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Half A Century Ago



(Left) Dr. Angela Arias, former Yonkers Public Schools Teacher of the Year and at Lincoln High for twenty-four years, presents her newly published first book, *Half A Century Ago*.

(Below) Band singers from left: Milka Taveras, Amber Morales, Michelle Villaronga, and Flor Castro Valentin (See page 18.)

Quinceanera



(Above) Karen Dominquez wrote her college essay this past November about her *Quinceanera* which was held in October of 2022. (See pages 10 and 11.)

Winter Concert Band



Pep Rally
See pages 7-9.

Arts Academy: Winter Concert and Art Exhibit
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The Scroll School Newspaper

By Mr. William Sweeney, Moderator

Greetings from the Scroll Moderator!

The Scroll has had elections for the 2023-2024 school year. The President is Isabella Escamilla-Ponce, the Vice President is Daniela Gonzalez, the Secretary is Margaret Ennin and the Editor-in-Chief is Jhossue Jaigua-Quizhpi.

This year is far different than any of the past ten years. This year, I have four serious sophomore members that are all in the Top Twenty of their class.

Isabella is the two-time President of the club. Margaret is a two-time Vice President. Daniella is a two-time Secretary. And this year we have first-time Editor-in-Chief Jhossue.

I have had only had one other editor, Natalia Nunez (2018), who reviewed the final products. Jhossue is suave with the technology and he has already updated the front page The Scroll banner, switched the font to his liking, and added picture frames to photos. He even wrote an article for us this year and one last year.

This issue of The Scroll and past issues may be found on the Lincoln High School website.

All photos were supplied by The Scroll School Newspaper Club unless noted below or alongside the picture.

For the purpose of teaching students to indent paragraphs, I have chosen to indent paragraphs throughout this issue, despite the standard of block paragraphs typical for newspapers.



(Above, from back, left side) Mr. William Sweeney, Moderator, Margaret Ennin, sophomore, Isabella Ponce, sophomore, and Gabrielle Rowe, senior.

(Front, from left): Jose Gonzalez, sophomore, Jhossue Jaigua-Quizhpi, sophomore and Elias Astudillo, senior.



Christmas Holiday Send-off at Lincoln High



(Above) Mr. O'Neill (left) sings with the staff band to students and staff arriving to school in the morning of the final school day before the Christmas vacation.

(Right) The staff band plays for the students and staff on the morning before the holiday in the front school foyer.

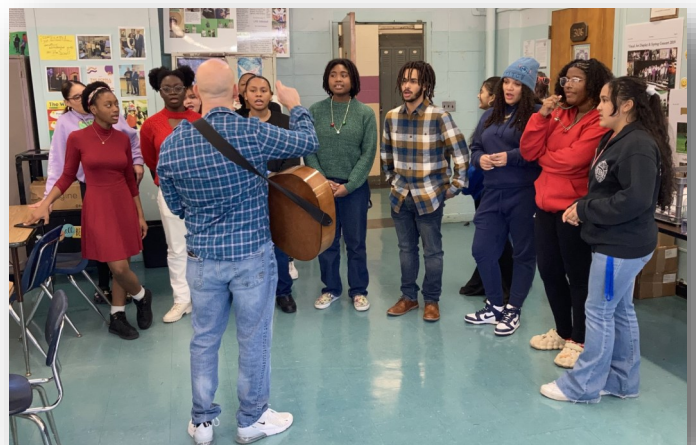


(Above) Anna Ogorek (left) and Aurora Reis (right) run the main office desk with smiles and good cheer.



(Above) Mr. Rich Fortuniewicz (left) and Mr. Robert Bannister (right) are dressed for the holiday spirit.

(Right) Mr. Zion strums a guitar as his students sing Christmas Carols to students in room 305 during Mr. Sweeney's seventh period.



Book Club



Laylah Gordian
(right) wrote several
articles for The Scroll
for this issue.



Book Club

By Laylah Gordian

While there are many extra-curricular activities that are offered at Lincoln High School, there is one special one that stands out among the rest. As students reading is a crucial part of our everyday life, and if a book, either physical or digital, is what you enjoy for free time, then I'd like to point you to Lincoln's very own Book Club!

