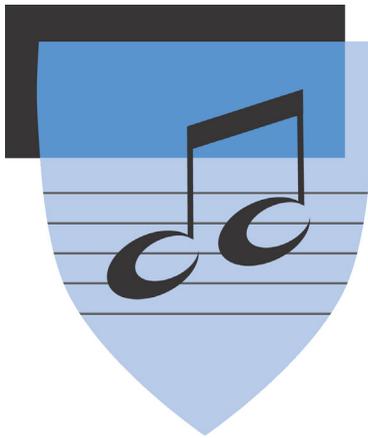


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Celia Cruz Tours Europe

By Victoria Mousot



This February The Celia Cruz Jazz Band traveled to Austria and the Czech Republic. The Performance Tour of Austria and the Czech Republic was diligently organized by Ms. Jacono and Mr. West who made this dream trip come true.

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Black History Month

By Zoey Arce

On Friday February 13th Celia Cruz had its annual black history month performance in the Walton auditorium. This was all made possible with the help of Mr. Fink who was in charge of it all.



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Ladies Night Concert

By Casey Perez

On Thursday, February 26th, we had our Ladies Night Concert in Lehman College's Band Room. This wonderful Ladies Night concert consisted of performances by Women's Choir, conducted by Ms. Bergland, Sweet Out of Lines, conducted by Ms. Gwasda,



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The group first landed in Vienna, Austria. Vienna is known as the historical center of the musical world. As such, it was only fitting the group first visit Zentralfriedhof. The Zentralfriedhof (German for “Central Cemetery”) is one of the largest cemeteries in the world and home of many famous deceased composers such as, Beethoven, Schubert, and Strauss.

After experiencing Austria’s musically enriching capital, the group traveled to Prague, The

Czech Republic. Here, the Symphonic Band transferred to the Theater of Emauz Monastery (The Monastery Na Slovach). In 1347 Emperor Charles IV founded the Emauze Monastery inviting Slavic Benedictine monks from Dalmatia and Croatia, thus, becoming the only Slavonic monastery of the entire empire. It was here the group was meet with a full house of senior citizens from Prague who immensely enjoyed the Jazz Combo music.



Loading the Bases

By Casey Perez

On February 10th, the Walton Wildcats softball team, coached by Mr. Hall, had their first strategic meeting. During this meeting, the current members, and new members were shown a series of videos that showed the new team members what to do when playing on the field, and for the older members it was more of a recap.

Some of the things they learned were how to strike

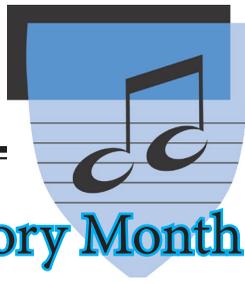
people out when you’re in right field, left field, and center field, how to catch pop-ups, how to back each other up, and how to make good throws from everybody’s position. After watching the video, Coach Hall also gave the girls the position they’ll be playing during games in this years season.

With all of these new strategies, we are looking forward for softball season to start up and watch our Wildcats win!



March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 ~Stage Choir Concert	5	6 ~NHS Hats On Day ~Senior Trip	7 ~Senior Trip
8 ~Senior Trip	9	10 ~Good Morning America Performance ~CC Service Squad Blood Drive 3rd-9th period ~SLT Meeting 5pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 ~NYSSMA Solo Performances ~Macbeth @ The Lovinger Theater	21 ~NYSSMA Solo Performances ~PTA Meeting 9am 11am
22	23 ~ 1st Prom Payment due for Seniors ~ Senior Photo Retake Day	24	25	26 Parent Teacher Conference 5:30pm- 8pm	27 Parent Teacher Conference 12:30pm- 2:45pm	28 Library Concert
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Annual Black History Month Concert

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There were many great performances by our dance team, Jazz band, some great guitar soloists and more.

This performance acknowledged all of the great leaders who fought and spoke about the blacks rights; such as Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King Jr. While watching the performance one gets a feeling of the pain and struggles that the blacks went through all throughout life. It enlightened us about how things were only a few decades ago and the determination they had to change them.

Some performances include the opening act performance by Jeremy Decena, who performed a song of his own. This got the audience hyped up and ready to watch the rest of the show. We then go to a dance choreographed by Sasha Melendez to a remixed version of the Lion King. These were very entertaining to watch and really hyped the crowd up.

