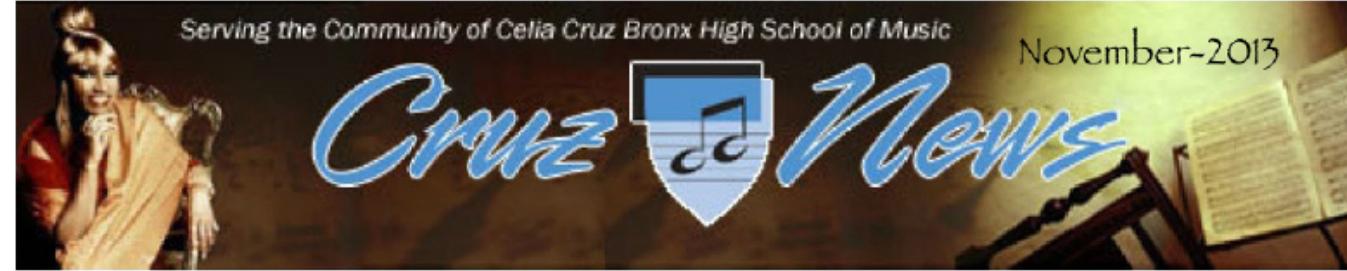
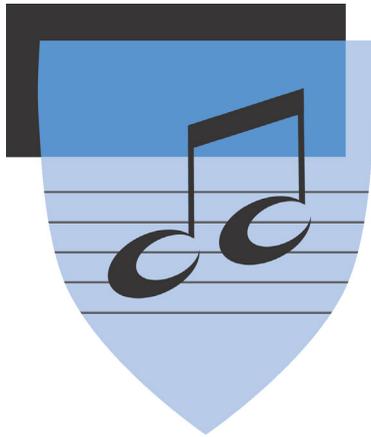


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Rising Stars of Tomorrow

By Ian Matthews

On Friday, October 11th, Celia Cruz had the pleasure to go to the Lehman College and be part of a panel featuring four local BMI recording artists. None of the students really knew where they were going or about the event they were about to experience. Before the real festivities began, students were delighted with a mixture of pop and hip hop tracks from BMI's DJ. As the four recording artists approached the stage, the students went wild,

immediately wanting a proper introduction (and soon after knowing whether they were single or not). After settling down the, four New York grown artists: Esme Melody, Elias, BB Bronx, and Valentino introduced themselves. The panel began with questions about their upbringing, desires, and musical styles.

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Cheers to the Wildcats!

By Anaie Loyola

At the end of September, our very own Walton Wildcats Girls' volleyball team won two games in a row! Co-captains "Lala" Davis and Ashley Carlos are leading a new group of girls (with a few remaining veterans on the team) in hopes of gaining a fresh start and, in the near future, winning the playoffs.

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HARRIS FIELD DERBY

By Paul Bonilla

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This conversation soon became very intimate and knowledgeable as they all described their inspirations, the sacrifices they made, and back-up plans. Some of the artists drew inspiration from the popular artists like Adele, The Jackson 5, and Justin Timberlake. Later, Students were given the chance to ask them questions. They were questions on their feelings on “sell outs”, those who sacrifice their individuality for success. Elijas explained the necessity of having an open mind as she recently changed music genres to differentiate herself in the music business by noting how important is to not just follow the trend, but be aware of it and to evolve and differentiate yourself from the trend. She

also shared that she is also taking college classes online, proving to C.C students that it’s always good to have a Plan B. Something more powerful that grew from this collective conversation was the emphasis of the responsibilities that individuals have to take in order to follow their dreams, whether it be music, or any other field. Elijas explained how in order to pursue her dreams, she had to change her friends and take time away from being from her family. At the very end of the panel, BMI graced a hard working C.C student, Adam Scouten with brand new DNA headphones. Each of the artists described the decisions they made to come this far and even to be at the panel that afternoon, as some of them are still in high school. The conversation gave students a firsthand account and insight on the music business



and how they should go about it if they decide to pursue it in the future. The panel closed and the artists treated the students to a number of fantastic performances. Students enjoyed the premiere of Valentino’s single, “Estoy Enamorado”, and a classic rendition of The Fugees by Elijas. At the conclusion of the event, CC students got the chance to take a few pictures and get autographs while our own C.C journalists got the chance to catch a few short words and interview all of the artists.

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Their first game of the season was on September 30th against Columbus High School. Columbus vs. Walton got heated, as spikes sent the ball flying in all directions but our girls were able to center themselves and keep each other on their standing ground, the game

ended with the first set scoring 25-19 and the second set with 25-16, our girls went home victorious. On October 1st, Walton went against Lehman High School, the game was played on our home court, the crowd went crazy with every shot the Wildcats made. This intense game surely came to a victorious end with the first set scoring 25-16 and second set scored 25-

10. With our girls training after school and scrimmages weekly they are preparing well for their next game on October 8th. Our Wildcats will be playing against Roosevelt High School. Our team needs to win eight games in order to make it to the playoffs. With three already under their belt from Kennedy, Columbus, and Lehman, they will have to keep up their great streak to make it to the top.