Keep your ears open for announcements because the club usually meets on Thursdays in room 247 to read and discuss books that range from fiction to non-fiction, all enjoyable in their own ways! The club, run by Ms. Devine, is always welcoming new members! So come on down to the Lincoln High School Book Club.

Independent Reading

Stop, Drop and Read

By Laylah Gordian

As you might be familiar with, as of late September, many English classes here at Lincoln High School have adopted a new reading initiative, dubbed "Stop, Drop and Read" that has taken off. With this program, the classes dedicate full or partial class periods to free independent reading time. Students are strongly encouraged to bring in their own books. The initiative was founded by teachers Ms. DeBonis and Ms. Devine. Ms. DeBonis hopes to encourage more kids to read more frequently. "We are promoting reading stamina and comprehension," Ms. DeBonis stated. After the reading period, students fill out a form to make them aware of their reading stamina and comprehension. Ms. DeBonis stated, "The program is absolutely beneficial to my students and to the staff. The initiative is a "spectacular and fabulous idea." Judging by how students immediately asked the teacher, "When are we going to do this again?" shows that it is a success. Ms. DeBonis seems to be correct. Stop, Drop and Read is a brilliant, tremendous hit! Well done, Ms. DeBonis and Ms. Devine.

Point of View of a Finance Kid

By Jhossue Jaigua-Quizhpi

Jhossue Jaigua-Quizhpi (right)



It was just a regular day in Finance class. I entered the room where I was greeted with a “Good Morning” and a firm handshake by Mr. Gojani; it used to feel off, but not anymore; now it feels normal. I logged onto the computer and started writing the Do Now. Then, I proceeded to get ten-thousand butterflies in my stomach as I realized we were presenting today. It was the finale of a project we were assigned in which we researched business careers. I chose to be a CEO of a corporation as a career (because I love the dough) and learned about their responsibilities, work environment, job outlook, etc. CEO’s managing at the highest level of management can make the biggest decisions. For instance, Tim Cook, the CEO of Apple, Inc has the ability to make a new model of iPods. Presenting felt less and less intimidating the more I did it. It used to feel off, but not anymore.

The Interview: Abel Botygarcia, Guitarist

By Jhossue Jaigua-Quizhpi

Abel Botygarcia is the founder of the band named The Plutarchs. He is the guitarist and lead singer.

J: How is it playing in a band?

A: He paused for a moment and then responded with, “It’s surreal being in a band because I haven’t been playing in a while. It’s a lot of fun.”

J: How long have you been in the band?

A: A year and two months. I started playing guitar a year and a half ago.

J: What are your goals for the band?

A: For it to be a source of income, and to inspire the greatest number of people we can.

J: How did you overcome challenges regarding your goals for the band?

A: I overcame obstacles like instances of a lack of communication which hindered growth by acknowledging it, then working to fix it.

J: How did you become inspired in the first place?

A: By doing the talent show two years ago. I wanted to do it again, only bigger and better.

J: Do you have any advice for someone looking to be in a band?

A: Start creating and making connections. Be kind, be smart, and be yourself.

ENL Entering/Emerging Thanksgiving

By Ms. Llanos



Above: Ms. Llanos, ENL Teacher (left) and Ms. Difucci, 12th Grade Guidance Counselor (right)



Above, from left: Chrismely Bernardini, Yuly Vasquez Lopez, Haroling Sanchez Vasquez, Diara Ozuna Cubilete, Guardian of Maria Bustamante, Maria Bustamante Asmal



Above, from left: Yosua Morel, Carlos Pimentel, and Lorianna Castro Sosa

(All photos on this page were supplied by Ms. Llanos.)

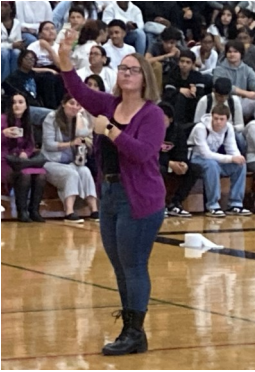


Above, from left: Indira Maradiaga Soriano, Flor Castro Valentin, Jerlyn Rosario De-Jesus, Bridgitt Ortiz Gonzalez



Our ENL students had the privilege of enjoying a beautiful Thanksgiving Feast at Lincoln High School with their friends, family members, counselors and teachers. They were able to experience a part of American culture, and they embraced the opportunity to understand the origins and reasons as to why Americans celebrate this symbolic holiday. At the Thanksgiving celebration our students shared a personal piece of writing about who and what they are thankful for.