Towards the middle and ending of the show we got towards the more serious touching acts

which truly showed the determination to make a change. Such performances were a play of one of Maya Angelou's very famous poems, "Phenomenal women". Characters were played by Leslie, Porscha, Eunice, and Tia. This act shows us the confidence of a black women and really touches ones emotions showing that all human beings are and should be viewed equally in society.

The show ends with a very

powerful step performance choreographed by Nashe Francis. This step featured Rosa Parks brave actions taken on the bus and one of Martin Luther King Jr's quotes which were both used to stop the segregation of colored people in the 60s. There were many talents shown throughout these performances and they were all to acknowledge those involved in the fight for blacks rights.

Good job guys !



School Leadership Team

By Victoria Moussot

The controversial regulation that prohibited students from bringing cell phones into schools has finally been scrapped! Mayor De Blasio and Chancellor Farina announced revised regulations to this law and now New York Public School Students are allowed to bring cell phones into school.

On January 13th participants in Celia Cruz's School Leadership Team (SLT) gathered to discuss the lifted cell phone band. This debatable topic brought up many concerns from teacher, students, and parents. Originally,

this change was enacted for students and parents to stay in touch with each other, especially before and after school. At the same time new ideas such as using cell phones as teaching tools may be implemented in hopes of students learning more and becoming more engaged in class. This matter may also save schools money by ending the need to replace dictionaries, timers, and textbooks during tight budget times. Instead, school budgets can go towards new school appliances and an increase in afterschool programs.

However, participants from

the School Leadership Team voiced their concerns about increase disruption, bullying and cheating in classrooms due to an increase cell phone usage. The question became, 'Will students be able to exhibit self control and not text, make phone calls, or take videos during learning hours?' and 'Although cell phones are allowed in school, will students follow the rules about when and when not to use their cell phone.'

Now that cellphones will be allowed inside of Celia Cruz, how do you think your peers will handle the change?





Teacher of the Month: Ms. Jacono

By Victoria Mousot

The students of Celia Cruz have voted Ms. Jacono as Teacher of the Month. Her enthusiasm and dedication towards her students and their pursuit of musical knowledge inspire many of her students. For the past twelve years Ms. Jacono has been working at Celia Cruz directing Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band. To ensure her students get the most out of their class time Ms. Jacono always applies hands-on-application, which is essential when teaching musicians. “I choose music carefully. It has to be challenging, fun, and broaden students horizons.”

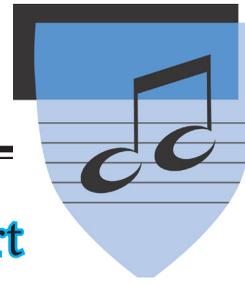
Ms. Jacono did not always know that she wanted a career in Music Education. At a young age she had interest in music and theater. Years later, Ms. Jacono earned her degree in Music Education from New York University, and her Masters in Music Education from Ithaca College in 2004. In 2003, Ms. Jacono went onto work on the planning team for the first ever High School of Music in the Bronx. Promptly,



she began the band program by recruiting students, and continues to do so by visiting middle schools around the city.

Ms. Jacono's love for the art of music never ceases. On multiple occasions Ms. Jacono has performed with Lehman College Community Band, and the Westchester Community Band, along side with some of her most talented students. Based off her

experiences Ms. Jacono would like her students to know, “It's not about talent, but about practice.” Practice not only enables musicians skills and knowledge to become permanent, it allows wonderful opportunities to come forth and be fulfilled.



Ladies Night Concert

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and the all girls jazz band known as The Sophisticated Ladies, conducted by Ms. Jacono.

Each ensemble showcased several moving pieces, and this mini concert also raised money for our school, and our wonderful ensembles.

These beautiful arrangements performed by these ensembles had everybody who went to go

see them, dancing, clapping, and singing along. The Sophisticated Ladies had wonderful solos during their pieces by Amanda Dookie, Anahi Valentin, Ashley Linton, Tiana Chavez, and freshmen Melody Pabon. Women's Choir gave intros about their songs that were presented by Kristen Sanders, Beatriz Rosa, and had a graceful solo by Lia-na Nottage while singing “This is

the Day.” Sweet Out of Lines gave a great show by singing arrangements of popular songs such as, “Heart We Will Forget Him” by Emily Dickinson, and “Brave” by Sara Bareilles.

The audience was thoroughly moved and enjoyed every piece that was performed that night.

