# Charles E. Gorton High School Newsletter

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"You are braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." Christopher Robin

# **Year in Review Pictures**



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# Upcoming Events

- Mid-Terms/PSAT
- Senior Retake
- MBK Gala







### Year in Review & News

- 24 Teachers led Professional Development workshops
- Many Teachers stepped up and became leaders for Gorton's Wellness Wednesdays-Yoga, Walking groups, Art and BINGO.
- The Administration would like to thank the Department Reps., PLC Chairs, and individual teachers taking the lead in facilitating teacher training workshops.
- Gorton held the second highest percentage of Seniors taking the SAT's.
- Gorton leading the District in Near Pod utilization for instructional technology.
- Laura Simone-Bhasin- 4<sup>th</sup> in District in Near Pod Utilization.
- 7 teachers in top 25 district wide Nearpod usage.
- Gorton Teachers are leading PD for the district. Go G- High!!

- Gorton Teachers continue to go above and beyond to assist their students educationally, mentally and emotionally, Thank you.
- ❖ MBK Gala! via Zoom was full of celebrations. It is great to see so many young men and women benefiting from MBK. I was impressed with the students that introduced the speakers, in such an eloquent way. The keynote speaker, Michael D. Smith, expressed valid points on how MBK has changed lives, and how successful it has been since Obama started this "movement." We should not stop now, but continue to support this movement that benefits so many young people, and adults too." Mr. R. Martinez
- Senior Retakes, Teachers & Staff Pictures February 2&3 Please and thank you.



"Tough times never last but tough people do." - Robert H. Schiuller



What our meetings look like now !!??!!



Pinked up for Breast Cancer Awareness

#### **Senior News**

The Seniors did a great job of coming in COVID 19 ready, and taking their yearbook Senior pictures!!!! Most of them came in on the first round, which is better for the retakes. When the Seniors come in for retakes, we are going to schedule the Teachers and Staff to take their pictures. The Seniors also did a great job of coming in to take the SAT's. We had the largest turn out for the SAT in the district. Great job Seniors. Retake will possibly be set for February.

# **Sophomore News**

The Sophomore Teachers have found a great way to develop a strong relationship with the students. To get them motivated some of the Teachers hold open forum meetings, that allows them to express their feelings and things that are going on in their world.

## Kreamer's World



ATTENDANCE

Do you remember those days!

# **New Teacher Spotlight**

Hello Gorton Family, I want to introduce you to one of our newest family members, Coach Fava. Coach Fava comes from Woodlands MHS in Greenburgh, NY, where he was a Physical Education and Sports Psychology teacher. Coach Fava is the Head Football Coach at Woodlands. At Gorton he teaches Foundations of Healthcare. He was born and raised in Yonkers, NY." My favorite color is always the color of my school- So Right Now it's GREEN !!!!" Coach Fava

#### **Junior News**

Great Job to all the Juniors who registered for the PSAT Exam. The PSAT exam will take place on January 26th. Also shout out to Ms. Santos' students for presenting your Of Mice and Men project, every single student group presented and turned on their camera! Great job to everyone! Study for your midterms and Let's finish the Quarter strong!

## Freshmen News

The 9<sup>th</sup> grade team celebrated their Top 25 Freshman students at their first Top 25 Virtual Breakfast. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade team of teachers submitted video messages for the students, congratulating them on their achievements. It was a very successful celebration, and we look forward to doing it again for the second quarter.

Congratulations to our 9<sup>th</sup> grade Smart Scholars and PTECH students!



The Skunk family first day of school

# Student Spotlight

Student Spotlight- Jaden Christopher McKee

Jaden finished the first quarter with the highest average in the entire cohort! He achieved a 98.38%! Way to go, Jaden!