Pep Rally



(Right picture, from rear on drums, left to right): Connor Riale, Andrew Vargas, (front): Dayana Rivera Cruz, Robert Bonilla

(Left picture:) Ms. Packes



Drumline— Pep Rally

By Laylah Gordian

The Pep Rally is a celebratory event that brings all the Lincoln High School students together, allowing them to fully showcase their “Lincoln Pride” by decorating their faces with face paint, as well as wearing purple and white to represent our school colors. The event itself is very joyful, and each performance clearly showed a lot of discipline and practice. This year, there was a particularly impressive performance, leaving the crowd screaming out in a thunderous applause. With drums big and small lined up across the gymnasium, teachers and students alike, to say the least, were very impressed with the production.

The Drum Line was unique for a performance at the Pep Rally, one that the seniors haven’t seen, at least not so early in the year. The drumline, complete with twenty students, expertly performed a full musical number, conducted by Instrumental Music Teacher Ms. Jessica Packes, who recently replaced Mr. Kuhn. Although she has joined the Lincoln staff just this year, Ms. Packes shows a genuine love for what she does. She was able to instruct a very well received performance for the Pep Rally in all of two weeks.

Ms. Packes stated, “It is all the students. They were the ones who did it.” Either way, with such a wonderful performance, it is without a doubt that all of Lincoln looks forward to what Ms. Packes and the Lincoln Drumline will put on next.

Yonkers City-wide Teams

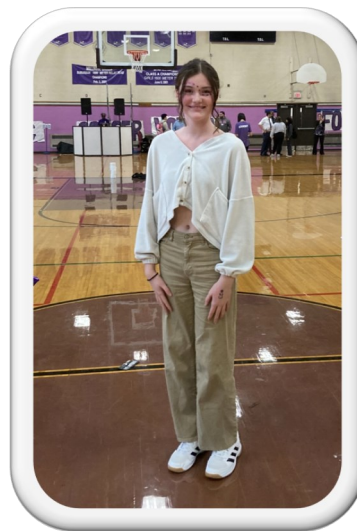
Football



(from left) Ethan Concepcion (cornerback, junior), Keba Cisse (running back, junior) and Daniel Cruz (defensive lineman, senior) play for the Yonkers Braves. The Braves include students from four Yonkers high schools including Lincoln, Saunders, Riverside and Obama.



Swimming



Olivia Quinn, 9th Grade, Yonkers City-wide Swimmer from Lincoln High School

Cross Country

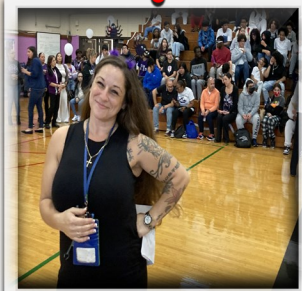


(from left) Armani Aponte, Malik Surez, Chauncey Gordon, Dilan Brown, Ali Zherka, Lawrence Concepcion, Jailos Chilomba, Nelson Sanchez

Pep Rally



The Seniors won the Tug-of-War game against the Sophomores.



Ms. Rodney was Co-Master of Ceremony for the Pep Rally.



Mr. Isaac Richardson was the DJ for the Pep Rally '23.



Ms. Difucci was taking pictures at the Pep Rally.



Mr. O'Neill was the Master of Ceremony of the Pep Rally.



Ms. Chavez and Ms. Charitos smile at the Pep Rally.



Mr. Perez, AP, smiles at the Pep Rally.



Coach Rich Fortuniwitz raised an award given to him by his two-time championship boys soccer team.

College Essay

Quinceanera



By Karen Dominguez

Every young kid has a dream. Maybe it is a fantasy about being a superhero or being married to a handsome prince. My dream was different, and it came from a long history of Mexican celebrations.

As a Mexican girl raised by two Mexican-born parents, I grew up with a tradition that when a girl turns fifteen she has a Quinceanera. This can be compared to the American tradition of a Sweet Sixteen. But a Quince is not just a party; it is an over-the-top celebration that marks a young girl turning into a woman. The big flowy dress, jeweled crown, and looking like a real-life princess was something I always dreamed of.