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Election Day No School	6 6:00pm 8:00pm PTA Meeting/Parents Workshop (CC-3)	7 Disney Payment due	8 6:00pm 8:00pm International Dinner	9
10	11 Veteran’s Day No School	12 Spirit Week - Twin Day	13 Spirit Week - Blast from the Past	14 Spirit Week - Pajama Day 6:00pm 9:00pm Family Comedy Night Fund Raiser	15 Spirit Week - School Color Day 7:00pm - 11:00pm Homecoming Dance Pep Rally in school \$100 deposit for Senior Trip	16
17	18	19 Disney Payment due	20 6:00pm - 8:00pm Parents Workshop	21	22 5:00pm 9:00pm Auditions	23
24	25	26	27 6:00pm - 9:00pm Alumni Day & Dinner	28 Thanksgiving Recess	29 Thanksgiving Recess	30



A Year In Transition: Meet the New Principal

By Elijah Torres

In September Mr. Mabry, our former A.P., was promoted to Principal. This, of course, followed a thorough C-30 process in which numerous candidates were considered. However, it was decided that his experience with the school and his knowledge of how it's run could not have been overlooked. They are key components of a well-deserved revival.

Mr. Mabry attended NYU where he received his Bachelor of Arts in English and English Education. He then returned to San Diego, California, and began teaching at the high school he graduated from. After working for a brief period his principal informed him that as a result of state budget cuts he would have to be laid off. He remembers returning home "distracted" and in response called a friend from NYU with whom he had kept in touch. Her name was Penelope Smetters, and she recommended that he talk to her Assistant Principal, Dr. William

Rodriguez, because he had just been approved to open the first ever school of music in the Bronx. Arrangements were made for an interview a month later during his spring break. It was conducted by Dr. Rodriguez and Ms. Lopez who hired Mr. Mabry "on the spot." After finishing his last summer of school in San Diego he returned to New York. He began working at the school's original location, the Dewitt Clinton High School campus, alongside Mrs. Jacano, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Ram, Ms. Gwasda, Ms. Geddes, Ms. Lopez, and Mrs. Perez. A year later, Celia Cruz moved to the Walton High School Campus and Mr. Mabry began teaching English in the room now recognized as CC-1. After two years, he was promoted to Assistant Principal and after the retirement of Dr. Rodriguez he took on the role of Interim Acting Principal.

Although he studied piano for a "very short time" in high school Mr. Mabry has always been involved in the theater. His high school performed three plays a

year; he was involved in the production of 11 out of the 12 plays during his four years and acted in eight of those plays. In college, theater was not a major focus of his, however he continued to be actively involved in several performances and began working at an Off-Broadway Theater. He began as an usher, then became the House Manager, and eventually the Stage Manager. He stated "I loved my time in the theater, but it was always a side project for me."

Mr. Mabry continues to blend his passion for the arts and education as his journey from teacher to Assistant Principal to Principal enters into its next chapter. As Principal, Mr. Mabry has been doing an amazing job ensuring that the school reaches its full potential. He believes that with the support of the students, faculty, and staff, we can have the greatest year yet. His drive and commitment to our school will propel us into the next decade as we achieve even greater success.



Harris Field Derby

By Paul Bonilla

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A derby is a match that consists of two teams of the same region and that rarely even share the same home ground, the exact case of the Harrisfield Derby. The Walton team and their new coach, Winston McKoy, seemed well prepared to face their bitter rivals, Bronx Science. In the first half was Walton Campus' lack of ball possession, the defense successfully withheld constant bombardment from the opposing midfielders who wouldn't stop attempting to surgically split the Walton defense. Bronx science's tactical approach was to play the game on the wings, putting an immense amount of pressure on their for-

ward-wingers, specially their captain. Although the first half was goalless, both teams missed out on a couple of good chances. The second half was the same way, the only difference was that the battle on the midfield intensified. This levelled the ball possession and the atmosphere grew as all the chances were missed. During the last minute, Earl Apenteng, the captain and leading defender suffered from an excruciating cramp that sidelined him for the rest of the game. The match ended with teams on the same level but the referee called for extra time and with the unusual "Golden Goal" rule, which gave the team that

scored first in a duo ten minute period automatic victory. With both teams exhausted and Walton missing their lead defender the game was bound to end with a bang. It only took exactly two minutes for Bronx Science's striker, Brandon May, to take on the depleted defense and score past the Walton goalkeeper, Jason Clotter. The shot was bent to the far right, away from where the goalkeeper stood, with a very small chance to save the powerful and accurate shot. The game was a thriller and as a spectator and ex-Walton Soccer team right-back, I was pleased with what I saw from both teams.



