaches, students apply the transferable skills they have developed to explore real-world connections and meaningful applications of their learning. As we enter this final month of the school year, we encourage families to support students as they develop and bring their projects to life.

Our 8th grade students may also need additional support as they work through their **IB Community Project**. Working in groups of three, students have identified a community issue they would like to address and are currently designing and implementing their Service as Action projects. After completing their projects, students will present their work to a panel of community stakeholders as part of their final assessment. This important culminating experience allows students to demonstrate collaboration, critical thinking, and their ability to create meaningful change within their communities.



This week elections were held for next year's PTA. Congratulations to our new parent leaders!

- PTA President, Nadine Orr
- PTA Treasurer, Jaydene Bethea
- PTA, Secretary, (vacant)
- PTA Title 1 Representative, Ms. Pritchard

Special thank you to outgoing PTA President, Ms. Jennifer Perrin, for leading the PTA with consistency and care this school year. We will miss you!

thank you

8th Grade Families

It's almost time for graduation! It has been an amazing journey watching your children grown from when the entered in 6th grade to the scholars before us. We are so proud! Please save the following important dates for seniors.



- 8th Grade Community Project Panel Presentations: 6/8-6/12
- Senior Trip: 6/18
- Prom: 6/22
- Graduation: 6/22
- Last Day of School: 6/26



Our SEL Snapshot



As the school year is coming to a close, this is an important time to emphasize responsible decision-making. Warm weather, end of year tasks, and the impending separation for summer can cause stress for some students. With emotions running high, decision making can be influenced. We are committed to supporting students in responsible decision-making through maintaining high expectations, through incentive-based opportunities, and positive recognition.

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Notes from the Main Office

- School starts at 8 am. Please make sure your child arrives on time.
- Please support us by making sure your child is in full uniform. Dress down day is on Friday!!
- Monday, June 1, 2026, trip to iFly in Yonkers, NY, permission slips were sent home and must be return by Friday, May 29, 2026
- Please see the following no school days in June:
 - June 4th- Anniversary/Chancellor's Day
 - June 5th- School End-of-Year Clerical Day
 - June 19th - Juneteenth Anniversary
- June 26th- Last Day of School