My obsession with having a Quinceanera started at five years old when I attended my cousin's party with my family, not knowing I would become a princess myself ten years later. On the day of her party, words could not express what emotions went through my mind when she came out of those doors to reveal herself. I could not take my eyes off her beautiful, shimmery red dress. I fell in love with everything about it. From the moment I saw her, I knew I needed to stand out just like she did, and that my future dress would also be the color of rubies. My favorite part of the whole party was the father and daughter dance. Seeing that precious moment brought tears to my eyes. I could not wait to live that same moment with my father some day.

Having a big dream like this came with a lot of ups and downs. I had to be careful not to overspend. I constantly worried whether all the splendor was worth the spending of thousands for just one day. When I was young, I only imagined the sparkle and glamor. I did not realize the pressure and stress that would come with planning and paying for this party. I understood the huge cost, which made me appreciate everything my parents had always done for me. They broke their backs every day just to be sure they could afford to make my dream come true. They never set up a budget, but I made sure not to go to an extreme. I did not choose a luxury glam dress that cost a fortune. I never asked my parents for expensive things for my party.

College Essay

Quinceanera



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My parents set a good example for me and my siblings, and I knew I had to pitch in to help with the party's costs. I started working with my mom cleaning houses on the weekends so I could contribute. We worked together vacuuming, dusting, making beds, and doing laundry. We woke up early, waited for the bus and worked all day. It was not always fun, but I enjoyed being with my mom and helping her. Just spending time together was a humbling feeling, especially knowing I was helping in some way.

My dream finally came true on October 22, 2022. I wore a red glittery dress and invited family and friends. Having a party where I could enjoy myself with the people I love was a cherished moment. Finally getting to dance with my dad was so special. It was my way of saying thank you for everything he has done and sacrificed for me. Towards the end of the party, I performed my surprise dances, including huapango, banda and bachata. Dancing to that music made me realize the power of my Mexican heritage and the history of Quincieranera, which goes way back to the Incas, Mayans, Toltecs, and Aztecs in the 5th century, B.C.

My party was not just a celebration; it was much more. It was a lesson in patience, appreciation and hard work. Waiting so long made me realize that dreams really do come true, and they are even more rewarding when they have been earned.

Get Extra Help!

Laylah Gordian (right)
wrote several articles for
The Scroll for this issue.



Tips and Tricks

By Laylah Gordian

Do you know someone who was a freshman a few months ago? I would like to offer a tip with the wisdom I've acquired during my first year at Lincoln. Before I start, to the current freshmen, I'd like to welcome you all to Lincoln High School. As you already might have noticed, high school is a much different atmosphere from middle school. It can be more difficult to stay on top of your work in high school, or the quality of your work might have led to your grades slipping, and now you might have lower grades than you wanted, with no clue on how to fix them.

Maybe you wish to make Honor Roll, High Honor Roll or Principal's List. You may need extra instruction to make that happen. It is easier to get teacher's to help than to do that on your own. Go to the "Teacher Extra-Help Days." They are here to help. High School Spanish teacher, Ms. Solare says, "There is no shame in asking for help." Take advantage of the fact that literally every teacher in Lincoln has a designated Extra-Help day. These days are for you. Asking for help isn't something you should be ashamed of. Instead, it is something you should be proud of. Or if you can't stay after school, talk to your teacher and see if you can put aside a mutual free period or lunch period(s). Teachers most definitely notice the effort. Understanding the curriculum is important for your education here at Lincoln. So, my 'Tips and Tricks' for you is this: If you need help, just ask for it."

The Mexican American Student Association

By Isabella Ponce

My mother gave me one piece of advice that stuck with me. She said, “Don’t forget where you come from.” said Eva Langoria.

The Mexican-American Student Association (MASA) is an organization that celebrates and promotes Mexican-American culture. Moderated by Ms. Chavez, MASA strives to connect-Mexican-American youth with their heritage. It provides a welcoming and inclusive space for students of Mexican-American heritage, as well as those interested in learning more about the culture. Ms. Chavez and other club members definitely enjoy sharing our beautiful culture with others. Not only is MASA an inclusive space, but it also benefits our community. For starters, it fosters cultural diversity by allowing students to gain knowledge about Mexican-American ancestry, traditions and contributions. This experience helps students obtain greater knowledge and appreciation for diverse cultures. The club contributes to a more lively and inclusive school community that values diversity by promoting the Mexican-American culture. It also promotes teamwork and togetherness among students from diverse backgrounds, fostering a sense of belonging and acceptance. Overall, the MASA club enriches the student body by promoting togetherness, fostering cultural knowledge, and creating a friendly environment for all.

