



M362 – CSS
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CSS Philosophy flourishes

Join Philosophy Professor Diana Senechal, CSS students, families and staff, to discuss the topic of “rebellion” at the Philosophy Roundtable: Thurs. 4/7, 6 pm on the 6th floor. All welcome.

The third issue of the CSS journal CONTRARIWISE is filled with dialogues, letters, essays, stories, poems, diaries, and other works on an array of philosophical topics, and features international and national contests, an alumni section and more; contributors hail from the U.S., Italy, and Turkey. It’s now on sale at Book Culture (536 W. 112th St.), location of the publishing party on May 22. Look for it in the journal area in the front, right when you walk in. You can also purchase a copy for \$5 in the OSS (room 503)



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See samples:

<http://www.contrariwisejournal.com/samples.html>

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Senior reflects on her CSS experience

As a photo essay project, senior and High School Student Government President Justyn Diaz photographed members of the class of 2016. The subjects were asked to provide a written description of their time at CSS, specifically noting growth attributable to the school. The several photos and statements are on display on a fourth floor bulletin board. Reprinted here is the reflection of Stormi Smith, pictured at right.

My time at CSS has been filled with many highs and lows. In my 7 years here, I have discovered a lot about the woman I am becoming. My school has given me the confidence, structure and rigor I needed in order to find what fits my personality. These 7 years have taught me how to ask questions that others are afraid to ask. They have given me the chance to develop my voice, a voice that I use to speak up for myself and others. My time at CSS has

helped me develop my love for neuroscience and philosophy. It has given me the opportunity to be a black woman in science without being laughed at. When I came to CSS, I found for the first time a place I could be smart and not be thought of as a nerd. Getting good grades was encouraged and not shamed. I was finally allowed to grow into my true self - a courageous, outspoken, African American woman in Science.



VOTE BY APRIL 3 TO FUND CSS UPGRADES

City Council District 7, represented by CSS parent Mark Levine, has a “Participatory Budgeting” program. The Councilman sets aside about \$1 million of city money, and allows people to propose uses for it. The best proposals are put up to public vote, and the top vote-getters receive the money. Several proposals that help CSS are on this year’s ballot: #11-Artificial Turf Installation; #18- Science Lab Upgrades; #20- Auditorium Audio Upgrades; #21-Electrical Upgrades to CSS. **WE NEED YOUR VOTE** to help us win this funding.

To vote, you must live in Council District 7 (basically the West Side from 96 -165 Streets) and be 14+. For proposal descriptions and to find the closest polling place, please consult this section of the Councilmember’s website:

<http://www.marklevine.nyc/participatorybudgeting>. To find out whether or not you live in District 7, please visit this section of the website: <http://council.nyc.gov/d7/html/members/map.shtml>

VOTING ENDS ON APRIL 3rd!