

December 2025

From the Principal's Desk:

We have a lot to celebrate as we head into the new year! Our Girls' Volleyball team made history, winning their 4th consecutive city championship—a true dynasty and a testament to student dedication and teamwork.

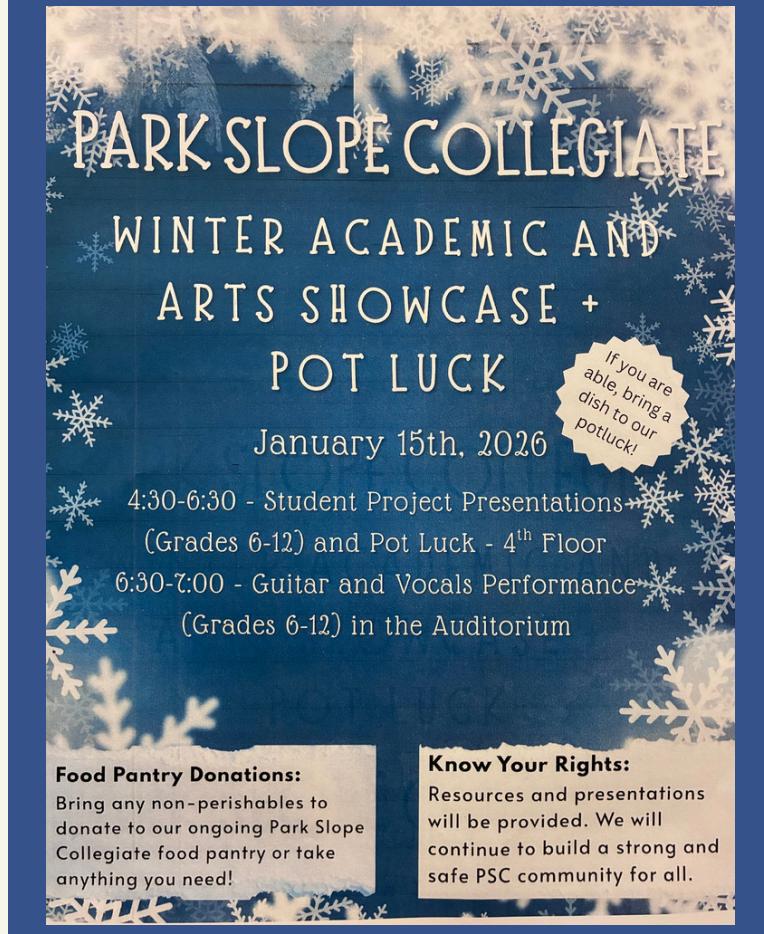
Students have also been busy beyond the classroom. Recent community-building and enrichment trips included college visits, bowling outings, restorative circles, and a Broadway show for 9th graders.

This week continues the excitement, with 6th graders attending Wicked and 9th and 10th graders ice skating in Prospect Park.

Our student government has been creating joyful moments for the school community, hosting a holiday movie night, game night, and a hot-chocolate sip-and-paint.

The PSC Food Bank is off to a strong start and continues to serve families in need. We welcome ongoing donations of food and reusable bags, which can be dropped off at Office 461.

**HUNGRY FOR MORE NEWS?
Check out *The PSC Scholar*
the student Newspaper of PSC**



LOOKING AHEAD

-  **January 15:** Performance Night & Presentation Potluck (next PTA meeting begins at 4:30 PM)
-  **January 20-23:** Regents exams during MLK Week (high school students attend only if testing; middle school attends as usual)
-  **January 27:** Start of the second semester
-  **January 26:** No school for grades 6-12

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⚠️ DOE POLICY UPDATE & SCHOOL SAFETY CONCERNS

Earlier this month, school leadership received an email stating that any student found with a weapon would be automatically arrested. This caused significant concern, as the definition of "weapon" can be vague and could remove principals' discretion in handling situations appropriately.

METAL DETECTORS & STUDENT IMPACT

The PTA and school leadership discussed ongoing concerns related to metal detectors in the building:

- PTA leaders expressed concerns about the criminalization of students, noting that everyday items (such as forks or hair picks) could be flagged.
- Metal detectors are only installed in certain schools, and their presence makes it difficult for students to return to class after evacuation drills.
- Principal Sandusky shared that staff stand outside each morning so the first faces students see are welcoming, not the scanners. Mr. Adams also stands with safety agents to ensure students are treated respectfully.