MASA is already at work contributing to the community. For example, our AP Spanish students had an amazing opportunity to travel overseas to Barcelona! MASA is contributing a partial amount of the money they made from selling Mexican sweet bread to the Lancer Voyagers to help with the cost of the trip. This was the first of many fundraisers that MASA will be holding so stay tuned! And while you’re at it, stop by room 244 and learn about the beautiful culture of Mexico.

Elf Hunt

By Jose Gonzalez

I was able to enter the Elf Hunt which was exciting for me. I seem to have found the Elf two times; once in Miss Wescott’s room, the Chemical Studies teacher. It was there for two days from December 13th to December 14th. Right after, I found it in Mr. Minyard’s room on December 15th. Seems like not many people paid attention to the announcements saying there would be an Elf Hunt. It cost five dollars to enter the event. You had to give the money to Miss Wescott and she gave a sheet to record the sightings of the Elf. Twenty students participated. This was a very interesting event at Lincoln High School. The administration is considering doing something like this in the future.



Spirit Week—Christmas 12/11-12/15



Mr. Soler-Claudio and Jackie Ramirez wear red and white for Candy Cane Day on 12/11. Jackie said, “Mr. Soler is one of my favorite teachers.”



Mr. Glenn Cavazzi is wearing a Christmas light necklace. Ms. Difucci is behind him helping him to perfect the look of the necklace. Mrs. Maria Malchar is also wearing a colorful necklace.



Ms. Santana and Mr. O'Neill are cheery about the upcoming holiday.

Academy Day Science Research

Dr. Carbonaro Unveils Chemical Engineering at Science Research Academy

By Daniella Gonzalez Placencia

The Science Research Academy buzzed with excitement as Dr. Carbonaro, a chemical engineering professor at Manhattan College, introduced students to the world of chemical engineering.

In his talk, Dr. Carbonaro made chemical engineering fascinating and easy to understand. He showed how it's used in many industries and everyday life, connecting it to chemistry, physics, biology and engineering.

The event ended, but the impact of Dr. Carbonaro's visit has stayed with the students. They are now more curious and excited about the possibilities in chemical engineering, thanks to his engaging talk and insights.

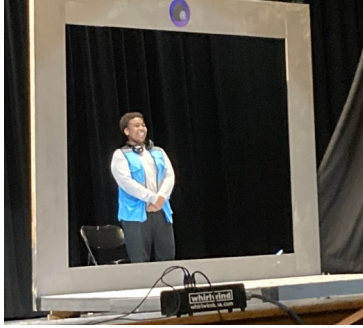
The Science Research Academy thanks Dr. Carbonaro for sharing his knowledge and sparking a new interest in chemical engineering among students. His visit will guide many future scientists and engineers on their journey of exploration and innovation.

Guest speaker, Mr. Richard Carbonaro, stands between Mr. Morano, AP, and Ms. Howard, Science Research director.



Theatre

Title: The Internet is Distracting!



Jaden Seabrook is all smiles on stage.



Mr. Leopold (left) is the Theatre Teacher.



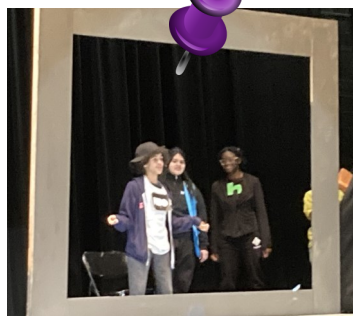
Dylan Duran is a force on stage.



