



Brooklyn North High Schools

Newsletter

Dec 1, 2025

Superintendent's Message

Thank you **BKNHS Leaders** for an amazing launch to our Principals Affinity Groups on Tuesday 11/25/25 when we enjoyed 12 concurrent school visits and visited 96 classrooms! Please continue to upload photos to this [shared album](#).

If you are available on 12/11, join us for our first legislative breakfast of the school year to connect with elected officials about our district's and your schools' priorities. As you know, RESO-A and participatory budgeting starts in December so this engagement is strategically timed. Principals can RSVP using [this link](#).

Lastly, I am delighted to introduce our new Administrative Associate - Andy Waldron! Andy can be reached via phone at 718-455-4635 or via email at AWaldron5@schools.nyc.gov.

Brooklyn North High School's Student Affirmations

- [September 2025, Cyberarts Studio Academy](#)
- [October 2025 , Digital Arts and Cinema Technology High School](#)

Good News & Celebrations

Choreographing Excellence | Our Arts PD Series Begins

The Brooklyn North High School Arts Professional Development Series is officially off to an amazing start! In partnership with the Jamel Gaines Creative Outlet team and hosted at Brooklyn Academy of Music's Fisher Hillman Studio, our inaugural session brought together more than 40 arts teachers from across the district.

The best practices were flowing, the choreography was immaculate, and the creative juices were in full bloom as teachers collaborated, created, and learned alongside one another. The overwhelmingly positive feedback makes it clear: this is the start of something special. We can't wait to continue this series and strongly encourage every school to send their arts educators to the next session.



The Brooklyn Latin School is recognized by Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center as 1 of 5 high-school partners for their Scientific Education & Training internship program. A number of TBLS students have engaged in this program over the past several years, spending 8 weeks being mentored and completing research projects. Link to article: [Scientific Education & Training Programs: Science Enrichment Program | Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center](#).

Congratulations to the **John Jay Jaguars** for their 4th victorious year winning the Division 3A women's volleyball championship. Kudos to the **Boys & Girls Campus Kangaroos** for valiant play in the Division 2A football championship! We're now looking forward to basketball season.

NYCPS Priorities Promising Practices

Priority 1

Brooklyn North High Schools's literacy team are pleased to announce our renewed partnership with HMH to support professional learning in Tier 1 instruction. We will be facilitating our next session this month, so please look out for the confirmed date and invite.

Brooklyn North High Schools x HMH Read 180 Professional Learning Cohort Kickoff. On December 8, BK North teachers kicked off an exciting professional development session focused on HMH Read 180. This training introduced educators to innovative strategies and tools designed to support struggling readers and multilingual learners. Teachers learned how to navigate the program, guide students in using the adaptive student application, and group students for stations based on their reading levels using MAP Growth scores. We're excited to see teachers utilizing READ 180 in our literacy classrooms across the district!



Priority 2

MSK @ Girl's Inc Headquarters 🎉 "Vision & Vibes Workshop!" 🎉

On 11/13/25, our girls gathered at the Girls Inc. Headquarters for an inspiring afternoon of confidence-building, creativity, and future planning at our **Vision & Vibes Workshop**. Participants set meaningful goals, learned strategies for balancing priorities while protecting their peace, and even created their own *Passports to Success*. The room was filled with energy, connection, and big dreams as girls came together to support and uplift one another. We're so proud of the vision they're building—and we can't wait for what's next!



MBSK Takes Over Brooklyn!

On Thursday, December 4th, 500 of our young MBSK leaders and chaperones enjoyed the Nets vs Utah Jazz at the Barclays Center. Although the Nets lost, it was an opportunity to come together, build community, and enjoy a night out. Go Brooklyn North!





Priority 3 & Priority 5

Thanks to *Esther and Andrada*, PCs will be provided with a presentation and facilitator guide to host a workshop for families! Here's a [DRAFT deck](#) that we previewed with PCs at our 12/3 Office Hour. Corrine and Yuet will also be sharing with the DLTs and CECs throughout December.

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IM District Newsletter to Families

Edition: December 2025



As we approach the close of another remarkable year, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to our students, families, staff, and community. Your continued support, dedication, and kindness make [School Name] a place where learning and growth thrive every day.