Edward Lorenzo



Opening the Door to Broadway

By Darly Lara

On October 10th, our very own Stage Choir had the opportunity to perform at the annual Broadway showcase at the New Amsterdam Theater on 42nd Street. The performance itself was wonderful, the choir sang "Can I Close the Door on Love" from the Broadway musical Motown with solos performed by Bernie Martinez and Alice Olom. The choir performed twice and both times they received great responses from the audience members. A couple of women in the audience had nothing but nice things to say about the group. One said, "The male and female singer, they reacted well together. They

worked well together when they sang, it was wonderful." The other woman interjected, "and the chorus is just phenomenal!" They concluded with, "It makes us proud of the Bronx".

After the performance, several people who work for the actual Broadway production approached the chorus including the Executive Producer and two production assistants. I spoke to the production assistants, Sarah Barton and Lucas McMan, and asked them what they thought about the performance. Sarah said, "I thought it was wonderful, I've seen the show a couple of times and some of these kids could be up there! They were awesome, they did

a really great job." Lucas said "I thought it was an amazing performance. I have been working on this show for over a year now and that's a really special song in the show and that's a really special song for the character and seeing it performed by such a large, talented group of people was something that was very special to me so I was really excited to be here today". The Executive Producer praised the choir for their professional performance and invited them to not only go see Motown on Broadway but, perform for the actual cast before the show.

The choir kids themselves seem thrilled about the opportunity to see the profes-

sional performance of such a great piece and when asked about the performances they were proud of what they had accomplished. When asked how she felt about the performance, Shorna Leon responded, "I couldn't stop smiling. Every time we have performances like this, I can't stop smiling so, yeah, I think we did really good. Oh and Alice killed it!" When I asked Torren Hartsfield how he felt he said, "After all the rehearsals that we had, like, we didn't have that many rehearsals but we pulled it off in such a short amount of time and I think it went really well!"



Anbar Lopez



NEVERWARE

By Josue Nunez

Neverware is a fairly new company that was founded one year and a half ago. Unlike most startup companies, which only deal with making applications for modern devices, Neverware takes old computers and make them usable again with better performance and the capability to run applications they could not run before.

In order to achieve this, they use a server instead of running windows on the computer and run a custom Linux-based software preloaded with all the applications that the school needs. They then, take individual laptops and delete the operating system on them in order to run the custom software they made so the laptops could work off that server instead, creating a

terminal system or a custom cloud. The server is a Dell server packing top of the line processors, which run at 4 GHz per core in its stock state and it has 128 GB of DDR 3 ram and it runs off (fast enough to boot up a pc within 10 seconds or less!) Solid State hard drives which is faster than your typical HHD hard Drive. What makes it faster? An HHD drive is composed of disks, which the computer needs to read, while the SSD drive is composed of flash memory that the computer could use, which makes the server instantaneously responsive. No performance upgrade is needed for the old computers because its is running off the server. On average, schools save about 80% using Neverware compared

to purchasing new computers and getting them repaired. Not to mention how eco friendly this is. All the school has to do is to purchase a yearly subscription to Neverware's services and they will take care of the rest. This system saves time because instead of having to buy a whole bunch of separate operating systems all they need to do is install the software onto the server which saves both time and money. Not to mention that the whole system is virus proof. The company also offers to run the server on

Raspberry Pi, which is a credit card sized computers that costs about \$30. This company has a lot to offer and this new system will benefit all the students.

Where Are They Now?

By Catherine Vargas

Many people wonder how are the lives previous teachers and staff members are after they left celia Cruz. One of the most recent staff members that has left the Celia Cruz Family is Nelson Rivera. Nelson is someone every Celia Cruz student has come to love and miss dearly. Over the years, Nelson has shown us his kind, fun loving self, and how much he

cares about the students. Many students know him more as a father figure and a role model. He was always seen in the halls with a smile on his face and work on his mind. Nelson was always the guy students went to when they needed a helping hand. Now and days, Nelson is mainly involved in the Latin American Motorcycle Association. He took his

a whole new level and now spends his days with his friends who all share his interest in motorcycles. He goes to many motorcycle conventions and represents his division known as the Latin American Motorcycle Association in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Nelson has participated in many events including the American Cancer Society Fundraiser Run. The American Cancer

Society helps in the fight against cancer and searches to achieve a cure. All the money raised goes directly to help fund for research which can save millions of lives. Although Nelson has left the Celia Cruz Family, he remains in our hearts has a person we come to know and love. Spending most of his days with his wife and his Motorcycle group, Nelson lives a fun, free life.



Catherine Vargas