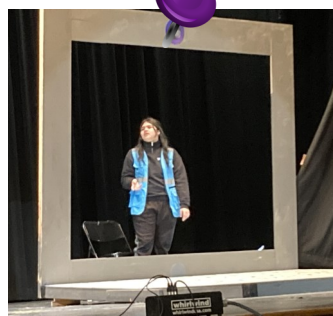
(left): Jenaiah Abercrombie (right) and Emmanuella Burnett



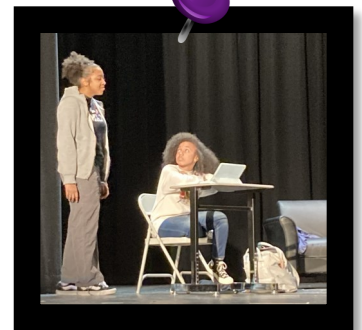
(Above): Glorianna Montalvo (left) and Emmanuella Burnett (right)



(Above, from left): Sarah Akra-Mensah, Allison Ojeda and Joaquin Perojo



(Above): Allison Ojeda



(Above, from left): Kayla Bartley and Jenanih Abercrombie

English Department



Mr. Minyard stands with his famous plants in the hallway outside of his classroom.



Ms. Chavez holds her cake given by the English Department as a congratulations for her recently getting married.



Ms. Santiago was enjoying the Pep Rally.

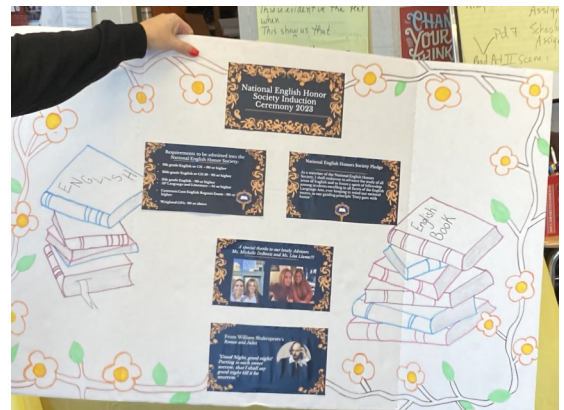


English Department -

(Back row, from left) - Mr. Roson, AP, Ms. Devine, Mrs. Morrissey, Mr. Mulqueen, Mr. Kowitt, (Front row, from left) - Ms. Santiago, Ms. Chavez, Ms. DeBonis, Mrs. Dolgetta, and Mr. Sweeney

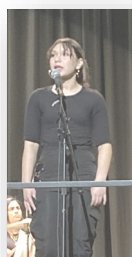


Mrs. Morrissey finds the taking of pictures comical at Ms. Chavez' Dept. Meeting party.





(Left): On piano,
Irvin
Bravo



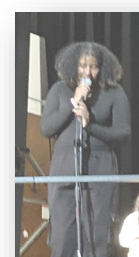
Michelle Villaronga



Flor Castro



Amber Morales



Milka Taveras

Winter Concert



Drummers, from left: Maya Hundehmark, Irving Bravo, Andrew Vargas, Robert Bonilla, Daniela Gonzalez, Dayana Rivera Cruz, Connor Riale, Gloriana Montalvo Montes, Dylan Duran, Tristian Peters



Dancers include from left: Maria Abreau, Lucia Garay, Kayla Bartley (Grinch), Kaisey-Lee, Dasha Bynum, Ava Reyna Anglada, Jocelyn Lopez, Jason Perez



Dayana Rivera Cruz on drums.



The **Band** from left includes Yazzmine Scott (bongos), Natalya Robinson (bass), Dayana Rivera Cruz (drums), Amber Morales (singing), and Abel Garcia (guitar)



Mr. Zion (left, smiling) celebrates on the completion of a great song sung by the **Choir**.

Winter Art Exhibit



Ms. Curtis, Art Teacher, at the Christmas holiday celebration.



Snowman by Raja Mohammed Ibrahim, and Noah Deschamps.

Ginger Bread person is by Bryanna Vasquez, Jaslyn Reade, and Adlyn

Girls Soccer



Back row, from left: Ava Anglaba, Mischa Holmberg, Allisson Cruz-Ojeda, Seanaan Montague, Taylor Rae Smith, Gabrielle Rowe, Emelia Florencio, Genesis Montalvo, Yritzy Garcia, Abril Perez, Coach Christopher Ford

Front row, from left: Kylo Gonzalez, Kenia Estrada, Ashley Bonilla, Lory Castro, Samantha Campos, Anastasia Gagliano, Victoria Flores, Vianey Cabellero, Itzel, Arianna Irizarry, Noehme Cornejo-Lopez, Yuritzy Bello.



