

RALPH R. MCKEE HIGH SCHOOL
STATEN ISLAND, NY 10301

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WEEKLY UPDATES

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Week of: October 06, 2025



During Hispanic Heritage Month, we honor the countless contributions that Hispanic Americans have made to our nation, and especially to New York City, over the years. We also take this time to recognize the trailblazing individuals who fought for progress and equity for their communities.

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SCHOOL NEWS

- **9th Grade Information Session** - Wednesday, October 15, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This is a mandatory session for all 9th grade parents and guardians. During the session, we will cover important topics including: Academic promotion requirements, Operoo, Community service hours, Career and technical exploration/choice, Student supports. Your attendance is essential to ensure you are informed and prepared to support your child's success this school year. Please RSVP on the link below. We look forward to seeing you there! RSVP Link - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/121YW7DgpR4tvD8P-MuoxcRZDr1ni4-TFbffvkjYR6pE/edit>
- **Community Service Opportunity** - Mrs. Avila is hosting a cereal food drive in parentship with the giving circle. Consider donating a box or 2 of cereal and receive community service hours. All donations can be dropped off in room 127b by October 1st.
- **Yondr Pouches** - Reminder, beginning Monday, October 6th, students who remain in violation of our school-wide Internet Enabled Cell Phone Policy may face disciplinary consequences for failure

to comply. To resolve this, a parent or guardian must pick up the pouch in person. You can schedule a pick-up appointment by calling me at 718-420-2637.

- October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**. Here at McKee, we wear **PINK** on Wednesdays during the month of October. We are also going to be raising money and participating once again in the **Making Strides of Staten Island Walk** on **October 26, 2025**, 8:00 AM at Midland Beach. Several of our staff members and students are volunteering and we would love to see you there representing McKee's *Soaring Seagulls*! [CLICK HERE](#) to access the "*McKee Soaring Seagulls*" team page if you would like to JOIN OUR TEAM. If you are unable to attend the walk, you can still donate to our team, which is equally as important, as money raised helps support all of the research, campaigns and programs of the American Cancer Society right here on Staten Island. Please share our link with family and friends!

PTA NEWS

- We are happy to welcome our new PTA Members / Title I Members

PTA President: Kristin Daggan - 9th grade parent

Recording Secretary: Nichole Frustaci - 12th grade parent

Treasurer: Lillante Remy - 10th grade parent

Title I Chair: Catherine Clay - 12th grade parent serving second year term

Title I Co Chair: Delia Dunn - 12th grade parent

First PTA / Title I meetings coming soon!

SENIORS INFO

- The Guidance Department is starting off our year with 2 very important parent meetings, and we hope you all can join us for both. They cover completely different topics and are both incredibly important for students & parents for senior year!!
 - Thursday October 9th at 5pm - Senior Parent Info Session (including info on graduation requirements, college applications, senior dues and senior events, and more) This meeting will be in-person at McKee HS. Please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/t8rdje8ZW8K555P48>
 - Tuesday October 14th - FAFSA Walkthrough - uAspire will be hosting a live webinar in English (5:30pm) & in Spanish (7:00pm) to provide students and families with information and support on how to fill out the FAFSA. This meeting will be on Zoom only.

Please RSVP here:

https://events.zoom.us/j/Anx2Su-F_cIuAyWbKkVBgN8n0jBRB8dD-e_HHMJR78F9wdZpgXnC~AhVXkOj7DYuf6rxUiFI0Rm1W99pG5WQmXb4G2fclnG2bB-MLrQtZvERsqg

- **Seniors sizing form** (for their senior hoodie, t-shirt, and graduation cap/gown) Students must fill out no later than September 30th, 2025. Only students have access to the form and they must log in using their nycstudents.net account to complete the form. <https://forms.gle/aux1Z644vtJTArMY7>
- **Dues** are \$220 (discounted to \$200 if you pay before January) Payment can be made in cash or submitted online by clicking [HERE](#)
- **Website for the class rings** - if students would like to purchase a class ring they can do so at the following link:
https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1052888/Ralph-McKee-Career-and-Technical-High-School/Class-Jewelry/2006071011050573336/CATALOG_JRD?srsId=AfmBOopDVc9A3LLBBtakCpILHSh2epJnSTsDNeEs3OAB-ATd5QoVXaqv
- **Senior photos** are going to be November 24, 25, and 26. Appointment cards will be given out in mid-November with the exact date and time for each student.
- **Prom** is May 26, 2025 at Above Rooftop 7-11PM



EVENTS

<i>Monday October 06</i>	<i>Tuesday October 07</i>	<i>Wednesday October 08</i>	<i>Thursday October 09</i>	<i>Friday October 10</i>
	TRIP College Fair Trip @ Wagner College, Seniors (Counselors)	Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month	12th grade Parent Info Session-5 pm	

Previous Information:

- **New York City Schools Account (NYCSA)** – Ralph R. McKee High School will be messaging home important information through your NYCSA. NYCSA is a digital information system that allows families to track student progress, view daily attendance, schedule, report cards and transcripts, and fill out important school forms such as Media Consent for NYC Department of Education Use, Military Recruitment Opt Out, Student Ethnic and Race Identification Form, Digital Equity Family Questionnaire, Housing Questionnaire, and Request to Identify Parents on Active Duty in the Armed Forces. You can sign into your account at <https://www.schoolsaccount.nyc/>. Please contact me at Lavila7@schools.nyc.gov, to obtain creation codes if you do not have an account set up.
- **Emergency Contact Information** - It is important that your child's "Blue Emergency Card" is kept current, with the most accurate contact information. This year, we will continue to utilize a digital "Blue Emergency Card" system through NYCSA and Operoo. Ensuring we have accurate and up to date information will allow administration and designated staff to contact you in case of emergency. Those parents/guardians who are not yet registered on Operoo will receive a welcome email with your username, temporary password and further instructions.
- **Family Income Inquiry Form** - You do not need to apply for your child to receive meals. However, we do ask families to complete Family Income Inquiry Form, which helps schools receive money for their programs. It is extremely important that each of our families complete and submit the Family Income Inquiry Form, (formerly known as the lunch form), it will impact both the school budget and the special supports and programs available to your child. We depend on your cooperation. You can complete your form on-line now at www.myschoolapps.com.
- **Cell phone policy** can be found here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a3MTOhBUVFAwEnq9ghgdaXjSLD4tThrudfhHjMmkLGY/edit?usp=sharing>

McKee High School Prohibited Device Family Letter

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d6UMdGT0mxjL4VGvahrVXmHihDvW1QNMGtyWfSy-D3A/edit?usp=sharing>

- **The Counseling Department** at McKee put together an **office calendar** to let families know about upcoming post-secondary trips and events, and class lessons throughout the year. We know there are lots of calendars to keep track of at McKee, but please know that you can contact your child's counselor for any events that are listed here! This is a live Google document, so it will always be up-to-date with all trips/events we have planned! <https://tinyurl.com/McKeeCounselorCal2025>

