



M362 – CSS
Columbia Secondary School
for Math, Science & Engineering

SPRING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE COMING UP March 9, 10 & 11!

Students are encouraged to attend conferences. Dismissal is at 11:40 a.m. on Friday, 3/11, and afterschool activities are cancelled that day. There will be a uniform and spirit wear sale on Friday from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Procedure

After getting the report card and teacher listing in the W. Gym, find your child's teachers' rooms, join the chair line for the specific teacher and move a seat at a time till it is your turn. Meetings are 2-3 minutes.

Who & When:

Middle School

Wednesday, 3/9, 5 - 8 p.m.

Friday, 3/11, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

The first hour of each day will be *invited conferences* only with ELA, Social Studies, Math and Science teachers. Your child will receive a letter and request of signature the if you are invited for a conference. Art, physical education, engineering and language teachers along with Counselor Robin will be available to meet throughout the full scheduled time. After the first hour, all teachers will be available for conferences.

High School

Thursday, 3/10, 5 - 8 p.m.

Friday, 3/11, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

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CSS shines in engineering, sports and extracurricular options

PROFESSIONAL COACHES TRAIN CSS RUGBY PLAYERS

Middle and high school rugby players practicing with Coach DeLucia over February break were treated to a visit from USA team captain Mike Petri and coaches of the London Irish, a professional British team. They had heard about CSS's rugby program and decided to experience it first-hand as part of their efforts to increase the sport's popularity in the U.S.

SONYC HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL MID-WINTER RECESS CAMP

Over February break, students in grades 6, 7 and 8 were able to receive academic enrichment and explore museums throughout the city, including the American Museum of Natural History, the Museum of Tolerance, the Guggenheim and the New York Hall of Science. SONYC will also be hosting a free camp over Spring break for CSS

middle school students. Registration will take place in the OSS. Please be on the lookout for details.

FUTURE CITY REGIONAL COMPETITION

The 8th grade team *Lone Tree City*, made up of Theo Frye Yanos, Allie Pasbjerg and Haroon Aroon, pictured below with Engineering Professor Phil Hubbard, won 3rd place overall in the Future Cities regional competition. An additional 8th grade team and two 6th grade teams got awards in different categories.



Update on CSS students in CU classes

Over 60 CSS high school student are taking Columbia University (CU) classes in areas including psychology, international politics, Mandarin, calculus, fiction, economics, French, cosmology, Japanese, Roman empire, German, global health, Portuguese, philosophy, Korean, statistics, Italian, biology, Bengali and programming.

Qualified students may take any introductory class offered through the School of Continuing Ed. (CE) that aligns with one of the CSS areas of study. Students enrolled through CE and CU students sit side by side in class. The CE designation means the class is open to visitors.

Each CSS grade has eligibility requirements for CU class enrollment including overall GPA, attendance, and strength in the content area of the class for which the student is applying. Applications for classes at CU in the Fall, 2016 semester are due on 3/28.

In addition to CU, CSS students are taking classes at Baruch and City College, schools in the CUNY system, through the *College Now* Program.

To learn more about requirements and the application process for CSS students to take classes at CU and CUNY, come to the PTA meeting on Tuesday, March 15, at 6 p.m. on the 6th floor.