⌚ Lateness Due to Broken Scanners

A broken scanner recently reduced capacity to two scanners for four schools, causing long lines and many students to arrive late for first period. Principal Sandusky is working with School Safety to locate replacement parts so students are not left waiting outside in the cold.

📌 Important Context

- All students and adult visitors must be scanned to enter the building.
- The building is designated as a scanning location, a status inherited from when it was one large high school.
- Principal Sandusky has requested written DOE policies explaining scanner requirements and the process for removal but has not yet received them.
- The building is also an early voting site, and voting visitors are not scanned.
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KEEPING SCORE

Want to show off your team? Get school spirit gear [here](https://www.johnjayjaguars.org/jaguar-store): <https://www.johnjayjaguars.org/jaguar-store>

ATHLETIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Student Athlete Academic Support has begun! Mon-Fri 2:30-4pm Any student-athlete interested in learning more should see Coach Rob.

Table Tennis Club is open to all grades, schools, and genders. Meets Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 PM in the John Jay cafeteria.

More info at johnjayjags.com

RECENT WINS:

Girls Volleyball — Win vs Madison

Boys Fencing — Win vs Long Island City

👤 PTA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

The PTA is planning a Teacher Appreciation initiative for January/February, which will be organized through Pulse or another platform. Families will receive more details soon on how to participate and show appreciation for our educators.

PTA MEETING SCHEDULE

- January 15 (Annual Potluck)
- February 26 (Remote)
- March 26
- April 16
- May 28 (Elections)
- June 18

Dates are subject to change.

Everyone is welcome.

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■ STAY CONNECTED!

WhatsApp groups for families to talk about school-related issues:

Join 6th grader families WhatsApp:

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Join 7th grader families WhatsApp:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/LOXLgeNX0bPEGmqAAvbtbn?mode=ems_copy_t

Join 8th grader families WhatsApp:

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Join 9th grader families WhatsApp:

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Join 10th grader families WhatsApp:

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Join 11th grader families WhatsApp:

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Join 12th grader families WhatsApp:

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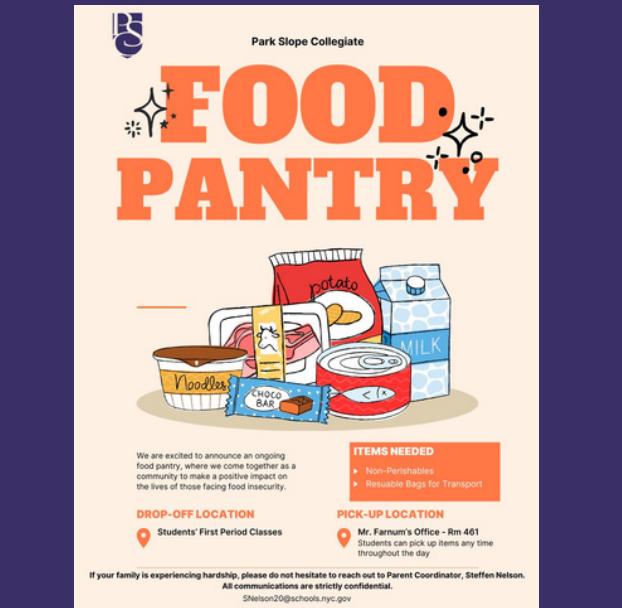
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FOOD PANTRY

We are excited to announce an ongoing food pantry, where we come together as a community to make a positive impact on the lives of those facing food insecurity.

ITEMS NEEDED

- Non-Perishables
- Reusable Bags for Transport

DROP-OFF LOCATION
Students' First Period Classes

PICK-UP LOCATION
Mr. Farnum's Office - Rm 461
Students can pick up items any time throughout the day

If your family is experiencing hardship, please do not hesitate to reach out to Parent Coordinator, Steffen Nelson.
All communications are strictly confidential.
SNelson20@schools.nyc.gov

WAYS TO SUPPORT PSC

You can donate here:

https://www.powr.io/checkout_screen?unique_label=900121a3_1729862449



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