This season offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our shared accomplishments and to appreciate the connections that strengthen our school community. Whether you're spending time with loved ones, resting, or preparing for the year ahead, we wish you peace, joy, and renewal in the days to come.

From all of us at [School Name], thank you for being an important part of our school family. We look forward to all that we'll accomplish together in the new year!

Warm regards,

What math concepts are students working on right now?

Algebra 1

- Unit 4: Linear Inequalities and Systems
 - November 25 - December 11
- Unit 5: Functions
 - December 12 - January 27

Algebra 2

- Unit 4: Complex Numbers and Rational Exponents
 - November 12 - December 9
- Unit 5: Exponential Functions and Equations
 - December 10 - January 16

Geometry

- Unit 2: Congruence
 - October 27 - November 26
- Unit 3: Similarity
 - December 1 - January 9

Where can I find useful resources?

- Get familiar with NYC Solves HQIM: [NYS Solves Official Website](#)
- Imagine Learning Family Support: The Family Support Hub ([Imagine IM K-8](#) | [IM K-12](#)) has links to resources including family support materials for each grade and course.
- [Learn at Home Supports](#) List of math programs to support independent learning, in school and at home.

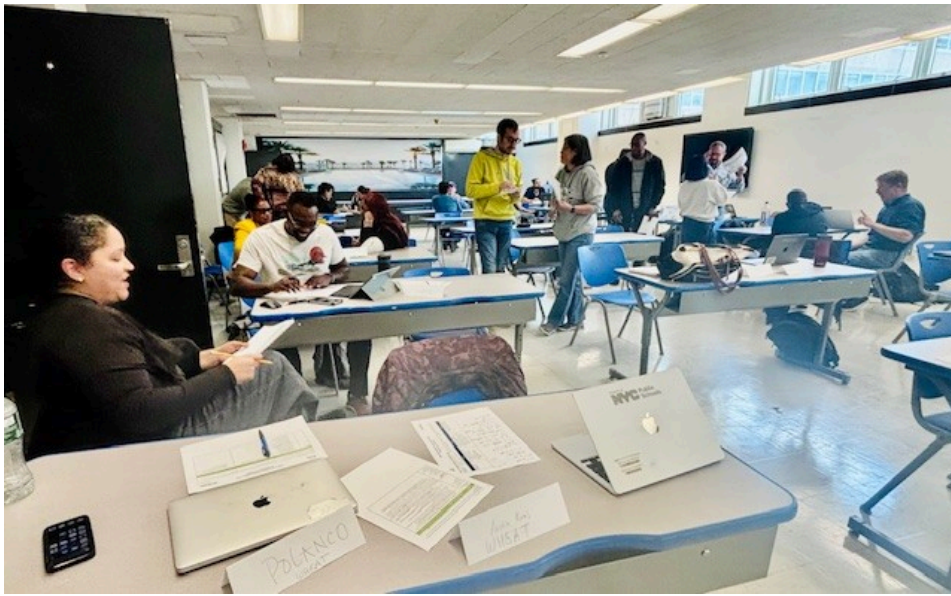
Tips on helping your child with math:

Do search online for videos to refresh your own math understanding. When <i>Academy</i> is a great resource to remind you of the math procedures that you learned when you were in school. Do try to understand the way the teacher is asking your child to do the math even if you have an "instant" way of doing it. The teacher may be building toward a concept and a student can interfere with that process. Do help and encourage your child to write down a question for their teacher when they are confused about something. This practice provides two benefits: 1) The more specific the question, the better your child's teacher will be able to understand your address the specific issue. 2) Knowing what to ask is a math skill and is often more useful in the long run than the answer itself.	Avoid imposing your way of doing math on your child. The teacher may be asking for your child to learn different ways of doing math that will help support their understanding of math rather than just getting the answer. Avoid giving your child the answer. It can make it difficult for your child's teacher to give them the support they need.
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Pictures from our IM collaborative planning sessions in November and curriculum unpacking workshops in December:











Special Education:

February Special Education Liaison Meeting: During our February Liaison meeting, our liaisons engaged in a data carousel and strategic action planning around areas of focus for the district (i.e. provision of services, reporting progress on annual goals, encounter attendance etc.).







