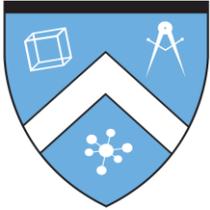


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Mark your calendars

- ✓ **Spirit Wear Sale**
Fri. 2/3, 2:30 - 4 pm, #500
- ✓ **Valentine's Day Bake Sale**
Tues., 2/14, lunch periods
- ✓ **Black History Celebration**
Thurs., 2/16, 5-8 p.m.
Performances by CSS students and special guest *Our Queens*, community feast. \$7 for adults, \$3 for students/kids.
- ✓ **Mid-winter Break**
School closed
Mon., 2/20 - Fri., 2/24
- ✓ **PTA Meeting**
Tues., 2/28, 6:30 pm, 6th fl
How HS students qualify and register for classes at CUNY and Columbia while at CSS. Refreshments and childcare provided (kids get pizza)

Middle School SONYC

Sem. 2 classes start 2/6. To enroll, students must fill out a NEW registration survey (Copy & paste: <https://goo.gl/forms/LnpT1uOfWB46jG93>) Info: sonycdirectorcss@columbiasecondary.org

High School Electives

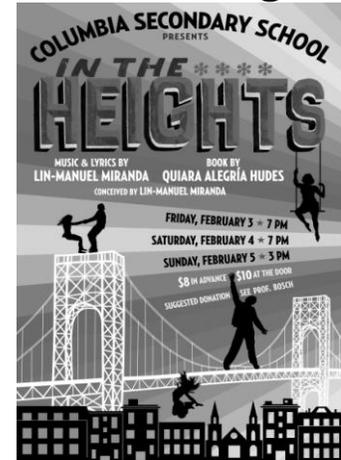
Sem. 2 electives start 2/6. Registration runs through 2/1. Lookout for the Electives Registration form, which must be submitted online. Questions/info: meganthomas@columbiasecondary.org

CSS Theater Program Reaches New Heights

When the CSS Musical Theatre's production of "In the Heights" features Washington Heights residents among its student cast and crew, you know this Tony and Grammy award-winning show by Lin Manuel Miranda, the creator of "Hamilton," is going to be a success.

This is one of the most personally relevant musicals that CSS has done, since a large portion of the student body is Latino and/or from the Heights," said Joey Brenneman, the show's co-director. "All of the characters are very recognizable as people from our own neighborhoods and families."

The production has a cast of 60 and more than 30 students are in the band, the design or costume crew, lighting, sound, set building and stage management. Co-director and ELA professor Dan Attridge is back in the pit band on drums and flute. The 13-member ensemble (called "La Banda del Club") also includes students playing oboe, violin, melodica, guitar, bass, keyboard, and percussion instruments.



The show is full of singing and dancing, from ballads to hip hop... there are visions Cuba, raps about the Heights, love and loss, and even a dancing Piraguero man!

So get your tickets (suggested donation \$8 in advance, \$10 at door) from Roxana Bosch in the OSS (#503) and take your place in the Heights:

- Friday, Feb. 3 @ 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 4 @ 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 5 @ 3 p.m.

We're on a Winning Streak!

CSS high school debate team members Rusat Ramgopal (1st place), Ellison Estwick (2nd place) and Zoe Duvalsaint (2nd place) won awards at the Beginner level of the NYC Urban Debate League on Jan 7th, 2017.



At the Future City engineering competition on Jan. 21st, eight CSS middle school teams participated; seven won specialty awards; and one team came in fourth place overall.

In December, CSS was honored with a prestigious 2016 **BLACKBOARD AWARD for Outstanding School!**

Also in December, Prof. Diana Lennon won the 2016 Sloan Award for Excellence in Teaching Science & Mathematics, one of only seven NYC teacher to be honored.

Admissions News: CSS Breaks Another Record

We received an historical high of 3,158 applicants for twenty 9th grade seats. Applicants to be one of 99 CSS 6th graders in the fall numbered 1,527.