



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

Mark your calendars for the...
CSS International Celebration
featuring student speeches
and a multi-language
musical performance
Thursday, 5/26
2:30 p.m. in the auditorium

GOOD NEWS!

US News and World Report ranks the CSS high school #13 in NYC and #22 in the state! Congratulations to the CSS community, particularly our hardworking students!

CSS has won \$75,000 worth of upgrades to the science labs from the City Council District 7 “Participatory Budgeting” program. Thanks to everyone who voted and especially to parent Sherry French for shepherding CSS projects onto the ballot!

The new CSS High School Debate Team had an impressive first two competitions, in which they responded to the questions: “In order to alleviate income inequality, should the U.S. prioritize spending on public infra-structure over increased spending on means-tested welfare programs?” and “Should the U.S. withdraw military forces from Okinawa?” Congratulations to Rohan Beckford, Emmanuel Dominguez, Ellison Estwick, Genesis Luciano, Katie Martinez, Jarlenys Mendez, and Rusat Ramgopal, who all won. We look forward to their performance at the May 14th Harlem Debate League Championship!

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UA and CSS offer free family field trip to Staten Island Zoo this Memorial Day

CSS students and families can take advantage of the school’s partnership with the Urban Advantage (UA) program by going on the 4th Annual CSS UA Memorial Day Free Family Field Trip. This year, we will explore the 8-acre Staten Island Zoo, which features:

-Over 1,500 animals from more than 350 species

-The three-story, 4,500 square foot Amur Leopard Habitat which represents the Amur River valley (where Siberia meets China), the leopards’ native territory. Amur Leopards are considered the world’s rarest cat, with fewer than 40 existing in the wild

-Staten Island Chuck, the groundhog who is the official Groundhog Day forecaster for New York City

Families (up to four people) will gather at CSS at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 30 (when school is closed for Memorial Day) to travel by free school bus to the zoo, enter the zoo and enjoy it’s exhibits at no cost, and depart at 3 p.m. for the free return trip. Families can stay later on their own (closing time is 4:45 p.m.). Lunch is not provided (bring your own or plan to purchase at a zoo café).

Registration is required. To register, email the Parent Coordinator: andivelasquez@columbiasecondary.org with the student’s name, adult’s name and contact information, and the total number in the group. You can also have your child bring the above information written on a piece of paper to give to Andi in the OSS (room 503).
Note: all students under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

CSS parent Angela Peña receives educational leadership award

Angela Peña, mother of 9th grader Anell Ramos and long-time school volunteer, was honored by the office of State Senator Bill Perkins at a breakfast held April 20 at the Alhambra Ballroom.

The Educational Leadership Award recognizes those who “make a significant difference in the community.” Peña, who translates most of the school’s communication into Spanish and volunteers on multiple committees, attended the ceremony with parent coordinator Andi Velasquez.

“Angela always steps up to help where

needed. Much of what she does is behind the scenes, but it has a huge, positive impact,” said Velasquez.

