

The Lowell School High School Activities



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Our High School is a member of the *National Honor Society of Secondary Schools*. Students are nominated based on outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership and service. There is a formal induction ceremony for the students and their families.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are curriculum based and support the academic programs. Monies raised from our annual fall Walk-a-Thon help finance a portion of these trips. Trips have included the King Tut Exhibition, Manhattan Water Project, Biome exhibit at the Bronx Zoo, Whitney Museum, Museum of Moving Image, Brain Exhibit and Tolerance Museum, i.e. students in Drama elective class went to see Broadway's "Wicked."

PERFORMING ARTS AND RESIDENCE IN ARTS PROGRAMS

These programs allow our students to learn about various art forms, as well as be entertained. Programs have included singers, musicians, and a printmaking artist.

TRIPS ABROAD

Selected students in Grades 11 and 12 are offered the opportunity to travel abroad to places like London, England; Italy, etc. during Spring Recess. There are Lowell School staff chaperones as well as a tour guide.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

As a member of the Metro League, students compete with other non-public schools in Fall soccer, Winter basketball, and Spring softball and track and field. All teams are co-ed.

CHEERLEADING

These spirited students help cheer on our sports teams during home games and at our annual Pep Rally.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

There are two sessions each year, based on student interests. Clubs have included Extra Help, Media Arts, Theater, Exercise and Fitness, Anime, and Debate. There is also an Outreach Club, which participates in community service.

THEATER PROGRAM

In the spring, interested students perform in a musical production. This also involves students who are interested in stagecraft, scenery, and costume design. Rehearsals are held after school and during lunch to enable as many participants as possible. There are two performances; daytime for the entire school, and the other in the evening for families and friends. Productions have included *Guys and Dolls* and *Oklahoma*.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is comprised of the elected officers and classroom representatives. They meet regularly with the staff advisor and plan various school events and charitable endeavors.

CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS

The Lowell School participates in two food drives for a local food pantry. The first is in November for Thanksgiving, and the second is in March, which is known as our own version of “March Madness: Not for Basketball but for a Basketful of Food”. Each December, we collect toys for St. Mary’s Children’s Foundation. We have also raised money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and Haiti.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Whether they are part of our W.A.G.E. (Work and Gain Experience) Program or just want to offer their assistance to others, The Lowell School students play an active role in our community. Under the direction of our Vocational Coordinator, students have opportunities to volunteer at a local nursing home, public library, YMCA, and other local venues. There are also many opportunities for school service, as many students have jobs in the school. Our students also take part in the Newsday *FutureCorps* community service project. Last year, we hosted a “Grandfriends” brunch for senior citizens and invited them to our musical production. We are also establishing a computer class, in which our students will be teaching seniors how to use new technology, including the internet and email.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to our volunteer program, our Vocational Coordinator assists students in finding jobs. From the New York City “Summer Youth Employment Program” to placements in the community, writing resumes, and interview skills, we work with the students to help them succeed.

STUDENT MENTORING

Students work with their peers to help them with their schoolwork.

MUSIC PROGRAM

There are many opportunities for both beginner and more advanced musical students. We have a school chorus, which rehearses during the week and performs in our annual December Holiday Show and Variety Show in June. During these shows, our students showcase their many talents in singing, dancing, playing instruments, and performing. In addition to the shows, students may receive individual classes in voice, keyboard, guitar, and drums with our music teacher.

ART PROGRAM

In addition to the required general art curriculum, students have the opportunity to take a variety of art electives. Among these are media art, studio art, and portfolio. Using the MAC computers in the art room, students have the ability to explore the new world of technology and incorporate it into their work.

SCIENCE FAIR

Held in late spring, our Science Fair gives the students an opportunity to put their ideas into projects based on the scientific world around them. Students incorporate the “Scientific Method” and use a variety of mediums to present their projects.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Speakers have come to the school to discuss a variety of issues and to provide information to our students. These have included representatives from various colleges, technological schools, and vocational programs. In addition, we have had programs concerning the environment, tolerance (*Rachel’s Challenge*) and motivation (David Roche).

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

For Halloween, each class receives a pumpkin to decorate. The finished products vary greatly, but are always creative and fun to make. People ranging from Albert Einstein to Lady Gaga have been represented! This year’s winner was a MacDonald’s Happy Meal! In addition, the Senior Class designs a haunted house including lighting, sound effects, and very creative decorations.

THANKSGIVING FEAST

Thanks to the generosity of the entire staff, each year on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, the school comes together to enjoy a special meal consisting of turkey and all of the trimmings. This feast is followed by our Annual Pep Rally, where we recognize our student athletes and wish them luck for the upcoming seasons.

HOLIDAY DANCE

Sponsored by our Student Council, a local D.J. provides the music at a holiday dance on the last day of school before winter recess.

RING CEREMONY

During this annual ceremony, the students are presented with their senior rings while enjoying brunch with family and friends.

SENIOR CLASS TRIP

Each year, the Senior Class, accompanied by school staff, attend a trip to commemorate their graduation. Trips have included water parks, amusement parks and dude ranches.

JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

This wonderful evening, held each spring at a local catering hall, is a celebration for members of our Junior and Senior Classes and their guests.

AWARDS CEREMONY

One of the highlights of the year is the annual Awards Ceremony held in Students are recognized for their academic, social and athletic achievements during the school year. Families are invited to share in the celebration.

GRADUATION

Held on the last day of the school year, the formal graduation ceremony marks a great milestone in our students' lives, from guest speakers to the presentation of awards and diplomas.

LOWELL LEDGER

The school newsletter, sent to parents quarterly, provides information about what the students have been doing in their classes, as well as other information about school events and important dates to remember.

YEARBOOK

Our annual yearbook highlights student writing, artwork, and a photographic review of the school year.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Students may purchase breakfast items every morning before classes begin. Proceeds are used to support school events and activities.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Students may purchase various lunch items. Proceeds are used to support Senior Class activities.