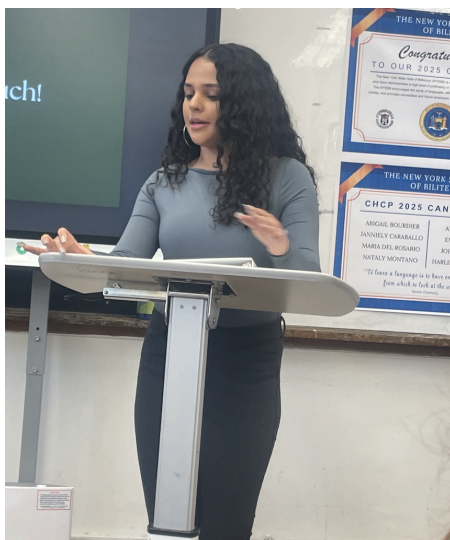
Priority 4 - FAFSA & CUNY Momentum

As we close out November and step into December, we're shining a spotlight on FAFSA and CUNY application completion. For our students, especially in uncertain financial times, FAFSA is a game-changer—it unlocks financial aid, keeps college affordable, and opens doors to opportunity.

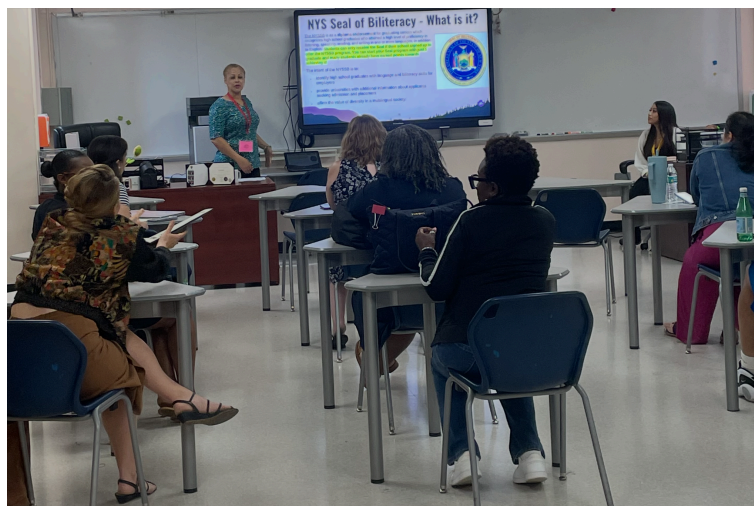
We're proud to share that 31% of seniors have completed the FAFSA and 10% have submitted their CUNY application (pending the end of November update) so far. This is a strong start worth celebrating! Now let's keep the momentum going. Every conversation, workshop, and nudge helps ensure our seniors have the postsecondary options they deserve.

Priority 4 - Seal of Biliteracy Growth: *Honoring Multilingualism*

Brooklyn North is celebrating a major milestone: 27 of our high schools—and counting—are participating in the NYS Seal of Biliteracy, the highest number in our district's history! This reflects the incredible commitment of our schools to uplift, honor, and celebrate multilingualism. We are thrilled to continue expanding access and spreading the joy of biliteracy to even more students this year.



Student presenting their Seal of Biliteracy project at Cypress Hills Collegiate



Ms. Ferriera, NYSSB Coordinator at BSSJ, presenting her school's Seal journey

Priority 5 - Family Engagement & Communications

Thank you our parent coordinators sharing the wonderful things happening at their schools for the District's Bi-monthly Digest. The current issue can be viewed [here](#); and past issues in this [archive](#). ENJOY!

Upcoming Events December 2025

- 12/16 BKNHS Principals Conference | 8a - 3:30p @ TBD
- 12/17 New & Newish PCs PL | 9:30a - 12:30p @ Cypress Collegiate
- 12/17 Aspiring AP Pipeline Kickoff | 8-2:30 @ Multicultural High School
- 12/18 Special Education Liaison meeting | 8:30am-2:30pm @ Maxwell
- 12/18 Strong SPED Programs for Admin (at the liaison meeting) | 12:00pm-2:30pm @Maxwell

Please check our [Professional Learning Calendar](#) for more info.

Resources

Resources to Support Teachers with student engagement

- [Station Teaching](#)

- [Socratic Seminar](#)
- [Discussion Strategies pgs 4-11](#)
- [Reading protocols](#)
- [IM Instructional and Language Routines](#)
- [Close reading Strategies](#)