Ashley Bonilla

Lory Castro

Taylor Rae
SmithAnastasia Gagliano,
the goalie

Mischa Holmberg



J.V. Volleyball

Back row, from left: Angelique Ferreras Baesz, Zaraiya Pachot, Valerie Osoria, Shirley Duran, Kianna Valentin, Valeria Sanchez

Front row, from left: Maliyah Charite, Angelika Noguera, Alma Pacheco, Daniela Gonzalez, Julia Semidey, Khamila Pabon, Gissel Ruiz, Isabela Ponce



Boys Soccer



Yonkers League Champions

Captain Diego

(College Essay)

By Diego Lopez

Being captain is like one quote popularized by Spider-Man in Marvel Comics. Introduced by Stan Lee in 1962, it was later attributed to Uncle Ben as advice to young Peter Parker “With great power comes great responsibility.”

Last year and this year, our soccer team won the Yonkers League Championship. I have been captain for both years. Winning the championships indicates my captaincy has worked well for the team.

I am one of two team captains of the Varsity Boys Soccer Team. Captains have many responsibilities to the team and in the game. To be team captain, you have to make sure the team is in the right mindset and they have to be prepared for every game no matter how difficult the opposition. We must make sure we try our best to win the game.

Being captain means being strong physically and mentally to avoid injury, because if the team captain goes down, everyone else might lose focus, which will distract from the remainder of the game.

Being captain also means having heavy pressure put on you. The captain should know that many people cannot handle a lot of pressure. They might give up, and if they do, then their mentality may be off for the game. The captain fills gaps and props up others when needed.

A team captain must help his or her teammates.

A team captain must be at all the practices and games.

A team captain must be responsible for all the actions of teammates in the game.

A lot of people want to be team captain just because once they do, they think they can do anything. Some people think they can just skip practices, come late to the practices and games. But they do not know what it takes to be team captain.

Being captain also teaches you how to be a mentor, to lead others and help them improve.

Being captain teaches you how to be a team player.

Cheerleaders

(Back row, from left): Jenaiah Abercrombie, Rushawn Richards, Christa-ble Addo, Jaylene, Kaylee Yambo

(Middle row, from left): Alisson Cruz, Dahne Duran, Mia Peraza, Olivia Quinn, Shawnice Walker, Katherine Reis, Diana Hernandez

(Front row, from left): Kayjah Scott, Lysondra Santamaria, Gabriela Garcia, Jackie Ramirez, Skyelin Miller, Yasmin Doninguez, Camille Allen



Varsity Volleyball

Yonkers League Champions



Varsity Volleyball

(from left, rear) Maddy Merino, Charlize Giles, Lila Soto, Yuhanny Rosado, Emily Dore, (from left, front) Kailey Lemus, Jaia Leonardo, Kenzie Asomani-Anim, Niveshka Serbia

Seniors

(from left) Isabela Ponce, Charlize Giles, Shirley Duran, Jaia Leonardo, Kenzie Asomani-Anim

Varsity Volleyball: City Champs in Thrilling Win

By Daniela Gonzalez Placencia

Our Varsity Volleyball Team won big in the City Championship, clinching an intense final game against Yonkers High School with a thrilling 25-21 victory. It was a wild ride filled with hard work, teamwork, and an amazing show of skill.

The victory wasn't easy. Our volleyball team had practiced tirelessly and played their hearts out in every match. The final showdown against Yonkers High School was a real nail-biter. Both teams fought hard, and our team showed incredible determination and teamwork, especially when the game was neck-and-neck.

The crowd was on the edge of their seats as our team pushed through, giving it their all. With a fantastic serve, a perfect set-up, and an unbelievable spike, they sealed the win making our school proud.

This win isn't just about volleyball; it's about teamwork, dedication, and never giving up. Our champs have set the bar high and inspired us all. A huge *congratulations* to our Varsity Volleyball Team for an amazing season and an unforgettable victory!

Yonkers League Champions

Volleyball



(Left) **Charlize Giles** holds her MVP Trophy for the City Championship Game.



Sports

Yonkers League Champions

Boys Soccer



Co-Captain Ellison Garcia, center, holds the two Yonkers City Championship Trophies this team earned during the past two years. See page 21 for Diego Lopez' College Essay.

Cheerleaders



Diana Hernandez, a Senior Cheerleader at the Pep Rally

Diana Hernandez is an academically motivated and compassionate Senior.

Girls Soccer



The Lady Lincoln Lancers hold hands pre-game for Prayers.